

SELBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the 2026-27 new school year. Your children have been telling me about all the lovely adventures which you had over the long summer holidays... All pupils have come back to school focused and ready for a new year of learning. It has been wonderful, too, to see so many of you at the new start of the year parent information sessions.



It's great to see all pupils looking so smart in their school uniform. Please remember that for girls, all hair accessories (bobbles etc) need to be plain black and not fashion accessories (no cat ears or glittery clips for school please). Also, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to bring a Selborne book bag to school daily (they should not have a big bag full of their bedroom treasures!); pupils in KS2 need to bring a small, inexpensive plain black or burgundy rucksack or you could purchase the Selborne uniform rucksack (which the school council designed as they wanted a school bag).



JUNIPER

www.juniperuniform.com



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Designer bags (Nike etc) and Smiggle type rucksacks (in bright colours/patterns/glittery) are not permitted as part of school uniform. They are also really expensive and not suitable to bring to school so do not let your child tell you that they are allowed. All pupils must wear smart black shoes (no boots allowed) and bring trainers/plimsolls for PE lessons. Thank you for adhering to our high expectations of school uniform - we have high expectations right across our outstanding school. Some Year 1 parents have also asked if I can remind all parents to ensure that all uniform is labelled. If your child brings home someone else's uniform then please do not keep the item at home. Send it straight back into school with your child the next day so they can give it to their teacher and then it can be immediately reunited with its owner. We appreciate how frustrating it is for parents when they cannot locate items as they have been switched with others. Please remember that the lost property 'bin' is in the KS2 playground and you can hunt through this after school for missing items. We do sort through it every half term to try to reunite lost items but most items in there are unnamed which makes it impossible. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Label all personal belongings with your child's name!



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Staffing

Congratulations to two of our teachers who have recently got married. Miss Morgans (currently 4 Beech classteacher) is now known under her married name of Mrs Hawthorne-Crane and Miss Swaby (currently 5 Beech classteacher) is now Mrs Daley. We also welcomed back Mrs Ramzan (currently Nursery teacher) who returned from maternity leave after the birth of her second child. Selborne is fully staffed for the next academic year and we have a very strong team of educationalists.



We are also delighted that Mrs Shahid, Reception Ash classteacher and Assistant Headteacher for lower school, is a published author! Her incredible children's book 'But It's Raining...' is now available to purchase from Amazon or other book shops. Previous parents of Reception Ash class will know that her class assembly was based around her own book last summer and was superb! I am sure that if you purchase her book, then she would be delighted to sign it for you and your child - catch her at the school door at the end of the day...

Our Governing board continues to provide expert strategic leadership to our ambitious and high achieving school. You voted in Shahlaa Tahira as your parent governor and the Governors have voted in Emirjona Terziu as a co-opted governor who has strengths in areas that the Governing Board has least expertise. Both new Governors are completing their safeguarding checks and training, and will join their first board meeting in October; they will serve a four-year term. Biographies on all Governors are all available on the Governors information page on our school website.

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School works

Over the Summer holidays the school site was a hive of activity. Ealing Local Authority had commissioned work to upgrade our hot water systems so that our air source heat pump and our existing solar thermal system could be used to heat hot water across the school (rather than relying on gas boilers, which is costly). Additionally, there was significant kitchen upgrade work to finish from last year. This work included the local electricity board running a new electricity supply from the main Medway substation right across the playground (unfortunately you can see the 'scar' from this across our lovely tarmac playground) to our school kitchen. Unfortunately, they did not finish this work for the start of term but we are hoping that by letting them have access to school in the evenings and weekends, then they can get a high voltage electricity supply into the school kitchen so we can have new school ovens. If this work is completed on time, then when we set our new school lunch menus after October half term, we hope to be able to offer a halal choice of food on some days on our school menu as we will then have space to prepare and cook this separately from the other food. I will write nearer to half term and update you on the electricity board's progress and we are all keeping our fingers crossed...



Continued...

We now desperately need to focus on updating some of our playground equipment for the pupils. The hot weather has had a devastating effect on some of the old wooden equipment as it has split and cracked, and playground health and safety inspections have condemned some of our play equipment. You will see this taped off until we can get it removed and we are sorry for the eyesore and know that the pupils will be upset. The PTA are doing a fantastic job at raising money for new playground equipment (which runs into tens of thousands of pounds) so thank you for continuing your efforts to support them. The school budget is really stretched as the Government is cutting funding year on year and all costs are rising so we appreciate any fundraising attempts for our pupils to have good play equipment to play on at break/lunchtimes. The ground has also got so parched just outside the Year 1 classrooms that the tarmac has actually come away from the grass and left a thick channel which presents a trip hazard so we have also taped this off. We will find a solution to this as soon as possible but again, we are sorry that it is not in keeping with our beautiful site.



Parents' Evening

This date is on our term dates (available in the school foyer or on the website) and is Thursday 15th October. School will finish on this day at 2pm **FOR ALL PUPILS**. The teachers then have enough slots to offer all parents a ten-minute meeting if they work right up until 8pm. If you require childcare then you must use our popular after-school club, who are offering childcare (a snack, sporting activity and help with homework etc) for the standard fee, from 2pm - 6pm. They will collect pupils from the classroom at 2pm and you can collect your child from the Gilbert White building before 6pm. However, you have to register with Boom Sports and book their space (and pay) in advance of parents' evening by emailing info@boomsports.co.uk or phoning 0208 226 5450. Do not delay and book it as soon as possible if you need childcare. No pupils will be supervised after 2pm as all staff will be in the hall meeting with parents so get organised. Please note - there will be no sports or hobby clubs after school on Thursday 15th October either, as staff will be meeting parents in the hall so cannot run the hobby clubs.

