



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a fantastic week. Thank you for joining us for the recent BHM showcase. It was great to hear such positive feedback from the school community. Due to a clash with another local school's event, the first Selwyn Quiz & Curry Night will now be held on the 16 November starting at 7 pm. Tickets cost £6 in advance and £10 on the night. You do not need to put a team together; you can compete with friends or join a team on the night. A choice of meat and vegetarian dishes will be served and you can bring your own drinks (alcohol permitted) to have on the night. Tickets are limited and are already on sale.

Recent research from the Department for Education and the Education Endowment Foundation shows that meaningful feedback that improves pupils' work does not have to be written. Feedback is an essential element of teaching, but too often it can be ineffective when it serves other purposes, such as demonstrating teacher performance or satisfying other, adult audiences such as Ofsted.

The focus in everything we do should always be on the benefit it will bring to your child's learning. For this reason, we are changing the way we mark their work. We want to give children more ownership for correcting their mistakes. We see this as an essential part of their development as lifelong learners. There is currently too much written feedback from teachers, which is not matched by responses from children. Children will continue to receive feedback that is meaningful, manageable and motivating, but this will take a different form and will not be as visible in their books.

What to expect:

- teachers will provide dedicated in-class time to addressing common mistakes and misconceptions, praising good examples of work, and allowing pupils to edit and redraft their work;
- pupils will develop valuable skills of independent learning and self-correction, which will help them as they continue through education and into the world of work;
- pupils of higher or lower ability will have further, in-class assistance to help them reach their full potential.

We are confident the above changes will be beneficial for pupils.

If you have any specific questions or concerns about the issues mentioned in this letter, please contact me.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Lisa Bogle
Headteacher

Diary Dates

3 Nov	Story-Telling Sessions with Craig (Selwyn families only) 10 – 10.45 am 11 – 11.45 am
6 Nov	Swimming – Yr 4 Imperial War Museum Duxford Trip – Yr 6
7/14 Nov	William Morris Gallery – Yr 4
8 Nov	Coffee Morning – 9 – 10 am 'How we teach maths'
9 Nov	Remembrance Day Assembly 9.30 am – parents welcome
12 Nov	Water Efficiency – Yr 4
13 Nov	Gruffalo Walk – Yr 1
13/14 Nov	Cycle Confident – Yr 3
15 Nov	Shakespeare for Schools Performance – Yr 5
16 Nov	Selwyn's Got Talent Finals Middle Phase: 1 – 2 pm Upper Phase: 2 – 3 pm

Quiz & Curry Night – please note revised date

Poppy Day Appeal

As you will already know, next Sunday marks the centenary of the end of the First World War. From Monday, we will be selling various stationery items that commemorate this.



Suggested donations:

Erasers	50p
Sharpeners	50p
Pencils	50p
Rulers	£1
Reflectors	50p

Poppies will also be available for a minimum donation of 20p.



Come and join us for our first Quiz and Curry Evening!

When:	Friday 16 November 2018 7pm – late
Where:	Main Hall
Cost:	£6 per person in advance £10 per person on the door

Ticket price includes buffet of meat and vegetarian curries, rice, naans and snacks. Bring your own drinks (glasses and cups will be provided). Alcoholic drinks are permitted.

Please note this is an **adult-only**, fundraising event.

Black History Month

Yesterday, our month of Black History activities culminated in special assemblies held across the year groups.



During these, the children presented what they had learnt in many different forms, including music, dance, acting, artwork and writing.



We hope those of you who were able to join us found them entertaining and informative.



Children Born Between 1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015

You must apply online for a reception place for your child at:
www.eadmissions.org.uk by 15 January 2019.

For more information, visit Waltham Forest Primary School Admissions, where you can download a copy of the *Starting Primary School 2019* brochure, which has full details:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-primary-school-place



Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Tabitha, Holly Class

Upper Phase – Lysander, Pine Class

Fireworks Night Extravaganza

If you are looking for someone else to have the stress and expense of Bonfire Night then why not to this year's Waltham Forest Fireworks Night extravaganza which is promising to be even bigger this year!

This is the perfect opportunity to spend an evening with family and friends. Wrap up warm to watch the spectacular fireworks show light up the night sky and enjoy the funfair. Entrance is free – just turn up! You'll also find a variety of food stalls and a bar serving a range of drinks, including mulled wine and cider.

When: Monday 5 November, 6 - 9pm

Where: Chestnuts Field, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Rd, London E17 4JF

For further information, visit:

walthamforest.gov.uk/content/waltham-forest-fireworks-night



Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 19.10.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Cherry	100%
Oak	99.6%
Holly Pine	99.3%
Lowest	Percentage
Rowan	94.1%
Walnut	92.1%
Cypress	90.0%

Congratulations to Cherry Class for their perfect attendance last week!



Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Henry, Holly Class

Upper Phase – Harrison, Pine Class