



## SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

It's been another busy week in and around the school. Some very thoughtful discussions have taken place during anti-bullying week. It has been wonderful to hand out so many awards and certificates to whole classes and individual children acknowledging their acts of kindness, being thoughtful and showing a real awareness of how important it is to be caring and respectful.

Thank you for your ongoing support as fencing has had to be moved outside to facilitate the building works. The final tarmac on the playground should be laid this week hopefully! A large hole is also due to be dug on the school field to allow for the new soak-away to be installed and then a mass re-turfing of the school field will follow—making sure it's ready for the children to play on and enjoy during the summer!

All the Staff and Cleaning Team continue to work extremely hard to ensure the school stays safe and thank you for wearing your face coverings on site and adhering to social distancing.

Again, huge thanks for your support of Children in Need and the fantastic £603.84 raised for the charity last Friday.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Peter Dewhurst & all the team at Sebert Wood

**IMPORTANT NOTE :** We are still receiving a number of absence messages simply stating 'unwell or not feeling well'.

It is important, particularly during COVID-19 that we receive a specific reason for your child's absence please and means we don't have to follow up with another call! Many thanks, SCHOOL OFFICE.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH Friday 18th December (& Christmas Jumper Day!)



You **MUST Pre-Order your child's Christmas meal by Sunday 29th November** via the school Gateway [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

Please only order one meal or you will be charged for two!

Christmas Turkey Meal

**OR**

Vegetarian Meal (Parsnip, Cheddar Cheese & Stuffing Roulade)

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Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with a Christmas cookie

*Please do ensure you complete the checkout or your order will not be saved!*

### A reminder for the Christmas **Luxury Hamper Raffle!**

Donations can be received **NEXT WEEK** only please and should be placed in the container outside your child's year group door. This will enable all items to be quarantined before FOSWS assemble these wonderful hampers. Items can include anything from *candles, tinsel, bottles, toiletries and small non-perishable food items (please can food be in date) etc.* thank you.

Each year group has a colour theme:

**Early Years (Nursery & Reception)** - Gold and Silver

**Year 1** - Green & Gold

**Year 2** - Blue & Silver

**Year 3** - Purple & Black

**Year 4** - Black & Gold

**Year 5** – Red and Green

**Year 6** – Red and Gold



You will have received raffle tickets via your child, but if you would like any **extra tickets**, please contact [Foswsteam@gmail.com](mailto:Foswsteam@gmail.com). ALL raffle tickets must be returned by Friday 4th December please.

The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 11th December at 3pm, in order for the hampers to be delivered to the lucky winners in time for Christmas!

Thank you for your support and Good Luck!

**Year 6** This week, the children have worked hard to complete their discussion texts in English. They had lots of compelling arguments both in support of and against their question. In Class 13, the question was '*Should 10 year olds be allowed to vote?*' and in Class 14 the question was '*Should children be allowed to use their phones in school?*' Next week, we will begin to look at persuasive writing. In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of addition and subtraction of fractions. In History, the children completed their group research projects; they enjoyed filming their finished videos and presenting their Power point presentations to the class.

Thank you to those children who have already brought in a cardboard cereal box for our Science project next week. Any remaining boxes can be brought in on Monday.

Well done to the handful of children who have been regularly using Spelling Shed to practise the words from the Year 5/6 spelling list – please continue to encourage your child to practise these in readiness for a spelling 'check' on the complete list in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

The Year 6 team

**Year 5** This week has seen the children plan a Scientific investigation based on forces. They are really looking forward to carrying them out next week!

In French we will be revising the vocabulary of school objects. Our History lesson will be examining the impact of railway building on Victorians. The children will be planning their own space games using 'Scratch' in computing. Having learnt to use watercolour paints this week, the children will be aiming to recreate one of JMW Turner's famous paintings. Anti-bullying will be the focus of our PHSE lesson and happiness will be the focus of RE.

Have a great weekend

Year 5 team

**Year 4** Next week sees us completing the story 'Mr Stink' in class. The children have had some great opportunities for writing and have been brimming with ideas! In maths we will be moving on from addition and subtraction to multiplying in 10's and 100's. In History, the children will be looking at what advanced changes the Romans brought to Britain.

