



# Selwyn Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a fantastic week! Thank you to all of who came to the various events this week, such as the Parents' Evening, PSCE workshops and the 'Bring your Parents to School' morning. We trust you found the sessions informative and helpful.

It won't be much longer until we get our playground back and I want to thank you and the children for bearing with us during the last phase of building works. It has been difficult for the children to manage in such a small space but they have been brilliant. We continue to risk assess it daily to ensure it remains safe.

In such a small space, it is inevitable children will fall out. I am hearing from children more and more, that other children are 'rude' to them or that they have been 'bullied' and so I have been speaking to the children about what bullying means.

Bullying isn't a one-off event where someone is in unkind or hurts you. It is not easy to define but we see bullying as something that happens more than once and, even when an adult is told, does not stop. If you have spoken to your child's teacher more than once about incidents with the same child and it continues after intervention, then your child might be a victim of bullying and I, or your child's phase leader, would want to hear about it. I can genuinely say we have lovely children in our school. Unlike some of my colleagues' schools, children do not disrupt teachers from teaching and learn exceptionally well. This is down to your support and intervention, so thank you.

If you have any concerns about bullying or your child's welfare, please come and speak to their class teacher in the first instance and a member of leadership if it remains unresolved. All of our unique children are special. This is their school and we want them to be happy – how else will they achieve their best?

Have a restful weekend and half term. Remember school resumes on Monday 29 October 2018.

Best wishes  
Lisa Bogle  
Head teacher

## Free Everyday English Course

There are still a few places left on our free Everyday English course which will run for seven weeks, starting on Thursday 1 November, 1.15 – 3.15 pm.

**For further information, please contact Gina, via the main office.**

## Diary Dates

<b>22 - 26 Oct</b>	<b>Half-term holidays</b>
29 Oct	Children return to school
30 Oct	Swimming – Yr 4
1 Nov	Black History Month Assemblies: Yrs 5/6 – 9.15 am Yrs 3/4 – 9.45 am Yrs 1/2 – 10.15 am
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



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

When: Friday 23 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.

## London Eye Visit

Last Thursday, Year 2 had a fantastic day out. On the coach into London, we spotted lots of popular landmarks such as The O2, Tower Bridge, The Tower of London, Big Ben (albeit under cover), The Houses of Parliament, St Paul's Cathedral, The Great Fire of London Monument, and we even passed Pudding Lane - much to the children's delight.

After boarding the London Eye and taking in the views around the River Thames, it was lunchtime and, with the weather behaving itself, we were able to enjoy eating outside while listening to street entertainers.



*A huge thank you to our parents who supported us in making this trip possible. A great experience was had by all!*

## 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](http://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-](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-primary-school-)

## Writer of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Edith, Willow Class

Upper Phase – Adem, Mulberry Class

## African Dance Workshops

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, last Friday pupils in Years 2 and 3 were excited to take part in African Dance Workshops.



After listening to – and joining in – an African folk tale in a special assembly, each class also had their own drumming and dance sessions.



**It would be an understatement to say the children were all completely thrilled by the day!**

## Attendance

The classes with the highest and lowest attendance for the week ending 12.10.18 were:

Highest	Percentage
Palm	100%
Chestnut Mulberry	99.1%
Lowest	Percentage
Hawthorn	95.4%
Willow	93.2%
Cypress	92.8%

***Congratulations to Palm Class for their perfect attendance last week!***



## Mathematician of the Week



This week, our congratulations go to:

Lower Phase – Udonna, Willow Class

Upper Phase – Daniel, Walnut Class