

SELBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

10/10/25



Dear Parents/Carers,

The half term is whizzing along and we have lots to pack in before the last day of the half term (which is Thursday 23rd October) with a 3:15pm finish. Pupils then return to school on Monday 3rd November at 8:35am.



Parents' Evening

You will get a link emailed to you to sign up for a parents' evening slot and get exclusive time with your child's classteacher. We had a slight technical hitch so emailing you is later than usual so thanks for your patience. Please make sure that you attend in your chosen slot as the teachers will not have availability the rest of the week to meet with you and we do not want you to miss out on finding out all about your child's learning and wellbeing. On Thursday 16th October, all pupils need to be collected from school at 2pm as parents' evening starts early to ensure that there are enough parent slots available before the event finishes at 8pm. There are still a few places available at Boom Sports After School Club where your child can be looked after from 2 - 6pm on that day but these need to be booked within the next week and in advance of 16th October. All Boom Sports places must be paid for before your child can attend so please get organised. We are selling revision guides at parents' evening (at cost, we do not make profit on these) as we know that parents want resources to support their child's learning at home so we have selected the most appropriate ones and you can purchase them that evening. We can only accept cash as the school bank account does not let us take credit card payments so please bring cash to purchase revision books. With the October half term holiday coming, it would be wise to have some revision books ready to work with your child and keep up their learning. We look forward to welcoming all parents and carers into Selborne on 16th October.



School Kitchen

Work continues on the school kitchen expansion but we have been promised that the end is in sight! We continue to feed all children a hot lunch, in the sports hall, from our temporary menu and we are so grateful to three local primary schools for letting ISS, our caterers, use their facilities to cook our pupils' dinners. The children all seem happy and are eating lots at lunchtime so we are managing! We have asked the builders to make the main hall available to us for parents' evening (the main hall is currently still part of the building site) so they know our timeline! I will keep you informed... As I previously explained, Ealing Council have asked that the school makes a £25,000 contribution (around 10%) of the total cost of the kitchen expansion which has to come from our own school budget. One of our fundraising initiatives is going to be a non-uniform day for all pupils on Friday 5th December so put the date in your diaries. It is also the PTA Christmas Fair after school so pupils will love wearing their own clothes to school that day (Christmas jumpers, red or green or anything else) and then going to the Fair with you, in both school halls, after school. On non-uniform day we ask that the pupils kindly bring in a £2 donation (or whatever you can afford; we do understand that families with multiple children at the school may wish to pay £1 per child instead). Children will be asked to bring cash on the day and give it to the teacher; if you wish to donate a larger amount then cash or a cheque will happily be accepted in the school office. Thank you for your support.



Non-uniform Day (with all proceeds going to the school kitchen expansion project) on Friday 5th December 2025.

Reminder: please do not let your children scoot or cycle on the school site. We have visually impaired, deaf and disabled parents/carers; young toddlers running around and pregnant mummies and your child could knock into them, at speed, injuring them. You and your child need to push scooters and bicycles until you exit the school gate where they can be mounted for your journey home. Let's make our school site safe for all at home time (both at 3:15pm and 4:15pm). Please also remember that some ARP pupils are collected by the Local Authority in a taxi now (rather than a mini-bus) which enters the school site at 3:25pm. Stick to the pavement to exit the Thames Avenue gate after 3:20pm to stay safe and keep your children in your sight.

Fireworks and Bonfire Night



We are starting to prepare for a spectacular Fireworks and Bonfire Night on Thursday 6th November on the school field. Entry will be from 5:30pm through the Conway Crescent gate and tickets can be purchased on the door for cash. If you want a chance to win the raffle for the prize of starting the whole fireworks display (and win a VIP family entry ticket) then send your child into school with

£1 to buy a ticket from their class teacher. All profits made from the event go straight back into your school so please try to come and support the event. The fireworks company are all set to do another fantastic and safe display, and all school staff stay late to man the event so that we can make maximum profit for your children. Put the date in your diary!

Find More on: www.selborne.ealing.sch.uk

The image is a 3x3 grid of nine photographs showing various window displays. The top row shows flags and a 'CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY' banner. The middle row features a 'BILLY MONST' display and a poster. The bottom row includes a portrait of a woman, a 'CORKY' display, and a portrait of a man.

Wear Red to Stop Racism Day is on Friday 10th October. Selborne will join schools all across Ealing and nationally in allowing pupils to wear something red instead of their school uniform this Friday. Please encourage your child to join in. Selborne is not a place for racist language or behaviour of any sort.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

🎨 Black History Month Art Competition 🎨

Celebrating Black Culture Through Art

Black History Month isn't just about remembering the past - It's a time to celebrate the richness of Black culture and expression through visual art!

We're inviting YOU to take part in our exciting art competition by recreating or taking inspiration from the powerful work of:



KIMMY CANTRELL

REGGIE LAURENT

LAKWENA MACIVER

CHARLES MCGEE

Add your own twist or stay true to the original - the choice is yours!

 Competition Dates: Monday 6th October – Thursday 23rd October	 Hand in your entry to: Miss Uddin's classroom
 There will be prizes for winners!  Entries will be judged on creativity, effort, and connection to the artist's style.	 Winners announced after half term by our History and Race Equality Ambassadors: Zac, Maryam, Mustafa and Alina

Diwali

Some lucky pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a special Diwali dance class next week to understand how dance, music and movement is so important as part of the Diwali festival. 3 Ash class will then be hosting the Diwali assembly on Friday 17th October. At Selborne, we learn about all the major religions and festivals as we seek to understand all others' beliefs and traditions so we can be tolerant and supportive of all others whilst living in multicultural Britain. It was something that Ofsted praised us on as doing spectacularly well in our last inspection visit. We hope that everyone in our Selborne community, who will be celebrating Diwali, have a wonderful time with family and friends on Monday 20th October.



PTA



The PTA Halloween School Disco for Y1 - Y6 pupils will take place on the evening of Friday 17th October. You can buy your tickets online now and there are a limited number so do not miss out! If you would like to volunteer to help out at the event then please speak to one of the PTA committee members as they would love your help. All money raised at PTA events goes back into your child's school and children will definitely remember the fun of a school Halloween disco forever!

Please also come along to the PTA AGM on Tuesday 11th November at 8:55am. We need a minimum number of parents to turn up so we can vote on a PTA committee and chair so please come along and offer your support for half an hour or so. Thank you.