



SELWOOD ACADEMY
ANGLICAN/METHODIST FOUNDATION SCHOOL
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Headteacher's Blog

PLEASE NOTE: Summer term ends on Thursday 16 July. In September, Thursday 3 and Friday 4 are INSET days, Monday 7 will be an Induction day for Year 5 new pupils only. Tuesday 8 will be Induction day for Years 5 and 6 only. All pupils will be in school on Wednesday 9 September. Detailed information regarding timings and arrangements for the school day will be provided in a separate letter next week.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents, carers, pupils and staff, who have been so supportive in working together to try and provide all our children with the very best education. We have received many messages of support from across our school community, we have appreciated every one of them. We have also thoroughly enjoyed your tales of home schooling and the wonderful learning that you have shared with your children. We know how challenging this has been for you and we know that when the children return to school there is going to be a period of adjustment for all of us. We hope that the Summer holiday period will give us all an opportunity to recharge our batteries ready for an exciting new venture together.

Selwood Academy Head Teacher Recruitment—Message from the Chair of Trustees, Mrs Clare Cardnell

Mrs Jean Hopegood announced her intention to retire from her position as Head Teacher of Selwood Academy earlier this year. Due to the Covid-19 school closures and lockdown, she has very kindly offered to stay in post until the end of the Autumn term.

After a highly successful remote interview process earlier this month, I am delighted to announce that the new Head Teacher for Selwood Academy will be Mr Daniel Jeffries. Daniel was appointed at the Trustee Board held on 18 June.

Daniel is currently Interim Head Teacher at Amesbury C of E Primary School and has previous leadership experience at the Magna Learning Partnership, Salisbury. Daniel will be joining the school in January 2021. He is looking forward to meeting pupils, parents and staff when the present circumstances permit. Trustees are confident he will continue to build the success of Selwood Academy as a thriving Foundation Middle School in the Frome Learning Partnership.

Time to say Goodbye!

It is always a sad time at the end of an academic year when we have to say our goodbyes to well loved staff and pupils who are moving on. We wish all our Year 8 pupils every success in their next schools, they have been a fantastic year group and we will miss them. Mrs Holt left us earlier in the year, just as schools were closing due to COVID. Mrs Holt has been at Selwood for 18 years and it was sad to see her go without being able to say goodbye properly. Mr Johnson also left us at this time after supporting the children at Selwood for the last 5 years, both are taking much deserved retirement and will be greatly missed. Miss Linton, after 19 years is bidding farewell to us all. As Head of Year 5 Miss Linton has helped settle in so many new children over

WE WILL MISS YOU



“Let your light shine before others” *Matthew 5 v 19*

the years she will be greatly missed. Mr Ross, after 15 years of treading the boards here at Selwood has also announced his intended retirement. The Frome community will greatly miss his wonderful productions and community projects but I feel sure that he will continue in some form to play a dynamic role in the community. Mrs Gale has accepted a position in September at Frome College and therefore our children will continue to benefit from her wonderful skills when they eventually transition. Mrs Sandy will be leaving us to finalise her teacher training and Miss Layfield who many of you will know from her Attendance Officer role is also moving on. We wish them all the very best in whatever the future holds for them and thank them for all their dedicated hard work at Selwood.

FINANCE MATTERS



All updates regarding finance matters are being sent via Parent Pay, if you are expecting an update please check by logging into Parent Pay and going to Communication. From here you can see any communications sent to you in the history and you are also able to send a query to the school in "Contact School".

September 2020

SEPTEMBER

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As we look ahead to September and the new academic year, a number of additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID19 will be in place. I would like to inform parents and pupils that, in line with a number of other Frome schools, **uniform will not be obligatory in September** however your child will need to wear suitable clothing for physical activity, and 3G footwear to change into, will be essential for use on the 3G pitch. We will be welcoming our new staff in our September newsletter and we would have normally informed the children of their new tutors on transfer day which of course has not been able to take place. Please see below the arrangements for your child's tutor changes. Those tutors who are new to the school have been highlighted and will make contact with parents in the Autumn term to ensure smooth transition. In addition, the rooms attached to each tutor group will be changing to enable Year bubbles to be zoned across the school site. This information will also be provided in a letter next week.

2019/20			2020/21	
5F	Miss S Cartwright	-	6F	Miss L Lawyer
5R	Mr J Prouse	-	6R	Miss A Corre
5M	Mrs Ibbitson/Mrs E Bell	-	6M	Mrs C Pitts
5E	Mr O Littlewood	-	6E	Miss L Phillips
5S	Mr S Wilkie	-	6S	Mr S Wilkie
5L	Mrs J Pearce	-	6L	Mrs L Copplestone

2019/20			2020/21	
6F	Ms K Preston	-	7F	Ms K Preston
6R	Mrs L Parfitt	-	7R	Miss L Parfitt
6M	Mr A Edwards	-	7M	Mrs K Evans-Bentley
6E	Miss J Howell	-	7E	Miss J Howell
6S	Miss E Caldwell Mr N Proud	-	7S	Mrs E Bell/ Miss E Caldwell
6L	Mr R Sage	-	7L	Mr R Sage

2019/20			2020/21	
7F	Mr C Owen	-	8F	Mr C Owen
7R	Mr A March	-	8R	Mr A March
7M	Mrs S Farrell	-	8M	Mr M George
7E	Mrs C Gale	-	8E	Mrs C Hudson
7S	Mrs E Hampson	-	8S	Mrs E Hampson
7L	Mrs D Nadin	-	8L	Mrs D Nadin
7W	Miss A Corre	-	Parents informed previously	N/A

DIARY DATES

Jul	
16	End of Term 6
Sept	
7	Induction day for new Year 5 pupils only
8	Induction day for Years 5 & 6
9	All Years in school

HOME LEARNING

Please keep checking our website for resources to help with learning at home. This is updated weekly. There is plenty available to keep your child busy throughout the Summer, if they would like to continue with their learning. Mr Sage is running online History lessons which are proving to be a big hit. There are a few Year 8 places available, please see our website for more details. There are also messages and challenges from staff, pictures of pupil's work, regular updates on the current situation, and video welcomes to the new September Year 5 pupils.



Hello from the Library!

Millionaire Word challenge - are you up for it?

Well done to all the pupils who are reading and quizzing - keep going!

You can log on to your Accelerated Reader account, from home via the Selwood website. Watch the video on how to log on <https://youtu.be/qCGMeQoGRHw>

You can also do a quiz on books that you have at home as well as your Library books

***Congratulations to Ana,L, Sophie B, Thomas P, Jack K, Julie W, Gwen T and Thomas F ***

who have joined the "Word Millionaire" club this month, for reading one million or more words
YEAR 8 PUPILS -can you please bring your books to school on the day you are in
Remember to Keeeeeeeeeeeeeeep reading!

Thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who have sent in pictures of the work they are doing at home, we love seeing them all. Please continue to email your pictures to homelearning.sch491@educ.somerset.gov.uk . To see more visit our website or click this link <https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/pupils/wow-wall>



What a little cutie this felt owl is! Well done to Imogen L in Year 8 on her skilful sewing.



Freya A in Year 8 has clearly put a lot of work into her Dead Sea Scrolls project, with fantastic results!



A beautifully drawn Van Gogh's Eye by Ned H in Year 5