



SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

With Christmas fast approaching it has been lovely to see the children enjoying practising their class Christmas Song in the marquee outside. They are all looking forward to performing them for you to watch on video.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we move forward with the final stages of the drainage works and following safety COVID guidelines. The outside works are on schedule to be finished very soon and hopefully we will then have full use of the playground. The Atrium now has carpet! As always, I have been so impressed with the children, they have taken the works disruption and COVID restrictions all in their stride and adapted remarkably well.

Following the current Covid-19 National Guidance, we are ensuring that all areas in the school are well ventilated. This means that we are keeping more windows open. We appreciate that as the weather turns colder this means children will need to wrap up more and may be feeling cold in class. Please make sure your child has plenty of layers on *i.e. base layer, t-shirt or a vest* and you are welcome to provide them with an additional top such as a *plain fleece or jumper* if you wish to.

Take care and have a lovely weekend
Peter Dewhurst & all the team at Sebert Wood

WHAT CHILDREN DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL!

Nandita V recently sat her Grade 1 Piano Exam. Nandita is in Year 5 and has just heard that after all her hard work and practise she has received a Distinction in her first exam. She is understandably thrilled, well done!

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



PLEASE **Pre-Order your child's Christmas meal by this Sunday 29th November**

via the school Gateway www.schoolgateway.com.

Please do ensure you complete your order through to checkout or your order will not be saved!

This applies even if you are eligible for FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations we have received this week for this year's Christmas Hampers.

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!

If you would like any **extra tickets**, please contact Foswsteam@gmail.com.

ALL raffle tickets must be returned by next **Friday 4th December** please, thank you!



Year 6 Another busy week in Year 6: the children have made their periscopes today and had great fun testing them out. In English, both classes have been focussing on persuasive writing: Mr Crew's class have been writing persuasive adverts for the Ancient Greek Olympics, with Miss Woods's class continuing their work around their discussion 'Should 10 year olds have the right to vote?', by writing a persuasive letter. More work has been taking place around fractions in Maths, with a focus on multiplication and division. Again, it has been extremely encouraging to see how the children have been persevering during these lessons.

Next week, the children will be sitting another set of past SAT papers. We were incredibly impressed with how positively they approached this last half-term and it will be great to see how they have progressed after all their hard work since September.

The children have all been given lyrics for a Christmas surprise we are planning. Please encourage your child to learn these at home as we don't have many weeks left and only limited rehearsal slots, due to COVID restrictions!

On the topic of Christmas, in Year 6 we offer the children the opportunity to take part in our very own 'Secret Santa'. The maximum spend for those wishing to take part is £2.00. There are a few adjustments that will have to be made this year, but we are pleased to say that we are still able to carry this out. Your child will have brought home a permission slip today. This must be filled in and returned by Wednesday 2nd December, stating whether your child **is or is not taking part**, as this is when the child will 'pick out' who they are buying for. Anyone who doesn't return their form in time will not be able to take part. Gifts, for those taking part, will need to be brought into school by Friday 11th to allow sufficient time before they are given out on the last day of term.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 6 team

Year 5 This week we have started learning new Christmas songs in the marquee on the field. The children have surprised us with how quickly they have learnt these songs and we are looking forward to sharing them with you! Thank you for all the hamper donations, it will be a great raffle prize!

We carried out our Science investigations about forces this week and the children have really developed their recording skills using appropriate scientific vocabulary. Next week in Science we will be looking at gears, pulleys and levers. It has been interesting to research the impact of the railway building on the everyday lives of Victorians, and some famous names. We will continue with this next week. We will be learning the vocabulary related to school subjects in French. In Computing the children will be continuing to develop their own animated games. Our RE lesson will compare Humanist wedding and naming ceremonies with those from other religions.

We will attempt to recreate a famous Turner painting using watercolours in Art and in PHSE we will consider sources of support – very important at the moment!

