OPEN EVENING

We were delighted to see so many parents and carers at our Open Evening last week. It was a joy to see the school so full and buzzing with activity. We all really enjoyed meeting everyone who came, and our student ambassadors were a credit to us.

Taster Days are available to book for pupils currently in Years 4 & 6. Please click here for more information and book your child's place.

COVID REMINDER:

We would be extremely grateful for all staff, parents and pupils to commit to testing regularly in our quest to help reduce the spread of coronavirus. We ask that you are vigilant with hand washing and wearing masks (unless exempt).

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

However mild the symptoms, please book a PCR test for the person with symptoms (even if they have already taken an LFD test). Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- · A new, continuous cough, and/or
- · A temperature, and/or
- · A loss of, or change to, sense of test and/or smell.

You can book a test here Testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk) or by calling 119

Yr 5 Welcome Service

Sadly, due to the rise in COVID cases, we are unable to go ahead with the service as planned. We are looking into the possibility of holding an online event. We will contact you by email if we are able to offer this.

COVID reporting

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

REMINDER

School will finish for half term on Thursday 21 October.

The academic year 2021/22 has been reduced from 195 to 194 days to enable everyone to celebrate the Platinum **Tubilee.**

Diary Dates.....

Oct

12 Yr 4 Taster Day

13 Yr 6 Taster Day

13 SATs Launch Night

19 School photos - All years

19 Yr 4 Taster Day

21 Yr 6 Harvest Festival

21 End of Term 1

22 Extra Day holiday due to Platinum Jubilee

Nov

01 Term 2 begins

Parental Survey

As part of our commitment to ensuring that all pupils receive the best possible education and are able to "let their light shine before other" we are really interested in hearing your thoughts. Previous parental responses have led to an updated relationship and behaviour policy, the introduction of the Compass centre, a reduction in class sizes, a refinement of the SEN and Pastoral team, and the further development of the curriculum including the introduction of Forest school as well as Mindfulness and wellbeing, as well as many other changes. Hopefully you will be able to help us celebrate what we have achieved and further help us to plan forward through the completion of this survey. https://forms.gle/ZcRjjsUzZ2jUPNpj8



Year 7 students at Selwood were thrilled to welcome local author Catherine Bruton on Thursday 23rd September as part of the Gothic literature unit of work.

The author of a range of YA books such as 'Another Twist in the Tale' (a follow up to 'Oliver Twist') and 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' (which follows a young Syrian refugee), Catherine takes her inspiration from a range of literary and real-world sources., During the event, Catherine spoke to students about her life as an author and treated the students to a sneak peak of her latest novel 'Following Frankenstein' (due to be published in early October) as well as an opportunity to purchase early.

DT Challenge

Our DT shine students entered a national competition last year with Boyd Education. Their challenge was to design a product that would fit into a Pringles tube. It could be anything that they like but had to be original and made using wood, textiles, plastic or metal.

Huge congratulations to Lucie Y7 who won 2nd place overall with her piece of jewellery, pictured.

We also had 3 runners up:

Amelia Y7

Maisie Y8

Raya Y8

Their work is displayed on the website for you all to see. http://www.julieboyd.co.uk/free/productinatin/past-competition-winners/20202021.html







Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the absence line before 9am on every morning your child will be absent 01373 468615

and leave a message with your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence.

Please be aware that we require some form of medical evidence after 3 days of illness and, also, that a pupil must not return to school until 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea.



We currently offer instrumental lessons at school in:

Piano, Guitar, Ukulele, Bass, Drum Kit, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone & Brass

and have waiting lists ready for **Singing & Strings**

For more details, please contact Mrs Hampson via



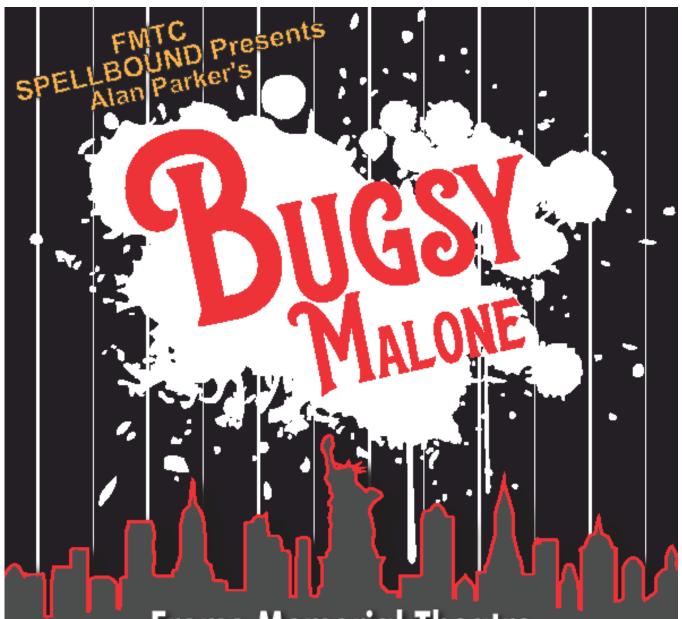


We are on FaceBook!
Please like our page for regular news and updates.

This newsletter and other letters from school are available to read on our website https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/

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.



Frome Memorial Theatre

Tuesday 26th Oct at 7pm and Wednesday 27th Oct at 2pm and 7pm

Tickets: £12 Concessions £11 Under 16s £9

Box Office: 01373 462795 Book Online: www.fmt.website

Play by Alan Parker, Words and Music by Paul Williams By arrangement with Faber Music Ltd on behalf of Warner/Chappell Music Ltd

