



SELWOOD ACADEMY

N e w s l e t t e r



Friday 13 January 2023

Issue No 7 - 2022/2023

Welcome back to a new term at Selwood!

The new term got off to a great start with a lunch time celebration of the Ukrainian Christmas. Following assemblies last week, Selwood Academy honoured the tradition of celebrating Christmas Eve on the 6th January. During assemblies all pupils heard about Orthodox Christian customs and traditions around Christmas Eve and Christmas day celebrations including symbolic foods like Kutia and the well known Christmas carol Shchedryk. Ukrainian pupils celebrated with Mrs Hughes by bringing in tree decorations, making decorations and discussing traditions in their area of Ukraine. Carolling is an important tradition and Ukrainian pupils used Xylophones to re-create the carol Shchedryk- known in English as the Carol of the Bells but originally composed by Mykola Leontovych. The canteen served Ukrainian themed food to support our celebrations and so that all pupils could join in the fun!

Severe Weather Arrangements

With the weather forecast to get colder we need to remind you of the procedure for school closures.

- *A decision to close the school will be made at 7am
- *We will post a closure message on the front page of the website and our school Facebook page. This will be updated throughout the day
- *Parents will be contacted by text message
- *For information regarding school transport please see <https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/transport-affected-by-bad-weather/>
- *Please listen to BBC Somerset Sound
- *Please **do not** ring the school for information unless absolutely necessary
- *It may be necessary to close the school early; please ensure care arrangements are in place. If pupils cannot be sent home safely they will remain in school until they can be collected



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@selwood-academy.co.uk

Volunteers Needed!



PARKING

Please can we remind parents to park considerately when dropping off, or picking up your children. Parents should not be parking at Frome Medical Practice as spaces there are limited and the school has been made aware by patients that a lack of parking spaces is negatively impacting their ability to attend appointments.

We have an arrangement with Frome Town Football Club to use their car park at school drop off and pick up times. Pupils can then walk to the crossing and cross safely into school.

Please also do not use the bus loop when it is obviously full. It is also not safe or sensible to wait on the main road until it is free because this is causing cars to back up on a main road.

Please think carefully and move along quickly. There are several areas that are safe to drop off than here. Please be considerate of others, it is not acceptable to abuse staff or members of the public in trying to keep all safe. Please can we ask that if you see anything that concerns you, that you report it via this link: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/> . This will assist us greatly in trying to deal with this ongoing problem

Many thanks for your cooperation.



MARY POPPINS

We are looking forward to the school's production of Mary Poppins at the Merlin Theatre on Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th and Sat 25th March. Tickers are on sale now at:

[Merlin Theatre : Home - What's On - Performances - MARY POPPINS JR](#)



Let us know your views!

The latest Parental Survey is now open for you to have your say on our School. Please click the link below:

<https://forms.gle/mK57t7sMt11mHFvXA>

ParentPay & Payment Items

- **94% of Selwood parents have set up their ParentPay accounts!** Please call or email to request your activation codes if you haven't set up your account yet
- If you would like another family member to be able to pay for items for your child please request a secondary payer account
- Payment items currently on ParentPay:
 - Year 5 Swimming 2022-2023
 - Year 5 Mendip Adventure Days 2022
 - Year 5 & 6 Pantomime 2022
 - Year 6 History Through Archaeology Days 2023
 - Year 6 Mendip Adventure Camp 2023
 - Year 8 Battlefields Tour 2023
 - School Kitchen Top Up (always on ParentPay)
 - Selwood Donations from Parents - optional (always on ParentPay)
 - If any of the above are applicable to your child and still due for payment they will be in your Active Payment Items list
 - If you would like to check what payments you have previously made go to the Historical Payment Items option



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

As part of the enrichment programme at Selwood, all Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to take part in a Mendip Adventure Camp, which is a 3 day (2 night) residential during the week of the 3 - 7 of July 2023. The trip is open to all children in Year 6. The Mendip Activity Centre run and lead the camp. The personnel of this company all have recognised qualifications in the activities they are instructing. The Academy has made use of their services for several years and all previous residentials have been a great success.

There is still time to sign your child up for this trip. We have extended the deadline for registrations to 3rd February 2023. Click here to register your interest <https://forms.gle/k2U974WF7ChCZPwk6>



SPORT

On Wednesday 11 January we took 11 students to the Mendip cross country championships. Our students did extremely well in very testing wet and windy conditions, well done to all who took part. Congratulations to those who finished in the top 18 who have been invited to participate in the Somerset county trials on 21 January. We are extremely proud of all your efforts, especially those year 8's who were also running against year 9's! Well done.

Year 7 girls

Daisy K 7S (9th) 9.55
Lacey V 7S (15th) 10.40
Thea S 7R (16th) 11.11

Year 7 boys

George D 7F (13th)
George E 7L (19th)

Junior Girls (y8&9)

Izzy H 8L (16th)
Ottillie M 8F (19th)
Lucy N 8L (21st)

Junior Boys (y8&9)

Riley L 8S (5th)
Chase C 8L (10th)
Charlie P 8E (21st)



LOST PROPERTY

We have a large build up of lost property. If your child is missing anything, please do encourage them to come and have a look. The box is available at lunch time and after school.



PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We are experiencing a high volume of visits/calls/ emails due to forgotten items/change of arrangements

Emails

Please note, when emailing the Academy or any of its staff we will endeavour to respond or forward your query within 48hrs but during busy times this may not be achievable. Therefore, if your message is an emergency please call instead.

Visits

Should you need to visit the Academy, we politely ask that you make an appointment in advance. However, if this is not possible please be advised that you may have to wait to see a staff member to discuss your query. We will always endeavour to keep the wait as short as possible but should this not always be possible we ask for your patience and cooperation.

Messages for Children during the Day

It is extremely important that you make your child aware of their after school arrangements and that they have all that they require for the day before they leave in the morning please. We are unable to guarantee that messages passed to us in the day will get to your child and they often have questions that we are unable to answer if they are told of changes. This is especially if we receive messages after 12 noon! It is your responsibility to help your child prepare fully for the school day and feel secure in their arrangements out of school. Should you need to change things last minute this is not something that we can take responsibility for unless an absolute emergency, so please avoid doing this.

Thank you for your assistance.

Upcoming Events and Diary

January

- 19 Year 8 Options Evening at Frome College, 7pm
- 24 Yr 7/8 Author Visit
- 26 Yr 8 HPV vaccinations
- 26 Yr 5 & 8 Subject consultations

February

- 7 Year 5/6 Interform
- 8 Year 7/8 Interform
- 9 SEND Coffee Morning
- 9 Yr 6 Subject consultations
- 10 End of Term, 3.10pm



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



Violet in 5S has recently undertaken the RSL Level 1 exam in Musical Theatre Performance Grade 2. She passed this exam with a Distinction. Well done Violet - keep up the amazing work you're doing.

HPV Vaccinations

The SAINT team will be in school on Thursday 26 January to administer the HPV vaccinations to our Year 8 pupils.

If you have not already done so, please complete the permission form via the link below if you consent to your child having the vaccination.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine.aspx>

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Please can we remind parents and carers to ensure your children have the following in their school bag each day:

- ◆ Handwriting Pens (Blue and Black) + a spare
- ◆ Pencils
- ◆ Rubber and Sharpener
- ◆ 30cm ruler
- ◆ Water Bottle

Also 'nice to have' are:

- ◆ Glue Stick
- ◆ Highlighter (Pink)
- ◆ Colouring Pencils
- ◆ Whiteboard Pen

Thank you for your support with this.





Selwood Academy After School Clubs

There are spaces available on the following clubs:

- Pupil Takeover (Journalism) (Mondays)
 - Year 5 & 6 Netball (Tuesdays)
- Year 6, 7, 8 Art Club (Wednesdays)
- Year 7 & 8 Bench/Dodge Ball (Thursdays)
 - All Years Girls Rugby (Thursdays)
 - Homework Club (Thursdays)

Click the link below to book, and read the info below carefully.

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/parents/useful-information/After-school-club>

Selwood Academy After School Clubs Important Information for Parents/Carers:

- All clubs have a maximum number of spaces available that are allocated strictly on a first come, first served basis. If a club is over-subscribed you will be contacted by email. If you don't hear from us you can assume that your child has a place on the club. The form will close once the club is full.
- *Please only sign your child up for a club that they are interested in and will have time to attend every week. If your child no longer wishes to attend a club you must contact us so that the place can be offered to another child.*
- If your child does not attend the club, you will receive a text message from us. It is important that you then contact us so that we can establish your child's whereabouts.
- *If your child does not attend for two weeks in a row and you do not inform us of the reason why then you will subsequently receive an email and your child's name will be taken off the register for that club.*
- Please be aware that some clubs may have to be cancelled at short notice due to adverse weather conditions and staff availability, etc. If we have to cancel a club for whatever reason we will endeavour to make contact with you to let you know or confirm home-time arrangements if needed.
- *Please take careful note of the times and dates that your child's club is running.*
- All pupils should take their school bag and other belongings with them to the club and must leave the school site as soon as their club has ended.



Lunchtime Supervisor

Term time only Monday – Friday

Working 1 hour 10 mins per day

Grade 16 (£10.59 per hour)

We require reliable and well motivated people to join our existing team of Lunchtime Supervisors to start as soon as possible. Applicants should enjoy working with young people. Duties include supervision both inside and outside the buildings across the whole site. The key role is to maintain a calm atmosphere.

Please contact the school for further details and an application form.

<https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/contact>

Tel: 01373 462798

VACANCIES

We are currently recruiting several roles at Selwood:

- ⇒ Site Supervisor
- ⇒ Attendance Officer
- ⇒ Lunchtime Supervisors (see above)
- ⇒ Maths Teacher
- ⇒ Visiting Peripatetic Music Teachers
- ⇒ SEMH Lead

For more information please visit the Careers page on our website via the link below:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/selwood-somerset/>

Please remember to check your ParentPay account regularly to ensure your child has sufficient money for school lunches.

Thank you.



UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Black Swan Arts YOUNG OPEN

2023

The largest young art competition in the South West
is now open for entries aged 5-19 years

For more information and to apply visit
blackswanarts.org.uk

Closing date for entries
Friday 3 February 2023

Exhibition dates
4 March - 16 April 2023

Mon - Sun 10am-4pm
2 Bridge Street, Frome BA11 1BB
blackswanarts.org.uk

 **BSA Young Open**

