



SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

Dear Parents/Carers,

This time last year I don't think any of us expected that we would still be living under restrictions and that yet another summer term would be disrupted by the Covid pandemic. We now know that the government are delaying the lifting of restrictions until 19th July, and so we shall have to continue with our current system of year group bubbles, hygiene and ventilation measures, social distancing and staggered drop off and pick-ups etc. Face coverings will continue to be worn around the school site and in school staff use them where social distancing is not possible and also take lateral flow tests twice a week.

SPORTS DAYS AND ACTIVITY TRAIL UPDATE:

Sadly the new variant and the subsequent delay to the lifting of restrictions has led to implications for some of the events and activities we had previously anticipated parents and carers could attend after 21st June.

Due to the continued restrictions on numbers outside we will now no longer be able to have parents attending events such as the Adventure Trail and Sports Days.

The limit of groups of 30 adults outside severely limits the logistics for organising a successful and enjoyable event.

Everyone here is disappointed about this because we know how important it is for you to support your children at such events. We will of course share photographs of the events on our Twitter feed, which also appears on our website.

SUSPECTED CASES:

The guidance for suspected or confirmed cases of Coronavirus remains as follows: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please inform the school as soon as possible so we can take the necessary steps. It is now advised that all members of the household should be tested using a PCR test if there is a confirmed case. This is important because of the risk of asymptomatic cases.

By following the existing guidance and taking a cautious approach we hope this will limit the number of cases that may arise so that we do not have to shut down bubbles, resulting in children missing an important part of the school year, or families having to isolate during the summer holidays.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Have a great weekend

Peter Dewhurst & everyone at Sebert Wood

Reports and pupil transition to their new year groups/schools...

Pupils will find out about their new class teacher when the annual reports go home on the 9th July. Optional phone consultation will be offered following this.

Due to extended restrictions, we are currently awaiting news from the Secondary schools about how the YR6 transition days will be adapted. This may have a knock on effect for in-school transition days planned for the 13th & 14th July, so please watch this space.

A note regarding absence:

If you are leaving an absence message, may we please ask you to leave as full details as possible including specific details of why your child is absent including their symptoms/illness, particularly during the current time. It also saves a further call to you where clarification may be needed for the absence, thank you.

SEBERT WOOD SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

Commencing Monday 19th July through to Friday 27th August for Reception—YR6

A fun packed mixture of activities on the school field and also using the UKS2 studio

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 9am—3pm Rugbytots, Multi-Sports Activity Camp

Every Friday 9am—3pm Reece Coaching, Football, Dodgeball and Rounders, Multi-Sports Camp

Please see full details attached and booking information

BOOKING IS NOW OPEN!

BOTTLE TOP ART PROJECT!

Some children have already begun work on the wonderful bottle top art project—and every child will have the opportunity to add a couple of bottle tops to the finished piece of artwork!

We now just require a few more GREEN and RED BOTTLE TOPS if you have any?

Thank you so much, your support has been brilliant. It has been a super community project and we are hopefully planning our next one!

WHAT CHILDREN DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...

We're very proud of Annie B (Class 2 YR1) and Oliver B (Class 12 YR5) who are trying to raise £500 to help pay for some special sensory equipment for Stanton Vale school. They will be running 200 miles over July! Well done to both of you, and how wonderful to take on the challenge and support a local charity at this time.

Sou B (Class 13 YR6) has recently been named in the list of Suffolk's 30 inspiring Young people under 30's by the East Anglian Daily Times. Well done Sou on all your singing success so far!

ADVENTURE TRAIL YR1-YR6

Next Friday 25th June

Pupils to come in to school wearing their PE kits please

YEAR GROUP WEEKLY UPDATES

Year 6 We have been so impressed with the children this week: they completed their final set of mock SAT papers and we have seen some fantastic progress since September. Additionally, the children were very mature during the RSE talks this week.

Next week is our WW2 week. Here are a few reminders:

- P.E kit to be worn as usual on Monday – no costume
- At least 2 socks (these do not have to be a pair) to be brought in Monday in order to make a Sock Monkey for Make Do and Mend.
- Please ensure that any food allergies are up-to-date with the school office so we are aware when giving the children the opportunity to taste test foods that would be eaten during the period of rationing.
- As Friday the children will be taking part in the 'Adventure Trail', they may either come into school in school P.E kit, or in WW2 costume suitable for running in. Trainers will certainly be needed in school for this.

Thank you to those who have sent in materials to be utilised for collage; anymore that are sent in on Monday will be much appreciated.

Story Sack project: This week we introduced a project to the children that they will be completing on the week commencing 28th June, in their arranged groups. This involves each group preparing a story sack for a younger cohort. Each group has planned what their sack will include, and have written a list of resources that they hope to source outside of school – many of the groups have managed to utilise all of the materials available in school. Any materials being sourced independently, should be brought into school on Monday 28th June. Please speak to your child about their plans. Many thanks, we appreciate your support with this.

Leavers Hoodies: Despite arriving on the hottest day of the year, the children have enjoyed wearing their leaver's hoodies this week! A reminder that these do not replace usual school uniform jumpers, but can be worn to and from school and during break times.

Homework: As the children have been working so hard on their SAT papers this week, we will not set any homework for this week.

Have a restful weekend,

The Year 6 Team

Year 5 It's been a very hot week in the classroom, but the children have coped really well completing some of the end of year assessment tests. They have also presented their talks and PowerPoints to the class comparing life cycles, which demonstrates how much they have learnt and retained.

