



## SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

Welcome back after the Easter Break!

It has been lovely to see the children returning to school refreshed and full of enthusiasm after the holidays. We are pleased to see the children enjoying the spring weather and the school field during play times and PE lessons which is now fully open again after re-turfing following the outside works.

May we please remind you *not* to let your children play or climb on any of the outside play equipment during pick up and drop off and that your child must remain close by at all times, thank you.

You may have seen our earlier email this week regarding the school website which was showing 'page not available' due to a technical IT issue during the changeover last week. At the time of writing the problem now seems to have been resolved and the website is up and running again!

I visited all the classes this morning to hand out achievement Certificates and am pleased to see children doing well in such a broad range of subjects. The classroom walls are brimming with examples of great work and there are a lot of smiling faces!

Take care and have a lovely weekend

Peter Dewhurst & all the team at Sebert Wood

### SIMS PARENT APP

Thank you to those of you who have already accepted our invitation and downloaded the new SIMS Parent App. This will be essential for updating your details and your child's data held by the school.

If you haven't already accepted the invitation, please do check your emails and contact us if you need this to be re-sent to you, many thanks.

An important reminder for everyone that in school we encourage healthy eating and here are some guidelines to help you with the content of packed lunches. These have been established for the benefit and safety of all children and follow government advice:

- Some children at school have serious **nut allergies**. Please do not include NUTS or any items that may contain NUT PRODUCTS (eg peanut butter, nut/cereal bars) in your child's lunch box.
- Please note this also includes **chocolate spread & Nutella** which must not be included in sandwiches please
- Sweets, including chocolate bars should not be included as part of a packed lunch (a single chocolate covered wafer/biscuit is fine) Water or still drink only please. No fizzy drinks, glass containers or hot drinks.

SENDIASS Early Years to School Transition Event for Parents Early Years to School Transition 27 April 2021 - 10.00-11:30

Parents and carers helped coproduce the session which aims to help families with the transition from an early years setting to primary school. The session will be supported by a member of the Early Years and Childcare team and will explore what kind of information is helpful to find out from, and share with, school, ideas to help prepare for the start of term and considerations for children with SEND. [Register for a place following the link below:](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-years-to-school-transition-tickets-148012458247)

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A reminder for those of you who may be shopping on Amazon and wish to support **FOSWS** through your purchasing using **smile.amazon.co.uk**. You can sign up online via your laptop and enable smile on all your devices via the Amazon app, then select *Friends Of Sebert Wood School PTA* as your charitable cause. Full details are attached on how to set up smile.amazon.



This could help hugely with FOSWS fundraising efforts this year, thank you so much!



Here you can find latest information regarding local clubs and events  
(full details attached)

- ♦ Woodland Ways Newsletter & Work Party dates
- ♦ Raring2go Spring digital magazine <http://bit.ly/Raring2goSuffolkSpring21>
- ♦ Cockfield Netball Club—Juniors Sunday 10.00-11.30am Culford School

**Year 6** We have been really impressed with the way the children have returned to school after the Easter break. We can't believe it is their final term at Sebert Wood!

This week we have begun our World War 2 topic; the children have already demonstrated a good level of background knowledge and are enthusiastic to learn more. We have started reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll in English, which we will use as inspiration for our writing this term. In History, we have looked at the prominent world leaders during the war, and in Science we began our unit on the human body.

The children have made a great start with their new homework books. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their homework in a timely manner. We are more than happy to assist the children with their homework if they are struggling, they just need to make us aware of this themselves before the homework deadline.

**Homework:**

Reading Non-Fiction – Frozen Escapes pg 2 – 11 due Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Maths – Arithmetic pg 12 – 16 due Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Reasoning pg 11 – 14 due Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Additionally, we have asked the children to produce a WW2 inspired model. For example, an Anderson shelter, gas mask, tank, airplane etc. The children have two weeks to complete this and completed models should be brought into school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April please.

The winners of the Team Points for last term were 'Scott'. Children in Scott Team may come to school in suitable non-uniform next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup>).

Next week, the children will be completing another set of past SATs papers. This will allow us to ascertain which topic we need to focus on over the coming term.

Finally, next Friday we have a video call in school with members of staff from Sybil Andrews to begin discussing transition for those children going there.

Have a great weekend,

The Year 6 Team

**Year 5** We hope you had a good Easter. It's great to be back after the Easter break and the children are looking forward to our new topics.

