



Headteacher's Blog

Welcome back!

We were delighted to see our pupils - new and old - coming back to school with such enthusiasm for the new year, after the Summer break. We certainly have a lot to look forward to.

- ◆ On Friday 20 September we will be holding our Year 5 Welcome Service. This will take place at Wesley Methodist Church unless the weather is very bad, in which case we will hold it in our school hall. All parents and carers of Yr 5 pupils are invited to attend this service.
- ◆ Our Year 5 pupils will also enjoy a day of outdoor activities on Wednesday 25 (5FR), Thursday 26 (5ME) or Friday 27 (5SL) September. They will travel to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits in Burrington Combe, we look forward to hearing all about their adventures.
- ◆ Year 6 pupils will celebrate Harvest time with their service on Thursday 10 October. This will be held in our school hall, all Yr 6 parents and carers welcome. We will be collecting non perishable foods to support Fair Frome, please bring your contribution to the service.

New Staff

We are delighted to introduce our new members of staff this year. Sarah Cartwright, Jemima Pearce and Oliver Littlewood have joined the Year 5 teaching team, Hannah Bloomfield is teaching English, Emma Bell PDT, Head of Music, Emily Thompson and Nick Proud has joined the Yr 6 team. Jasmine Farley has joined the SEND team as an apprentice Teaching Assistant and Claire Sandy will be working across the school as a Cover Supervisor. We welcome them all to Selwood and are excited to benefit from their knowledge and experience.



Claire Sandy, Hannah Bloomfield, Emma Bell, Emily Hampson, Sarah Cartwright, Oliver Littlewood, Deborah Nadin, Jasmine Farley, Jemima Pearce, Nick Proud

Head Boy/Girl

On Monday I spent the day, listening to some exceptional children presenting themselves and the school is a hugely positive way. I am delighted to announce that the following pupils have been chosen for the senior positions for 2019/20 Academic year.

Head Girl **Isla G**, Deputy Head Girl **Cecily H**, Head Boy **Titus B**, Deputy Head Boy **Jacob H**

My thanks to Chris Bailey Green and Michelle Hylands for completing the interviews with me.



Open Day

On Tuesday we held our annual Open Day and Evening. We are always happy to open our doors to current and prospective parents and pupils to enable them to gain an insight into what goes on at Selwood. The school was buzzing with activity and so many of our children came back to share their love of learning with the whole community. A great event and one that always leaves me bursting with excitement for the year to come.

"Let your light shine before others" *Matthew 5 v 19*

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all

Important Safety Information

Car parking - Please could we ask all parents and carers to drive and park carefully around our school. We are fortunate to have use of the Football Club car park for dropping off and collecting pupils. Also if you are walking into the school to meet your child, please use the pathway adjacent to the car park. For all our safety, we ask that you do not walk through the car park with your child and that you do not drop them opposite the school on the main road. Thank you.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - The PE department ask that you read the information on our website and in your welcome booklet. [Please click here to read on our website.](#)

Shoes - Some pupils have returned to school wearing black canvas daps/shoes. This type of footwear, although sold by many shops as school shoes, does not give your children **any protection in the wet weather!** We really do not want wet feet under desks for 7 hours which is why we don't include them in our uniform list. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate black leather shoes.



Important message from the Finance Office

Please ensure you set up your ParentPay account as soon as possible. Without an account you will be unable to start paying for your child's trips, snacks, lunch, etc. If you have not received an activation letter or have any queries please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible so that we can help you. It has recently come to our attention that ParentPay have a new payment option called Bank Transfer.

This is not an instant payment and can take up to 7 days to leave your account.

We would strongly suggest that you do not use this option as it has already caused some financial concern for parents due to the length of time that it takes for the payment to leave your account.

Year 5 & 6 Flu Immunisation - Monday 9 December

Your child will have brought home a letter with details about the flu immunisations. Please return this to us as soon as possible. **If you do not give permission for your child to have this, please ensure that you tick NO.** Thank you.



Frome in Bloom

We are overjoyed to announce that Selwood Academy has won Gold for Schools and Colleges in this year's Frome in Bloom. This is a wonderful achievement for all the staff and pupils who have been in some way involved in keeping our grounds looking fabulous!

We also congratulate Lydia M in Year 5 who has won U12's Greenhill Gardening Gold certificate. Well done Lydia!

Collection for Air Ambulance

This half term we are asking parents and carers to help us collect crisp packets and Tassimo coffee pods to raise funds for the Air Ambulance service. Please collect these in bundles of 10 at home and we will have a collection day in school after half term.



Year 7 pupil Casey S has had success in the Cool Fab British Championships over the Summer holidays. He had two race meetings with podium places in both Kent and Daventry; a third place in Kent and finishing first in his final two races in Daventry, which resulted

in him achieving an overall first place for the weekend. Casey is back out next weekend with a trip to Cumbria and his final race weekend for the year is next month in Lincolnshire.

DIARY DATES

Sep	
20	Year 5 Welcome Service
25	5FR Mendip Adventure trip
26	5ME Mendip Adventure trip
27	5SL Mendip Adventure trip
Oct	
10	Yr 6 Harvest Festival
18	Yr 5 & 7 Photos
22	Yr 6 Parents Maths workshop, 6 - 7.15pm
25	End of Term 1