



SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

As we look towards the latter part of the summer term we have been working on provisional plans to enable our school community to return to as much normality as possible. Our plans are tentative and subject to change based on the national situation and/or decisions within school.

After the 21st June, the guidance for schools may allow us to operate without many of our current restrictions. However, the final stage of Boris' roadmap is very close to the end of the term and it seems logical to maintain some measures for the rest of the academic year to reduce risk and maintain routines that the children are so used to. We feel that a sudden return to all the pre Covid routines could be very unsettling for the children, particularly the younger ones, many of whom have known nothing else but the current set up. We will let you know as soon as possible if we make any interim changes between 21st June and the new academic year in September.

Having recently responded to a COVID case in our community that closed the Nursery bubble, it was a stark reminder that COVID could be anywhere in our community and despite restrictions easing and cases reducing, we need to remain vigilant and maintain the control measures that are still valid.

Please find below an outline of some of what is planned for the Summer, including transition, reports and events.

Have a good weekend,

Peter Dewhurst & everyone at Sebert Wood

Whole School Transition and Annual Reports – towards the end of term, children will be able to spend time in their new classroom with their teacher/s for September 2021, whilst our year 6 pupils attend their new secondary schools. This will enable your child to feel comfortable and confident at the end of the year regarding moving year group. These transition days will take place on **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th July**.

Due to the disrupted year that we have had and the fact there are no National assessments this year, our annual reports will be an adapted format consisting of a one page graded profile and a narrative overview. There will be an option for a consultation following the reports.

Details about new teacher allocations and consultation format will go out with reports on **Friday 9th July**. Our plans for pupils joining Reception in September will be sent out separately, whilst we look at how we can best facilitate this process in the current climate.

Sports Days – We are hoping to be able to invite you to join sports days during a week towards the end of June/ beginning of July. The format will be different to normal as the children will work with and compete against children in their own year group bubbles, hopefully with your support from the side lines. Final details about this will go out next week.

School Trips and Visitors – where it is part of our year group curriculum plans, teaching teams are planning some very local trips to enrich the curriculum. We have also been able to have some visitors into school working in outside areas, such as the recent Crafty Foxes workshops. Where possible we may be able to have more of these later this term, such as the Vets in school, so watch this space!

Usually, our Year 6 children visit Eaton Vale near Norwich for a 4 day residential in the summer term and we are all incredibly disappointed that it was not possible for this to take place again this year.

FOSWS Adventure Trail – under the circumstances it has been very challenging for us to come up with plans for anything close to our normal summer PTA events. Fortunately FOSWS are working on a plan for the Adventure Trail to take place on **Friday 25 June**. Full details to follow.

Safety and Security - to improve safety and security for all, this week we have begun installing new fencing to the edge of the staff car park.

Face Masks – as a school we introduced the wearing of face masks on school site in the autumn term in response to a spike in cases specific to Moreton Hall. For now we are keeping this rule in place but will monitor and review it weekly, based on local and national infection rates.

CLASS SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder that, weather permitting, class photographs will take place on the school field, this Thursday May 20th

Please note: Communications from school that appear in your inbox from 9352925@capita-intouch.co.uk are for *outgoing messages only* to parents, so please do not reply directly back to this email address as it is not regularly monitored. If you need to contact us, please only use admin@sebertwood.co.uk. This is also the best way to let us know of anything, rather than leaving messages on the class doors, thank you!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A polite reminder please that the cost of a school meal is £2.30 which is payable in advance please on a Monday. Any outstanding amounts should be settled via your School Gateway account at www.schoolgateway.com. The menu can also be viewed online, thank you.

You may have read a very moving article in the Bury Free Press last week, relating to one of our parents Amanda Clark (mum of Tyler in Year 1). She has asked us if we would share the link to the article, which we are more than happy to do. Our thoughts go out to Amanda and her family at such a difficult time. <https://www.suffolknews.co.uk/bury-st-edmunds/news/mother-of-three-with-terminal-cancer-fundraising-for-trip-to-9195506/>

Amanda also wanted to let you know about her fundraising page, if you would like to support it, thank you. https://www.facebook.com/donate/504194884265074/?fundraiser_source=external_url

Shout out for any plastic bottle tops please....keep them coming in!

