

Welcome back to a new term at Selwood!

The new term got off to a great start with a lunch time celebration of the Ukranian 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 <u>https://</u> <u>www.travelsomerset.co.uk/transport-affected-by-bad-weather/</u>
- *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





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.

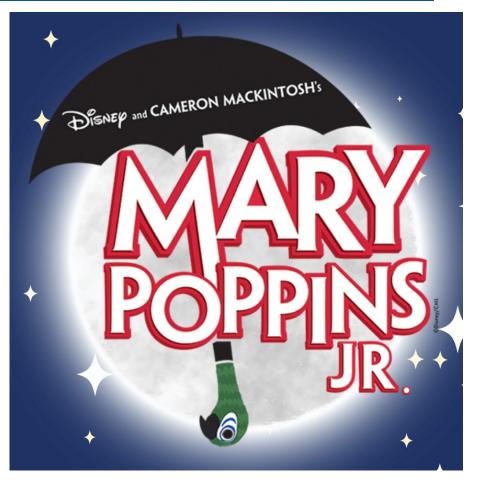
We have an arrangement with Frome Town Football Club to use their car park at school drop off and pick up times. Pupils can then walk to the crossing and cross safely into school. Please also do not use the bus loop when it is obviously full. It is also not safe or sensible to wait on the main road until 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 of 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/ . The 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:
- o Year 5 Swimming 2022-2023
- o Year 5 Mendip Adventure Days 2022
- o Year 5 & 6 Pantomime 2022
- o Year 6 History Through Archaeology Days 2023
- o Year 6 Mendip Adventure Camp 2023
- o Year 8 Battlefields Tour 2023
- o School Kitchen Top Up (always on ParentPay)
- o 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

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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 <u>https://forms.gle/k2U974WF7ChCZPwk6</u>







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

<u>Year 7 boys</u> George D 7F (13th) George E 7L (19th)

<u>Junior Girls (y8&9)</u> Izzy H 8L (16th) Ottilie M 8F (19th) Lucy N 8L (21st)

Junior Boys (y8&9) Riley L 85 (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

<u>Emails</u>

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.

<u>Visits</u>

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

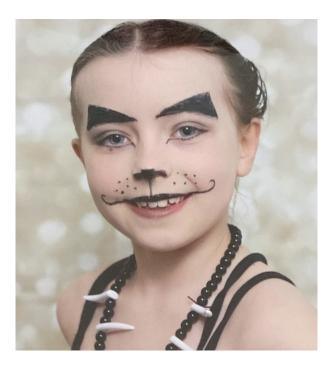
- 19 Year 8 Options Evening at Frome College, 7pm
- 24 Yr 7/8 Author Visit
- 26 Yr 8 HPV vaccinations
- 26 Yr 5 & 8 Subject consultations

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





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-papillomavirusvaccine.aspx

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

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

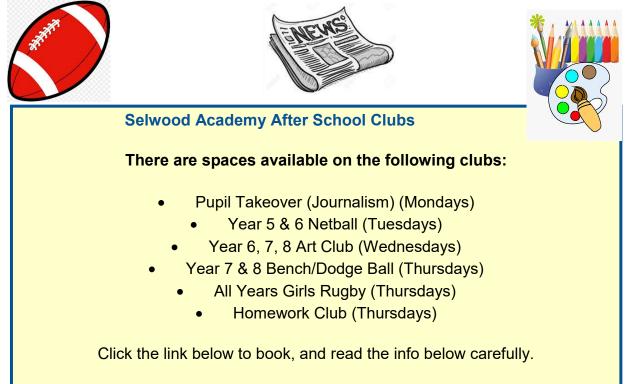
- Handwriting Pens (Blue and Black) + a spare
- Pencils
- Rubber and Sharpener
- 30cm ruler
- Water Bottle

Also 'nice to have' are:

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

Thank you for your support with this.

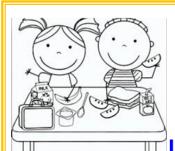




https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/parents/useful-information/After-school-club

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 <u>must</u> 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:

- \Rightarrow Site Supervisor
- \Rightarrow Attendance Officer
- \Rightarrow Lunchtime Supervisors (see above)
- \Rightarrow Maths Teacher
- ⇒ Visiting Peripatetic Music Teachers
- \Rightarrow 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.





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 |
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| 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
Head lice
Threadworms

Glandular fever Tonsillitis Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

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

