



SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

You will have no doubt heard that some local schools have cases of COVID and have had to shut down some pupil bubbles. This is of great concern and must be hugely challenging for those schools and their staff and so far we are fortunate we have not had to do the same.

I am very conscious not to tempt fate and am mindful we must stick to the Government guidelines and we therefore really appreciate your ongoing support with the social distancing measures.

Some of you have asked why we are not insisting on face masks on site, as some other schools are doing?

We have considered this carefully and if cases continue to rise we may introduce this, but currently the guidance for this area remains that Primary Schools do not require mask wearing and the risk remains low outside of buildings. However, I reiterate that anyone who wishes to wear a mask on site is of course at liberty to do so.

Kindest regards, stay safe and well

Mr Peter Dewhurst

With COVID cases on the rise once again, may we please remind you that we are trying to minimise the office team and staff throughout the school handling items brought in from home.

Unless in essential circumstances, we are unable to accept items dropped off late *i.e. water bottles, PE kits, bags, gloves, books & instruments etc. Many thanks.*

Just a reminder that with the change in weather, it is really important that your child always brings a **CHANGE OF SHOES** to wear in school after their PE lesson and a bag to put their PE trainers in. This avoids muddy and wet shoes being worn in the classroom. Many thanks.

NOTABLE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Even under the strange circumstances we currently find ourselves in, children at Sebert Wood are still taking part in some of their usual hobbies and activities, albeit many slightly adapted due to Covid. Below is one great example, so if your children have any achievements or hobbies outside of school that we can celebrate, please email admin@sebertwood.co.uk and they may be included here in the weekly update.

Just before the Summer Holidays, Joshua Foreman (Class 14) auditioned via video link for the Suffolk Young Strings on his violin. This was a very strange way to audition but Josh was successful in gaining a place for the 2020-2021 season. Suffolk Young Strings is a County ensemble (string orchestra) for players under the age of 16 who are of Grade 4 + standard. All being well, he has a rehearsal day in October half term, followed by other courses at Christmas, Easter (a residential course) and in the summer. Usually this involves performances in prestigious venues like Snape Maltings, but in the current climate, we will just have to wait and see with our fingers crossed! Well done Joshua!

HALF TERM Week—Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October.

Note Staff PD day — school not open to pupils next Friday 23rd October 2020.

Please find to follow, the digital link for my Raring2go! Autumn / Winter Magazine:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/westsuffolk/autumn/>

The magazine is full of ideas for the half term holidays, featuring holiday camps, days outs and Autumn activities.

Year 6 We can't believe next week is the last before the half term break – time has flown by! It has been great to speak with many of you during our 'Parent Catch Up' phone calls this week; if you have not yet received a phone call, these will continue next week. We have found that it is not always possible for you to answer when we call, so, if you have a preferred day or time to be contacted, please do let us know via a note in your child's planner and we will endeavour to contact you then.

This week in English, the children have enjoyed writing their newspaper reports about the 'Battle of Marathon' and in Maths we have been looking at both short and long division methods – why not see if your child can explain these to you! In Science, the children had a great time creating their burglar alarm devices; it was brilliant to see how they persevered when their circuits were not working and how they worked well together to fix them. The children shared their E-safety videos, PowerPoints and quizzes in Computing, which were both entertaining and informative, and conveyed many useful tips for staying safe online.

Have a lovely weekend

YEAR 6 Team

Year 5 The children have worked really hard this week; we can't believe it's nearly half term! Unable to carry out our Science investigation this week, due to the lack of sun, we checked that the children understood the concept it was meant to demonstrate and had a useful discussion about how even real scientists hit obstacles in their research!

Just a reminder that we have a four-day week next week, Friday (23rd) is PD Day. We have enjoyed our phone calls in lieu of a face-to-face parents' consultation about how your child has settled back into school since the beginning of term. If we haven't contacted you yet, we will be making further phone calls next week.

In Maths we will be concentrating on multiplication and division for the next couple of weeks. Please could you ensure that your child is learning and revising their times tables, as quick recall of the facts will really help with the work that is coming up. In History we will consider the effect the Industrial Revolution had on people in different occupations in Victorian times. We will practise drawing Victorian gas lamps in Art.

Just a couple of quick reminders: Further details on both of these will be sent out in the next few days. Week beginning 2nd November is **Bikeability** week & Tuesday 10th November is our trip to **Gressenhall**.