Thank you for all those we have received so far! Can everyone keep saving their bottle tops please for a whole school art project later in the summer term. A range of colours are needed alongside the usual blue and green milk plastic bottle lids. We will keep a blue bucket outside the main reception office entrance every day for them to be placed in. If we collect enough, a fabulous piece of art will be created... Thank you so much!

NHS Retirement Fellowship Competition

You may have seen an email to you last week as we are currently running a competition in school to support the Suffolk West Branch of the NHS Retirement Fellowship, which supports retired NHS and social care staff and their partners. This is part of a Lottery Funded Heritage School Project which aims to develop children's understanding of health & primary care and the importance of the NHS and how it has developed over time.

We are running a **colouring competition for Nursery, Reception, YR1 and YR2**—Copies are available in class if your child would like to enter. They should ask their class teacher/TA. Our Year 6 pupils did the drawings for our colouring competition!

Plus, an **NHS Quiz for Year 3, 4 & 5**. Copies of the Quiz are also available in class if your child would like to enter.

Please return your competition *entries to school by Tuesday 9th June* latest so that the winners can be selected for each year group and prizes given out!



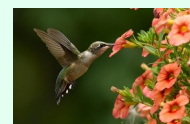
HEROES Royal Mail Stamp Design Competition

We have already received some fantastic entries, thank you! If your child would like to enter the 'Heroes Stamp Design Competition' to honour the key worker & volunteer heroes of the Coronavirus pandemic you can still collect an entry form from class, just please make sure your finished design is **clearly named, with your class on and returned to us by the deadline, Friday 21st May 2021!**

For all the budding photographers out there!

Photography Competition - Closing date 31st October 2021

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust—Suffolk's only photography competition with three dedicated Young People's categories. Enter up to 3 photos for free. £500 worth of prizes...You can find more details about how to enter at: Suffolkwildlifetrust.org/photography-competition-2021



Year 6 It was great to see all the children in their pyjamas today, and for such a great cause too! In Maths this week we have been really impressed with how well the children have done with interpreting and drawing pie charts. In English, we look forward to reading the children's next chapters based on '*Letters from the Lighthouse*' which they have begun planning this week. In Music, the children enjoyed listening to various versions of '*You'll Never Walk Alone*', and discussed the similarities and differences.

Homework this week:

Reading Poetry - pg 8 - 13- due Monday 17th May

Maths – Arithmetic pg 45 - 51 due Wednesday 19th May

Reasoning pg 38 - 44 due Wednesday 19th May

For this week's additional homework, we would like the children to produce a piece of artwork inspired by nature from the world around them. This can be completed in a medium of their choice: paint, sketching, collage, digital artwork completed on the computer. Due: Friday 21st May

Enjoy your weekend,

The Year 6 Team

Year 5 We have had an exciting week in Year 5! The children have been linking our Science lesson about the life cycle of an amphibian with our real Year 5 tadpoles! We will keep our ten tadpoles in our year group until we release them into a pond. The children are very excited to be able to witness the tadpoles grow and change before their very eyes! They have also enjoyed guiding a Lego figure around a map in French!

Next week our Science lesson will focus on the life cycle of a bird. We will continue with the vocabulary of giving directions in French. In History we will find out more about Catherwood and Stephens, the Victorian explorers who discovered Mayan artefacts, and what we can learn from them. Having finished weaving our llama saddles, the children will now plan a string printed pattern of a Mayan hieroglyph. In PSHE the media perception of body image will be discussed.

We are impressed with the quality of Mayan temple buildings being made as part of home learning, keep up the good work!

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 Team

Year 4 The children have produced some lovely little books full of the kennings that they have written this week and we are incredibly proud of them. These will be kept in each class so that the children can share them with each other over the coming weeks but we are sure that they will want to share them at home too. English will be based upon a short, silent film clip over the next two weeks and we will be encouraging the children to use their imagination. In maths, we will be investigating angles in 2D shapes so feel free to brush up on their names over the weekend! Science was very informative this week where the children were free to explore circuit components after discussing the safety of electricity. Next week we will be looking at the symbols of equipment and what makes a complete circuit. The conversations we are having in PSHE about taking risks but staying safe have been brilliant! Our year group really do think outside the box!

