



SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

The Nursery bubble closure this week was an unwelcome reminder that although the situation is improving nationally, we are not totally clear just yet. Thank you for your understanding in this matter, as we fully appreciate this has caused some inconvenience and also some anxiety. We have to follow strict guidance and procedures for everyone's safety.

For those children in school, Staff have commented on how settled and calm the children seem this week and with the sunny weather this has added to the happy atmosphere.

With pupils in bubbles it has been a while since we gave out our 'Good Citizen Award'. However, this week we are delighted that we have been able to award it to Archie in Class 6 for being really helpful and looking after his bubble environment, cleaning and tidying without being asked. It was great to be able to award him his trophy whilst giving out many other pupil 'Star Awards' for their effort and hard work this week.

There was more excitement to end the week today as Mr Winch went to rescue of a baby squirrel who was found in the Early Years Garden. Many of the children were able to see the squirrel safely rescued and have even named it 'Buddy Nut! Rest assured, Buddy is now being looked after until he grows bigger in the safety of Mr Winch's woodland garden at home.

Enjoy the good weather this weekend and take care
Peter Dewhurst & all the team at Sebert Wood

SIMS PARENT APP

Please don't forget to update any changes to yours or your child's details i.e work telephone numbers on the SIMS Parent app and if you have a few moments, take a look at the permissions/consent section to check your preferences. If you have not yet downloaded the APP, please check your emails for your invitation to SIMS Parent and do contact us if you need this to be re-sent to you, many thanks.

What children do outside school....!

We are very pleased to hear that sisters, Katya (class 10) and Tanya (class 7) have been practising the martial art of Kuk Sool Won during lockdown via Zoom, and more recently been able to resume classes again. They have both worked really hard and this week have just been awarded their Blue Belts! Super well done to you both...keep it up!

Please email admin@sebertwood.co.uk if you would like to tell us about your achievements outside school!

Here you can find latest information regarding **LOCAL CLUBS & EVENTS (full details attached)**

- ◆ Nowton Youth Cricket Club (girls & boys) U9's & U11's Sundays 9.30am
Structured Training Sessions & Matches
- ◆ 'Schools Out' Activities & Summer Half Term Camps

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

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Year 6 What fantastic attitude the children have had this week towards completing another set of mock SAT papers. Not only this, it has been wonderful to see how enthusiastic they have been towards our new Second World War topic. Some children have already shared experiences from friends and/or family during this period. It would be great to hear any more stories and see any photographs you may have access to. Photos can be sent in to year6@sebertwood.co.uk ready to be shared with the classes.

Homework this week:

Reading Poetry – The Great Fire - pg 2 – due Monday 26th April

Maths – Arithmetic pg 26 – 32 due Wednesday 28th April

Reasoning pg 24 – 28 due Wednesday 28th April

We are also looking forward to seeing the children's finished WW2 inspired models on Friday 30th. We have enjoyed hearing all about the plans the children have made and cannot wait to see them in person.

Finally, the children enjoyed an informative video call with staff from Sybil Andrews, this afternoon, to begin discussing transition.

Have a great weekend,
The Year 6 Team

Year 5 We have had a busy week in Year 5 and the children are enjoying our new topics. Our new book in English 'Kensuke's Kingdom' is a hit with the children and they are looking forward to writing their own ship's log. Next week we will be learning about seed dispersal in Science and finding out about the Mayan number system in History. French will focus on the vocabulary of buildings in a town. In RE the children will learn about The Last Supper. The children have practised weaving and will begin to make a llama with a woven 'saddle'. We have enough wool now, thank you! The children have got to grips with the computer programme 'Sketch Up' and are looking forward to becoming designers. Thank you to the parent who provided architects' drawings and 3D video of a building he designed - it's great for the children to see real life examples. The homework that has been handed in is impressive, just a reminder that it should be in school by Wednesday every week.

Have a lovely weekend,
Year 5 team

Year 4 We think it's safe to say that the children really enjoyed our 'mystery' on Wednesday morning this week. They straight away turned into investigators and have used that knowledge to help them become thorough journalists. They will be putting their interview techniques into practice next week! Most children have been very pleased with their accomplishments in dividing by 10 to create decimals this week which sets a good basis for them to build on when working with hundredths next week. Our dates got into a complete muddle this week and the children are actually working with Bury in Bloom next Tuesday 27th. If you do have any *spare 2 litre bottles with straight sides*, they will still be appreciated and all children need to have an art shirt in school. Our topic of Anglo Saxons has got off to a good start and the children have used their prior knowledge on the Romans with their work this week and will continue this next week when comparing their homes in detail. We have had some good homework handed in this week, so please continue to support your child with choosing one piece to complete from the learning menu each week, alongside TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Mathletics.

Have a good weekend,
Year 4 Team

Year 3 The children really enjoyed their art lesson this week. We scratched our own pictures into clay and then painted them. The children worked really carefully and the results are excellent. Next week will be making woolly mammoths.

Next week in History, the children will learn how and why Stone Age houses changed throughout the era. In French, the children will learn how to say the letters of the alphabet. In Science, the children will be investigating the properties of rocks. They enjoyed exploring the school grounds this week for natural and manmade rocks and found many good examples of each.

In English, we will continue our work on the book 'Stone Age Boy'. The children have enjoyed finding out historic facts from it and have been able to think carefully about how to describe a character based on their appearance, actions and feelings.

Our spelling test will be on Tuesday next week instead of the usual Monday.

Have a lovely weekend

Year 3 Team

Year 2 In our topic work this week we looked at how dandelions disperse their seeds, and made some beautiful printed art to show what it looks like. We've had great fun learning some poetry in English and are now experts at measuring length and height!

In PSHE we've been thinking about how we change as we get older – the children had some great ideas of what they'd like to do when they are adults!

We will be practicing reading comprehension in English next week, and looking at words to describe position and movement in Maths.

Thank you for the egg boxes we've received – *if you have any more please send them in.*

Have a great weekend,

The Year 2 Team

Year 1 We've all enjoyed a busy and exciting start to the half term. The children are really engaged with our Dinosaur topic and have enjoyed discovering lots of facts about them. Next week we will be reading a fiction book called 'If I had a Dinosaur'.

We are beginning work on creating equal groups (first steps to multiplication) in maths. The children are really enjoying our science topic of plants and after planting beans on Tuesday we are excited to see them grow!

We are working hard on 'catch up' activities in school and would really appreciate your help with listening to child read *at least three times a week* please. Reading is a skill that is essential to support all areas of the curriculum and gives your child the opportunity to practise the phonics we are learning in the classroom. We find a little bit of extra practice at home really does make a difference in your child's reading. Thank you for your support.

Have a good weekend,

Year 1 Team

Reception This week we had a letter from King Arthur saying that he urgently needed our help! The servants had not done their jobs. It was freezing cold because the fire hadn't been lit, there wasn't any water because no one had gone to the well and he couldn't have eggs for breakfast because the chickens had escaped! The children had to write lists of jobs everyone needed to do.

Next week we are continuing to learn number bonds to 10. We have been using numicon, multi-link cubes and counters to teach this skill. Watch at home Jack Hartmann's songs on Youtube that teach about maths concepts, the children really love them. He does ones on Numbers Bonds and Subitising.

We hope you get to enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Reception Team