



## SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

We are pleased to have had another busy and active week in school with the children full of enthusiasm, while still settling in to their new routines. Even with the warmer spring weather, we are aware that with the 'window open govt. guidelines' some children may be feeling the cold and wish to wear an additional fleece/jumper/cardigan in class.

May we remind parents that children should be supervised at all times in the playground and for everyone's safety SHOULD NOT be climbing on any structures outside, thank you.

A **National Day of Reflection** is being held next Tuesday 23rd March to mark a year from the first day we went in to National Lockdown. Class teachers will decide how best to approach this and reflect on the past year with the children in a sensitive and appropriate way.

We do hope the children enjoyed wearing their red noses today and enjoy Comic Relief!

Have a great weekend,  
Peter Dewhurst & all the team at Sebert Wood

Please can only one parent/carer collect and drop off their children. May we also remind parents that even if the gates may be open, if your child arrives more than 15 minutes past their bubble start time unfortunately they will be marked as an unauthorised late.

### **Below is reminder of the bubble start times:**

Rainbow & Sunshine 8.50am  
Class 3 & 4 (YR1) 8.45am  
Class 5 & 6 (YR2) 8.50am  
Class 7 & 8 (YR3) 8.40am  
Class 9 & 10 (YR4) 8.40am  
Class 11 & 12 (YR5) 8.55am  
Class 13 & 14 (YR6) 9.05am

Please telephone the school or email any absences to admin@sebertwood.co.uk (and not year group emails, thank you)

Bookings for Breakfast and After School club are now live on the School Gateway for the Summer term up to half-term, starting after the Easter holidays.

Please log into [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) to make your bookings.

Please remember that all sessions need to be paid for at the time of booking.

Should wish to pay with Childcare vouchers, please ensure these are transferred by Monday to allow for them to be added to the School Gateway in time for you to book.

Attached you will also find important details regarding the **Work Based Childcare Voucher Scheme** and **Government Childcare Scheme**. These vouchers can be used for additional childcare and extended schools i.e. Breakfast Club, Catkins and After School Club.

Hi everyone! My name is Lily, and I am 9 years old. I am really excited to walk 10,000 steps a day all through March to raise money to beat cancer. My dog, Alice will be helping me, and she can't wait to do this too! If you can donate some money, that would be really good. Even if you can't, if you could share my page, then that might mean someone who can donate sees this. Thank you! Lily ...

Lily is doing some fantastic work raising money for Cancer Research and we hope that some of you may be able to support her efforts by following the link to her fundraising page. She recently dressed up as a pirate and did her 10,000 steps walking around the town to raise awareness! Without any prompting she has also decided that every Saturday she will do a "Silly Saturday!" where she will do her steps in a silly way. Well done Lily for the thoughtful and very worthwhile fundraising you are doing.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/lilys-walk-all-over-cancer-fundraising-page-37>

**Year 6** It's been lovely to see the children settling back into their normal school routines over the past two weeks. We have really enjoyed learning about Philippe Petit and his courageous endeavours; this week we finished our newspaper reports and have written some fantastic descriptions of his time on the wire. In Maths, we have been recapping the topics covered at home during the lockdown period, with a focus on Algebra this week. It has been great to see how much the children have remembered and we have been able to challenge their understanding with extension activities. This will continue with Fractions, Decimals and Percentages next week.

Formal homework will recommence after the Easter break, with a view to prepare the children for their transition to secondary school – more details to follow soon. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home and access Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.

Have an enjoyable weekend  
Miss Woods and Mr Crew (Year 6 Team)

**Year 5** The children have worked really hard this week and we are proud of their efforts.

Next week in Geography, we will learn about Ordnance Survey map symbols and will be writing a postcard from Russia.

The children will be making their own PowerPoints in Computing and learning the French vocabulary to say whether they like food items or not. In English, we will be finishing our poetry writing.