Have a fab weekend!

Year 4 Team

Year 3 The children worked very co-operatively in groups to carry out their science investigations. They recorded their findings carefully and made observations about the different types of rocks. Next week, in Science, the children will be investigating fossils. In History, they will be learning about the Bronze Age and how bronze is made. This will link to the Art work where we will be making bronze age beakers from clay. In PSHE, the children will continue to learn about healthy lifestyles.

Please continue to help your child tell the time as it is really beneficial if they have regular practice. Please also keep practising spellings and times tables. A few minutes each day is much better than half an hour once/twice a week.

Have a great weekend

The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 In Maths this week we revisited calculation strategies for addition and subtraction. The easiest way is to use physical objects like plastic tens and ones blocks, progressing to drawing tens and ones and adding/taking away. If children can do this accurately we move to partitioning, where we add the tens and ones from each 2-digit number mentally. We have been really impressed by how much the children remembered from the Autumn term and how much progress they've made since then.

In English the children have been learning about fact files. They looked at real-life examples to see features like headings, labels and fact boxes. They are ending the week by writing their own minibeast fact file – we look forward to reading them!

In our topic work we learned about microhabitats. These are small areas which are well-suited to minibeasts such as clumps of grass or under logs. We then built our own bug hotels, which the children were very excited about – hopefully they'll get some bug visitors soon!

Have a great weekend
Year 2 Team

Year 1 It was lovely to see all of the children in their pyjamas today, having lots of fun and raising money for a great cause.

In English we have been finding out all about Meerkats, in preparation for the story 'Meerkat Mail' next week. We have started work on fractions of an object in Maths and next week will be working out fractions of a quantity. The children all brought their beans home this week, we would love to see any pictures of beans that the plants produce.

In Art the children enjoyed studying the artist Paul Klee, producing their own version of his painting 'The Head' using warm coloured crayons and brush. Next week we will be creating our own 'Pop Art'. Good luck if you decide to enter the colouring competitions, we look forward to receiving the entries!

Have a lovely weekend,
The Year 1 Team

Reception This week marked the end of Ramadan with the festival of Eid. We learnt about Ramadan and how this was ended with celebration, Eid. An important part of this religious festival is to reflect on your actions and to undertake good deeds. These can be seen in many forms and this week we have discussed/written about and seen the children complete many good deeds. These have included, picking up litter and putting it in the bin, helping our friends when they have been hurt and smiling at people. Next week we are thinking about what pet we would like and why? Thank you to those of you that have sent in pictures of your/others pets, please keep sending them in! These will be lovely to share.

Have a wonderful weekend,
The Reception Team

Nursery We have had a brilliant week in Nursery focussing on many different activities around our mini beast topic.

We have had fun exploring in green slime, spaghetti and gloop! We strengthened our muscles making spin art snails, decorated pebbles to look like mini beasts, made bug hats and little split pin ladybirds with lots of spots on.

Thank you so much to Rose's Grandma for bringing in some tadpoles for us so we can watch their wonderful transformation into frogs, we will keep you updated on how they are growing!

Our caterpillars are finally in their chrysalises and we cannot wait to see some beautiful butterflies soon!

It has been wonderful to be able to climb on our clamber stack in our outdoor area. Everyone has been fantastic at listening to our rules and had great fun climbing!

Thank you so much for putting the children's favourite stories on tapestry. We have absolutely loved sharing everyone's favourite stories and it has really encouraged the children to talk more about stories and their love of books. It was great to see everyone in their pyjamas today too and we enjoyed a bedtime story!

Next week we are going to continue with our mini beast theme focussing on the stories 'What the ladybird heard' and 'Superworm'. We cannot wait to explore our secret garden looking for mini beasts and making special mini beast homes!

Have a fantastic weekend
The Nursery Team