We are also busy trying to plan a 'Romans Day' where the children will be able to come to school dressed as a Roman or Celt if they wish. This will be held within the first 2 weeks of December so you might like to start thinking of costumes now. More details will follow shortly.

Our French lesson will cover basic prepositions of objects that the children know. Our music lessons for the next couple of weeks will be centred on learning Makaton for our chosen Christmas songs and practising singing them outside.

Have a good weekend

Year 4 Team

**Year 3** This week, the children really enjoyed the Science investigation where they sorted materials into those which were magnetic and those which were not. Class 7 have completed their Canopic jars and they look really great. Class 8 will complete theirs next week.

Next week in Geography, the children will look at the human and physical features of the Nile Delta.

In Music, they will learn about rhythm and musical notation. In Science, they will carry out an investigation into magnet strength. In French, the children will learn how to say their age. In PSHE, the children have thought carefully about the different types of bullying and what to do if bullying occurs. Next week, they will discuss the reasons why bullying may occur.

Have a good weekend.

The Year 3 Teaching Team

**Year 2** In our topic work this week we learned about what the houses looked like during the Great Fire and how they differ from houses today. We made paper Tudor houses and made a model of London – the children loved seeing how the fire spread! We then used this to draw a map of the fire, using a key to put landmarks on.

In English we have been writing newspaper stories about the fire – the children are fast becoming experts! Next week we will be looking at reading comprehension, spelling and grammar.

In Maths we have learned how to count money in pounds and pence – we write this as “£10 and 50p”. Next week we will explore making amounts in different ways, and how to give change.

Have a great weekend!

The Year 2 Team

**Year 1** This week we have been enjoying working on our theme of Pets. The children have loved sharing information with each about pets they have at home or pets they know. We will be continuing our pet theme next week using the text 'Hairy Maclarey'. In maths we have now completed our first unit on addition and subtraction. Next week in maths our focus will be shapes. Maybe at home you could try to find spheres, cylinders, cubes, cuboids, pyramids and cones hidden around your house! Our Christmas Hamper this year is "Green and Gold". We would be most grateful for any contributions towards this which would need to be in next week between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of November. Thank you! Thank you so much for your donations to Children in Need, the children had a great day and were very proud of the amount we raised for this good cause.

The children have enjoyed wearing their odd socks and we have had lots of discussions about anti bullying week. They have particularly loved joining in with 'Andy and the Odd Socks'. We attach the link below if you would like to share it with them at home.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p57-Y2Iy9IY&feature=emb\\_rel\\_end](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p57-Y2Iy9IY&feature=emb_rel_end)

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 1 team.

**Reception** It has been a busy week! We have been learning about Diwali, the story behind this and the celebrations had by many families. The children have made Diya lamps with sequins to light up your homes and have been drawing around their hands to create Mehdi patterns. Sunshine and Rainbow class have been full of patterns and colour as children have been making Rangoli patterns out of different resources and materials.

This week was also anti-bullying week, which we called kindness week. Each day we have spoken about what actions are kind and what are unkind. The children have thought about this all week and it was reflected in their behaviour, with most being kind and helpful to their friends.

Next week we are learning about Thanksgiving. The children will be hearing the story and making turkeys from different media and materials. We feel very lucky to have a multi-cultural cohort that allows us to explore and celebrate different festivals and holidays.

We hope you have a great weekend

Reception Team

**Nursery** We are so proud of how kind, caring and thoughtful the children have been this week. We have produced a special kindness video to send to Risby Hall and Park Nursing Home, Davers Court Care Home and Hilltop House. Everyone has enjoyed taking part in creating some wonderful pictures, singing some nursery rhymes and our kindness song to bring a smile to their face.

We have made some heart shaped bird feeders for the birds and practised our cutting skills making a heart to send to someone we love.

Next week we will be focussing on lots of activities to strengthen our finger muscles and exploring 2D and 3D shapes creating a 3D shape shop.

Do not forget if your child would like Christmas lunch with us on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December everyone can join catkins with a packed lunch or an ordered Christmas meal. It will be lovely to share a special Christmas meal together. Please book and order if you would like a Christmas dinner ASAP.

We hope you have a great weekend

The Nursery Team