Have a great weekend  
Year 5 Team

**Year 4** It has been so lovely having everyone back together again! We have eased the children in with our expectations for the amount of work we would like them to achieve. We appreciate that the children are excited to see each other and we have given them lots of opportunities to chat and catch up. However, we are needing to remind them about noise levels, taking turns to speak, using their manners and showing resilience when they find something difficult. If you could reinforce this at home, it would be very helpful, thank you.

Most children have really enjoyed looking at the Census in Maths and English this week and we're sure they will be reminding you to fill it in on Sunday! Next week in Maths we will be looking at fractions of amounts to complete our fractions topic. We will be completing our Geography topic by looking at contrasting biomes. Our Science session will bring the unit on sound to a close as well.

Look out for a 'Pop Art' gallery on our windows next week for the children to show off their Roy Lichtenstein style self-portraits for you to see at drop off and pick up times! Finally, a few people have asked us about homework. We have decided that there will be no set home learning until next term, but please continue to make use of TT Rockstars, Mathletics, Spelling Shed etc.

Have a good weekend  
Year 4 Team

**Year 3** The children really enjoyed making their rainforest animal masks. A lot of glitter and sequins were used!

Next week, in Science, the children will carry out an investigation to find out whether water is transported up the stem of a plant. In Geography, the children will learn about the consequences of rainforest deforestation. In Art, the children will use paint to create jungle scenes. In French, the children will be learning how to introduce others. In PSHE, the children will learn why we have rules and laws. They will also discuss the relationship between rights and responsibilities.

We are in need of some large glass jars (eg mayonnaise jars). *If you have any, please would you let us have them (cleaned & washed) for Monday, thank you!*

Have a good weekend.  
The Year 3 Teaching Team.

**Year 2** Welcome back! We are continuing our Zoo topic – this week we have learned about the basic needs of animals, and began to look at different habitats. In Maths we are learning about fractions, and in English we practised writing contractions (don't, couldn't, I'm, it's, etc.)  
We have also spent time talking to the children about how the return to school has been tricky. We've had lots of children who are tired, finding the crowds or noise hard, or who are worried. We have encouraged them all to talk to adults about how they feel – please ask your child what they've found tricky about coming back.  
Have a great weekend  
The Year 2 Team

**Year 1** What a great return to school we have had! The children have loved being back with their friends and we have been working hard to become settled in our class routines and remember our class rules.  
This week the children have really enjoyed the start of our Explorers topic. We have found out lots of interesting space facts and learnt about Neil Armstrong. Next week we will be learning about another explorer, Amelia Earhart.  
In maths next week we will focus on place value to 50. We will also enjoy some Easter activities and crafts.  
PE is still on a Wednesday afternoon, please send your child to school in their PE kit, unfortunately we are unable to lend spare clothes at this time.  
Please remember to bring your book bag into school every day so we can hear your child read and enclose any letters. Thank you.  
Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat so we can still enjoy outside playtimes while the weather is changeable.  
Thank you for your support, have a lovely weekend,

**Reception** This week we read the story of the Gingerbread Man and made little books. As a special treat we had a Gingerbread Man to eat! Now we are all back at school, we will start sending books home again, please can you bring a book bag every day.  
We have also begun learning about pairs, odds and even numbers. At home play with socks compare, size and patterns. Do you have an even number or an odd pair?  
Next week we are continuing to think about how things change in the Spring time. The children will talk about ways people celebrate Easter. Next weeks challenge will be how can we help Humpty Dumpty not fall off the wall?  
This week we recapped vowel digraphs ai and ee, next week it will be oa and igh.  
Just a reminder our school policy is that ONLY water can be in drinks bottles during the day. At lunch time children are allowed to have a different soft drink such as squash.  
We hope you have a lovely weekend and see lots of signs of Spring.

Reception Team

**Nursery** In Nursery this week, we have had a wonderful time focussing our activities around the story The Gingerbread man. Everyone demonstrated fantastic listening skills while making Gingerbread playdough and carefully followed the recipe to make Gingerbread men.

We hope your Gingerbread men did not run out of your oven when you cooked them at home!  
Next week we will be having lots of Easter fun!

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday  
Nursery Team