Have a lovely weekend, YEAR 5 team

Year 4 We have really enjoyed having the opportunity to talk to parents during our phone calls, we have found them useful and we hope you have too. We will still continue these during next week.

Next week we are going to complete our Science work on 'States of matter' by looking at condensation. The children will also need to put all their new knowledge to a good use on Monday afternoon! The children will also be completing our topic of Italy by looking at tourism and trade.

We know quite a few children are playing Roblox at home. Please see this link on playing it safely:

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/?qclid=EAAlQobChMlj5m74Yy27AIVi9_tCh3ufQFcEAAYASAAEglvSvD_BwE

Enjoy your weekend!

Year 4 Team

Year 3 This week the children really enjoyed being Scientists and investigating how the height of shadows changed depending on how far away the light source was. They worked really sensibly in their groups to set the experiment up and then plotted their findings on a line graph.

Next week the children will be painting their Scarab beetles. In Science they will be finding out how light travels and then completing a quiz to demonstrate their knowledge of the topic.

In History the children will be researching an Egyptian topic of their choice and then making a fact page to display their findings.

In French the children will be playing some French games to expand their vocabulary.

Thank you for all of the amazing Egyptian homework you have sent in so far! We have really enjoyed looking at it all with the children. A new home learning menu will be sent out on the first day back after half term.

It has been good to catch up with some of you this week via your phone call, we are looking forward to speaking to the rest of you next week.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 On Monday we had a great drama session imagining a story based on [this](#) short film. We had some very imaginative ideas and adventures! We have used this as the basis for a story – why not ask your child what happened in their underwater adventure?

Next week we will look at sea-related poetry. We will have a go at making shape poems, then use rhyming words to make a whole-class poem. In Maths we will continue our learning on Number Bonds to 20, look at number families and try Number Bonds to 100!

We have honed our clay skills by sculpting clay fish. The children will paint these next week, along with their tiles – they are excited about bringing them home to show you.

Finally – please remember to send a spare pair of shoes on PE day (Tuesday) as the field is very muddy.

Thank you! Have a good weekend,
The Year 2 Team

Year 1 We have had a busy week thinking about poetry and rhyme. We have introduced number bonds to 10 and been doing practical addition activities as well as using the appropriate symbols.

Next week we are having a geography focus and will be exploring and discussing our local area and using this as a basis for a wide range of learning opportunities. Please do ensure your child has a coat in school all week as we will be going on a walk around the local area at some point during the week, weather permitting!

In maths we will be continuing our work on number bonds, thinking about numbers within 10.

We hope you have found our parents evening phone calls useful and if you are yet to receive a call these will be continuing over the next week. If you have any questions please do email the school and we are happy to give you a call or speak to us at the end of the day.

Have a great weekend,
Year 1 Team.

Nursery The children have all enjoyed pretending to be the Three Bears and Goldilocks walking through our forest and playing in our Three Bears cottage this week. It has been fun using different voices for the Bears and acting out the story. We used the instruments to re tell the story making loud sounds for Daddy Bear, medium sounds for Mummy Bear and soft quiet sounds for Baby Bear.

Next week we will be following the children's interests creating a hairdressers and turning our forest into dinosaur land focussing on the story 'How to grow a dinosaur'. We will plant our own seeds and grow our own Dinosaur garden! Beware there may be some Dinosaur footprints as you come into nursery and they may be hiding for us to find.

Thank you so much for your lovely Autumn photos we have displayed them in nursery! Outside we have found many Autumn leaves to paint and Mrs Dade has kindly given us lots of conkers so we can roll them in paint.

Have a wonderful weekend
The Nursery Team

Reception This week we continued with the Autumn theme, reading 'The Scarecrows Wedding' and 'Leafman'. Rainbow Class have been making pictures using leaves and Sunshine Class have created some leaf sun-catchers. We all made hedgehogs using clay and sticks, thinking carefully about their shape and how they look.

Next week we are moving onto another story.. 'Room on the Broom'. We will have a Witches kitchen as our role play area and use lots of themed resources to make potions!

The book activities being sent home will happen on a weekly basis. Please send these back on the day stated in your child's orange book log. When playing the game at home please make any notes in this reading log as we love to see who the children have played the games with at home.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Reception Team