A promotional poster for Boom! Sports Selborne Primary School Wraparound Care. The background is dark blue with yellow and pink geometric shapes. Three children are shown: a boy in a green football kit holding a green hockey stick, a girl in an orange football kit holding a pink ball, and a girl in a white school uniform holding an orange ball. The text is in various fonts and colors, including white, pink, and yellow.

**!BOOM!
SPORTS** **SELBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WRAPAROUND
care**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE
UNTIL 6:00 PM**

BOOK ONLINE

- ✓ OFSTED REGISTERED
- ✓ RECEPTION - YEAR 6
- ✓ FULL WEEK & SIBLING DISCOUNTS
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Reminder – Birthday Treats

HEALTHY
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EALING

PLATINUM AWARD

You are not permitted to bring in cake/chocolate/sweets to share with your child's class on their birthday (even on the playground). We are a platinum London Healthy School and sharing 'treat' food with others on our school site after school would risk us losing this award. Moreover, pupils consuming 30 extra pieces of cake each year is not healthy, particularly with our school highlighted by Ealing Council as having over a third of its pupils as overweight or obese. Most importantly, we have pupils with life threatening allergies. If you wish to share on your child's birthday then sending in fruit skewers, dried fruit or a small stationary item/sticker would be appropriate. Families also donate a few books to our school library and we put a name plate of your child in the front and the class love this. Thank you.



Reminder – Parking



Please do not block a neighbour's drive - even for a minute.

We have already had our neighbours in Cayton Avenue complain (with video evidence which we have passed to the Council) that a parent blocked their driveway stopping them getting their own car off their own drive to deal with a family emergency. This is not acceptable. Park further away in a space that will not inconvenience others. Try to imagine how you would feel if you were put in that situation at your home; it is not fair so do not do it.



We are excited about the academic year ahead. Thank you for your continued support of our amazing school. We are proud of our school community and everything that we can offer your wonderful children. If you have any comments or ideas then do not hesitate to write them down and drop them into the comments box in the school foyer. We look forward to hearing from you.

EALING CLIMATE WEEK

GIANT MEET UP & WALK TO SCHOOL

A cleaner
greener
brighter
future
♥



Tuesday
22 September



Meet at
8:05am



Ealing Central
Sports Ground



Walk together to Selborne Primary School



The route



Leave the car at home and join us!



Healthy



Active



Sustainable Travel

Parents and carers must accompany their children throughout the walk.





What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

KATSEYE

BE
AWARE
BE
INFORMED

A global pop group loved by many – but not for primary age children

KATSEYE is a global girl group formed through a reality show and managed by HYBE and Geffen Records. They have a large online presence and are popular on platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and Instagram. While their music and performances appeal to many young people, it is important to be aware that their content is aimed at older audiences (13+) and is not appropriate for primary school children.

WHAT IS KATSEYE?

KATSEYE is a multinational girl group created through a survival show. They produce music, music videos and online content, and have a large global fanbase.

RATED 13+

Most of KATSEYE's music videos, lyrics and online content are rated 13+ due to themes such as: relationships, romance, mature language and adult settings. This means they are not suitable for primary school children.

INAPPROPRIATE THEMES

Some songs and videos include romantic relationships, parties, and mature concepts that are not appropriate for younger children.

ONLINE EXPOSURE

KATSEYE are very popular on social media, and children may see their content on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube and Instagram. This can lead to increased curiosity and discussion among younger children.

MERCHANDISE & IMAGES

Stickers, posters, photocards and other merchandise often feature images from music videos and photoshoots that are aimed at older audiences. These images are not suitable for a primary school environment.

PEER PRESSURE

Children may feel pressure to bring in or discuss KATSEYE items at school. It's important to remind children that popular doesn't always mean appropriate for school.

KATSEYE

MUSIC • CREATIVITY • A GLOBAL AUDIENCE

OUR ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

TALK ABOUT CONTENT

If your child is interested in KATSEYE, have open and honest conversations about the type of content they produce and why it is rated 13+.

SET BOUNDARIES

Consider setting age-appropriate limits on music, videos and social media. Use parental controls where needed.

KEEP SCHOOL APPROPRIATE

Please do not allow children to bring KATSEYE stickers, posters, photocards or other merchandise into school.

SUPPORT HEALTHY INTERESTS

Encourage children to enjoy music and pop culture in age-appropriate ways, such as listening to clean versions of songs or discussing positive messages like teamwork and perseverance.

BE INVOLVED

Take an interest in what your child is watching and listening to online. This helps you understand their interests and keeps them safe.

REMAND THEM

Just because something is popular doesn't mean it is appropriate for school. Let's keep our school a safe, positive and age-appropriate environment for everyone.

GOOD MUSIC
INSPIRES
KIND CHOICES

PLEASE DO NOT BRING
KATSEYE STICKERS OR POSTERS
INTO SCHOOL

SAME
SCHOOL
BRIGHTER
FUTURES

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL A POSITIVE, SAFE AND RESPECTFUL PLACE FOR ALL.



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