Next week we will be learning about the reproduction of plants in Science. We will finish our French lessons on food looking at how healthy our packed lunches and school dinners are. Our History lesson will focus on the Mayan gods and their religious beliefs. We will be learning about weaving, a Mayan craft and having a go ourselves! If you have any spare wool at home, which we could use for this, we would be grateful for donations. The thicker the wool and brighter the colour the better, thank you!

In Computing the children will be building a virtual representation of our school building using Inkscape. We will be learning about how Christians give thanks in our RE session.

As it's a new term, just a quick reminder that the children should bring their **instruments to school every Wednesday** and wear school **PE kit to school every Thursday**.

All team points have been counted and congratulations to 'Scott' who are this term's winners and have a non-uniform day next Friday.

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 team

**Year 4** Well that week whizzed by! The children have got off to a great start with learning about the relationship between fractions and decimals! We will continue with this in maths next week. In English our focus will continue to be on Newspaper Reports so the newly appointed journalists will be getting used to collecting facts and quotes. We are lucky and will be having Michelle Freeman in from Crafty Foxes/Bury in Bloom on Tuesday where we will be looking at collecting rainwater as part of our learning on the water cycle. Please send in 2 litre water bottles for this day, thank you.

This half term's homework sheets have all been sent home. Please encourage your child to be independent and collect any additional sheets that they might need.

Have a restful weekend!

Year 4 Team

**Year 3** The children have settled back into the school routine after the Easter Break. They have enjoyed making a start on our Stone Age Topic and investigating different types of rocks in Science. Next week in Science, the children will learn how different types of rocks are formed and go on a rock hunt to investigate whether they are natural or manmade. In History, the children will learn what early Stone Age people ate and how they hunted. In RE, the children will discuss what qualities are needed to be a good king. In PSHE, the children will continue the topic of Diverse Britain and discuss what liberty means. We hope you have a good weekend.  
The Year 3 Teaching Team

**Year 2** This week we began our new topic of Living Things - we will be learning about plants and minibeasts. We made models to show different parts of a plant and have been busy planting cress, sunflowers, runner beans and irises. We look forward to seeing what happens! In English this week we revisited some basic writing skills, and in Maths we are learning about measurement. Your child may have mentioned working in a group in the afternoons – this is one of the ways we are using catch-up funding and is nothing to worry about! We have looked at where we can help children with writing skills and many children will come out of lessons briefly to work with a TA on this. We will try to make sure children aren't missing the same lesson each week. A final request – if you have any empty egg boxes, please can you send them in for an upcoming craft project, thank you! Have a great weekend  
The Year 2 Team

**Year 1** Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break. The children were excited to be back in school and are beginning to settle into routine again. We had an exciting start to our new topic on dinosaurs and the children all really enjoyed 'Explorers' morning when they had the opportunity to 'become an archaeologist' searching for dinosaur bones in the compost, measure out the size of a dinosaur on the playground and solve the dinosaur clues. Next week, we will continue to focus on dinosaurs, looking at what they ate as carnivores and herbivores. In Maths we will be recapping on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Our science will focus on plants and growing and we will be planting bean seeds next week. In Art we have begun a new topic on portraits where we will be looking at the work of some famous artists as well as creating some of our own. Our PE day continues to be Wednesdays this term. Have a lovely weekend,  
The Year 1 Team.

**Reception** This week we have begun learning about castles, we talked about things we know and things we would like to know. Then we looked at non-fiction / information books to find out about the different parts of the castle. Next week we are going to talk about different people who live in the castle and the jobs they do. Such as, look after horses, cook the food, collect the water, make the fires, wash the clothes... The children will be learning about the past and the present, comparing life without electricity. Our focus story is George and the Dragon as it will be St David's Day. In maths we have begun thinking about amounts and numbers that are greater than, the same or more than. For instance, I am a number that is more than 5 but less than 10, what could it be? Look at a number line, which numbers are in between? We hope you have a nice weekend!

**Nursery** We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. This week it has been great to welcome so many new friends to nursery, they have all settled in so brilliantly and we are so very proud of all the children! We also welcomed Miss Simons to Nursery; she will be doing lunch club and every afternoon with us. Thank you for all the photos you have put on tapestry; the children have really enjoyed showing them to their friends. We opened our pet shop in our role-play area and the children have really enjoyed buying many different pets and taking them for walks around Nursery. We have talked about what we need to take care of our pets. Everyone is very excited we have four new pet fish. We have been taking it in turns to feed them; they are definitely one of the easiest pets to look after! Next week we will be adding a Vets into our pet shop so we can help our pets get better if they become poorly. Have a lovely weekend  
The Nursery Team