



Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1 December 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be pleased to know that the scaffolding in the playground has now been removed and the one-way system in and out of the school grounds has been lifted. We apologise for any inconvenience but are sure you will agree that this was necessary in order to keep the children safe.

As a school, we take the safety and welfare of your children very seriously and have several steps in place to eliminate any risks. In order to ensure that children are collected by a known adult, we have a password system and, occasionally, a member of staff may need to take a child to the office to confirm individual arrangements. Although we are aware that this may take a few minutes, we appreciate your patience and co-operation with this matter. We are sure that you understand that this is to keep your child safe and ask that you support us in doing so.

Should you ever wish to speak to any member of staff about any concerns or questions around safety, we encourage you to contact either Miss Bogle or one of our assistant headteachers (Mr Noonan, Mrs Vincent or Miss Fryer).

Finally, as December arrives, we urge you to ensure that children wrap up warm with their winter coats, hats and scarves. Winter is definitely here!

Kind regards
Mr Noonan
Assistant Headteacher

Diary Dates

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| 4 Dec | Meeting for 2018 Reception parents – 9.30 am |
| 5 Dec | Civic Carol Concert
9.30 am Rehearsal/7pm concert |
| 7 Dec | Micro Musical – Yr 2
9.15 – 9.45 am
Parents welcome

FOSS Christmas discos – see below |
| 8 Dec | Coffee Morning 9 – 10 am

Carols in the Community at Selbourne Walk, Walthamstow |
| 12 Dec | Micro Musical – Yr 4
9.15 – 9.45 am: Cedar/Hawthorn
10 – 10.30 am: Teak/Cypress
Parents welcome

Church visit – Yr 1 |
| 14 Dec | Carols round the Christmas Tree
4 – 5 pm All welcome |
| 15 Dec | Christmas Jumper Day
£1 donation to charity

Christmas Story Assembly – Rec
9.30 – 10 am

Attendance Lunch |
| 18 Dec | Pantomime |
| 19 Dec | Class parties |
| 20 Dec | Last day of term
School closes at 2 pm |

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all who supported our Christmas Fair on Saturday, whether by helping set up, manning a stall, clearing up afterwards, or by spending your hard-earned cash.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and we are pleased to say that £2,300 was raised, which will benefit the children in many different ways.



Christmas Discos

By now, your children should have brought home a letter regarding the Christmas discos which will take place next week.



Please note that admission will be **by ticket only**. If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher or the office.

Piano Recital

After school on Wednesday, children who have piano lessons in school put on a recital to showcase the progress they have made so far this year. As well as enjoying the musical treat, it was also wonderful for their parents and carers to see the confidence and maturity that they are all acquiring.



Shakespeare for Schools

In October, pupils from Year 5 again took part in the annual Shakespeare for Schools Festival – the world's largest youth drama festival - their play for this year being Macbeth. Today, they repeated their performance in school for pupils from Year 4.



As you will appreciate, this is a play meant for adults or older children to perform, so it was impressive to see how well they did, having learnt long and complicated lines which they delivered with confidence and poise.



Cycle Confident

This week, pupils from Year 5 have been taking part in Cycle Confident. After learning about road safety and the Highway Code, and cycling around the playground, they were then taken out onto the roads to put into practice all they had learnt.



Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 17.11.17 were:

Highest	Percentage
Cedar	100%
Cypress	99.0%
Hazel	98.5%
Juniper	98.5%
Lowest	Percentage
Hornbeam	93.9%
Teak	93.6%
Holly	92.7%

Our congratulations to Cedar Class for achieving 100% attendance!

Safeguarding Notices

Reporting Absences

In the event that your child is unable to attend school, please call to notify us as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in their absence being recorded as unauthorised.

Outside of school office hours, please leave a message, clearing stating your child's name and class, on:

0208 527 3814

This is vital for ensuring the safety of our children.

Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Aaron Phillips, Rowan Class

Upper Phase – Taybah Ahmed, Aspen Class

Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Faustas Jonkus, Rowan Class

Upper Phase – Salih Ayrov, Juniper Class