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Welcome back to all our pupils and staff!

We hope you all enjoyed the Summer break and are raring to go for another year!

It's lovely to have all the children back in school, and we thank all the parents and carers who have ensured that pupils come to school in the correct uniform and ready for the day ahead.

Please remember to check our website, Facebook page and your emails regularly for updates.

Upcoming important dates:

- Tuesday 21 September Open Day & Evening see below for details
- Friday 8 October Year 5 Welcome Service Details to follow soon
- Tuesday 19 October School photos for all Years
- Thursday 21 October Term 1 ends *Friday 22 October is an extra day holiday due to the Platinum Jubilee*
- Year 5 have been sent an email regarding swimming lessons If you have not received this please let us know
- Pupils in Year 7 & 8 have been given enough home COVID tests to last until after October half term. Parents and carers have been sent an email with more information *If you have not received this please let us know*



OPEN DAY & EVENING TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER OPEN EVENING 5 -7pm, open to all, no

need to book!

Talks by the Headteacher at 5.10 4 6.35pm Please wear face masks in school



Classroom activities will close at 6.30pm

Daytime tours available at 9 \$ 11am, please telephone 01373 462798 to book



Do you have a few hours to spare each week?

Would you like to help children learn?

If you would like to volunteer at Selwood with activities such as reading, Forest school, sports clubs and more, please contact us by email to selwoodacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk

"Let your light shine before others" Matthew 5 v 19 Head Teacher : Mr Daniel Jeffries BA(Hons) MA NPQH Selwood Academy , Berkley Road, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2EF Telephone: 01373 462798 Email: SelwoodAcademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk Web: www.selwood.somerset.sch.uk Registered Company Number: 7814065 Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.



We are pleased to welcome several new members of staff to the Selwood team this year: from l - r, Mrs Hannah Wicks, Teacher of English; Miss Hannah Bartlett, Teacher of English; Mr Oliver Crook-Wynn, Head of English; Mr Dan McCallie, Premises Technician; Mrs Liz Cook, SENDCo Maternity Cover; Ms Carmen Batchelor, Pastoral Manager; Mrs Lisa Rosier, KS2/3 Teacher. Also joining us but not pictured are Mrs Michelle Quelch, Teacher of Art, Mr Christopher Barker, Mindfulness Teacher, Mr Harry Allnutt, PE TA and Mrs Ellie Carter, Cleaner

We look forward to working with them all!

Please note the SIMs Parent App had a major upgrade at the start of term and we are just working through the changes and new instructions before we send activation invites to new parents.

This will also apply to queries we are receiving from anyone previously registered. We are hoping to resolve this as soon as possible.



Introducing Clever Chefs...

We have welcomed Clever Chefs to provide school meals at Selwood this year. Feedback is very positive and we are delighted at how well they have settled into our school community. The menu is available to view on our website, <u>click here</u>. Pupils can have school meals everyday or just when they choose, there's no need to book. All meals are to be paid for using the <u>ParentPay fingerprint system</u>.

We are currently looking for morning and afternoon Cleaners to join our friendly team at Selwood. Grade 17 - £9.24 per hour Also Lunchtime Supervisors needed Grade 16 - £9.43 per hour For more details and an application form please contact us. Click here to email us or telephone 01373 462798



We are on FaceBook! Please like our page for regular news and updates.

Email: selwoodacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Absence Line - 01373 468615

Tel: - 01373 462798

COVID reporting

If you have any COVID related queries or need to inform us of a positive test, please email <u>SelwoodCovidHelpline@educ.somerset.gov.uk</u>

Finance Matters

ParentPay - thank you to all the parents/carers that have set up their ParentPay accounts; currently 89% of our pupils accounts have been activated! ParentPay enables parents/carers to pay for various items such as school dinners, snacks and trips and also to give consent for trips and activities. We will also send out important information via ParentPay about activities from



time to time so even if your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you are not intending to use it to pay for snacks or meals it is important to set up your account if you are able. Fingerprints/biometrics - if you haven't already given consent for biometrics for your child and

you still wish to do so please complete the Google form as soon as possible. The form can be found here <u>https://forms.gle/vy2XUFabZctCpbxx6</u> We will be catching up with all pupils who haven't yet had their fingerprint done within the next few weeks. In the meantime if your child has money on their ParentPay account for food then they will still be able to go up to the canteen and simply give their name so the kitchen staff can locate them on the till system.

Selwood Academy Clubs

Please look out for the email regarding clubs. The email will contain links to all the information parents/carers need about our clubs, plus the list of clubs for this term and the Google form needed to sign up.

School Uniform

Having the correct uniform is something we recognise as important as a school:

- Royal blue V-necked jumper, with 'Selwood Academy' and the school * logo.
- Clip-on Selwood Academy blue/gold tie.
- Formal White Shirt*. *
- Black school trousers* or skirts. No skinny jeans, cords, chino's or * drain-pipe type trousers. No Skater skirts. Skirts must be knee-length.
- Optionally boys may wear black formal shorts* and girls may wear black tailored Culottes*.
- Sensible leather black shoes with no logos not trainers, daps or canvas shoes.

Full details on our website -> Parents -> Useful information -> Uniform





Car Parking

We are extremely lucky to have the use of the Football Club car park for dropping off and picking up children. However, we have received reports of cars parked dangerously and of children being forced to walk out into the road. Please can you ensure that you are parked sensibly and not in the entrance or in such a way that obstructs a safe passageway for all. Thank you for helping to keep our pupils safe.

Google Classroom

We continue to record when homework is set on Google Classroom. This way, pupils and parents can see when homework is being set. You can also receive an email which provides you an update on what has been set. Unless the teacher has said otherwise, we continue to provide printed versions of the homework and do not expect this to completed online. If you are having difficulty with viewing the homework being set for your children, please get Google Classroom in touch with the school.



This year's Multicultural Frome Festival will be held on Sunday 10 October 11-2 at The Cheese & Grain. Please click here for more details.