Next week our Science lesson will focus on the human life cycle. In Geography, the children will learn about how volcanoes are created. Some of the volcano models made for homework have been very impressive, we will take them into the playground soon to erupt them! In French we will learn the vocabulary of the different rooms of the house. The DT lesson will involve the children designing packaging for chocolate, using what they evaluated last week. Continuing our theme of the Jewish religion, we will be reading holy stories from The Torah.

Just a quick reminder that music has changed (just for next week) from Wednesday to Monday 21st June (1 week only). All instruments will be needed in school on Monday next week, thank you.

Next Friday 25th June is the Adventure Trail in the afternoon, therefore the children should come in to school on both Thursday and Friday please in their PE kits.

Happy Father's Day to all of the Dads and have a great weekend!

Year 5 team

Year 4 Well, we've managed to survive the heat so far and have made sure that we have all stayed well hydrated. Another well done is deserved to all those children wearing hats and putting on sun cream.

At the start of next week, we will be recapping different maths areas that have been covered over the year and we will be checking to see what has been remembered later on. Now would be a very good time to do the extra maths homework or go on Mathletics! In English we will continue with the poem of 'Beowulf' and we will complete our learning on electricity in Science. The children really loved playing cricket in PE this week and will continue to learn more skills from Mr Sturgeon over the coming weeks. The children will be using their map knowledge for history as they will be looking at where the Vikings came from and places in England that they named. Eric Carle is still inspiring us in art as we will begin to create a Viking long ship using his collage style.

Please remember to send back any information you have gathered using your rain gauge!

Have a fun weekend (especially to all the dads/grandads)

Year 4 Team

Year 3 This week, the children have been thinking about selfless acts of kindness. They all wrote down three things they plan to do – mostly, about helping you at home – so hopefully you will notice them being even more helpful than usual.

The children have enjoyed exploring soil samples. They got very messy whilst seeing if the soil could be made into a ball or a ribbon. Maybe they can explain to you what this tells us about the soil.

Next week, we will start a new Geography unit on the local environment. We will be taking the children (one class at a time) to walk around Lawson Place to see what shops and facilities are there. The children will use the information to draw their own map and create a survey over the next few weeks. Unless it is torrential rain, we intend to walk there on Monday morning (21st June) so please send your child with a waterproof coat, thank you.

In RE, the children will continue to learn about Hinduism. In French, they will learn food-related vocabulary. In PSHE, the children will be thinking about how they use their leisure time and making a food diary.

During week commencing 5th July, we will be covering a Relationships and Sex Education unit. Please look out for a separate email which will explain the details of this to you.

Have a good weekend

The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 In our topic work this week we have continued to learn about castles. On Monday we looked at defences like battlements, arrowlit windows and barbicans. On Wednesday we learned about different rooms in the castle, such as the great hall, dormitory, guardroom and cellar. The children worked in groups to make their own pictures of the inside of a keep – they look great on the classroom walls!

In PE we are practicing skills ready for our upcoming Sports Day.

In English we watched a short film about a Tiny Crusader, then wrote a story about what happens next. The children have done a great job of demonstrating what they've learned this year about grammar, vocabulary and punctuation. In Maths we made clocks using paper plates, and have used this to practice telling the time to the nearest five minutes. Thanks to those who have sent in supplies for our junk modelling – we are still collecting pots/tubes/boxes etc if you have any more.

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 1 We have finished our work on 'Handa's Surprise' this week by using all of the skills we have gained over the last two weeks to write our own retelling. Next week we will be working on the story 'Peace at last'.

In Maths we will be working on money and coin recognition. If you have any coins at home the children may enjoy sorting them, finding out how much they are worth and seeing if they have enough money to buy something in the shop!

We have a very exciting Tuesday afternoon as the children will be enjoying a rickshaw ride around the playground and as part of our history topic Mr Dewhurst is coming to visit us to answer the children's questions about the toys he played with as a child.

On Wednesday to culminate our Design and Technology topic the children will be making their own fruit salad. Please do let us know if your child has any allergies, thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year One Team

Reception This week we carried on with our trio of 'Oliver's' books and read Oliver's Vegetables. We have been using this book as a focus for maths, discussing the amount of vegetables on pages and how ingredients can be doubled to make 2 portions of food.

With Father's Day on Sunday we have been focusing on dads this week and have made our own Father's Day cards. The children also completed an independent writing task, writing about something that their dads are good at. We have been so impressed with the hard work they put into this task.

Next week we are reading Supertato and creating our own super veg! The evil pea is going to be about and causing mischief, keep an eye on Tapestry to see what he is up to.. !!

We hope you have a lovely weekend

The Reception Team

Nursery This week we have explored further our 'under the sea' theme by incorporating how we can keep our beaches and oceans clean by recycling. Thank you to all of you that brought in bottles for us this week, we have been able to use these to make lots of sea creatures and we have put them up on our ocean display! We have also made jellyfish from bottles and bubble wrap, whales from plastic cups and octopus from toilet roll tubes!

We read a lovely book called 'Harry Saves The Ocean' which shows that if we work together we can make a difference. The children have done really well at using the recycling tub at Nursery and know which bins are for recycling at home too! They have also made us some yummy fish and chips in the role-play area, which they have really enjoyed. The hot weather has meant that we have had lots of fun outside as well; playing on the climbing frame and enjoying lots of water play.

We hope you all have a Fin-tastic Father's Day on Sunday and love the cards that the children made for you. Next week we will carry on our theme of the sea, by focusing on the seaside and holidays.

Have a lovely weekend

The Nursery Team