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 team

Year 4 Can you believe we have made it into December already? Whilst we will be having some Christmas fun, we've still got lots of learning to do first! For the recording of our Christmas song, we would like all children to bring in a piece of Christmas headwear – either a hat or headband. Please make sure these are named and can be left in school for our rehearsals.

We are busy planning our Roman Day and sorting our costumes for Tuesday 8th December, and the children are looking forward to it. Our English lessons next week will start focussing on Boudicca whilst our Maths lessons will continue with multiplication. In Science, we are finding out about the digestive system. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will also be completing some standard spelling, grammar, reading and maths assessments based on what we have learnt this term.

Please note, we are still keeping our windows and doors open all day, to allow for maximum ventilation. As the weather has really turned much colder this week, some of the children have felt very cold in class. You may need to provide your child with an extra layer; vest, base layer or even a plain coloured fleece to wear over their jumper if needed.

Finally, your child has been given a login for 'Developing Experts', it is stuck into the back of their reading logs. This is a Science based site, which we may use in the event of a bubble closure alongside Google Classrooms. You do not need to do anything with it for now.

Have a lovely weekend,

Year 4 Team

Year 3 The children have done an amazing job with their Canopic jars. They look really effective. This week, they really enjoyed the Geography work sorting the positive and negative facts about the Aswan Dam. Next week in Geography, the children will look at the uses of the River Nile and how they have changed over time. In Art, they will evaluate their Canopic jars. In Science, the children will design and make their own magnetic game. If they have already made one for home learning, the children may use this and develop it or make a different one. In PSHE, the children will discuss how bullying may occur when people do not respect one another's differences.
Have a good weekend.
The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 In English this week we have been assessing children's skills in spelling, reading and grammar and have begun the phonics check which should have taken place at the end of Year 1. Next week we will look at Samuel Pepys' diary from the Great Fire and will have a go at writing our own version. In Maths we continued to look at coins and notes, finding different ways to make the same amount. Next week we will be assessing skills in arithmetic and reasoning, and will begin to look at multiplication. In our topic this week we learned about Christopher Wren and how he redesigned St Paul's Cathedral. The children enjoyed sketching parts of the building and on Wednesday we used 2d shapes to make a collage of it.
We are setting a challenge for each class to earn an end-of-term treat. Class 6 are learning to work together as a team, and Class 5 are trying to increase the number of times they read to parents at home. Good luck with the challenge Year 2!
Have a good weekend
The Year 2 Team

Year 1 As well as our usual lessons, we have had a busy week rehearsing our Christmas song. You may well have heard it at home too! We will be making props in school and the children are really excited about sharing the final performance with you.
The children have enjoyed the 'Hairy McClarey' stories this week, spotting the rhyming words and writing sentences to describe the various characters, thinking of the most interesting adjectives they can. Next week we will be sharing the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have been impressed with the children's shape knowledge and have been encouraging them to use the correct terminology of sides and vertices when describing 2D shapes, next week we will begin to look more closely at 3D shapes adding in the word faces.
Thank you for your kind donations to our Christmas hamper for the raffle, it is looking lovely!
Have a lovely weekend!
The Year 1 team

Reception This week we are learning about Thanksgiving. The children have been hearing the story and making turkeys from paper plates. In Marvellous Maths we have been looking at the difference between 2D shapes (circle, triangle, square and rectangle) and 3D shapes (sphere, cylinder, cube and cuboid). At home how many things can you find that are a cylinder shape or a cuboid? We have talked about how cereal is in a cuboid shape box and beans come in a cylinder shape tin.
Next week we are reading the story 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson. We are going to make 'wanted posters' and story maps. At the weekend can you find a stick to make your own stickman?
We hope you have a great weekend.
Reception Team

Nursery We have all really enjoyed learning about the different properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We had an obstacle course outside, we had to find or describe a shape when we reached the end. We have also had fun strengthening our finger muscles using many different resources and it has been great fun playing some fun parachute games outside bouncing the balls high in the air!
Next week we will begin thinking about Christmas, we are going to be changing our 3D shop into a Christmas shop, finding out about the story of The Nativity, decorating our Christmas trees, making decorations and singing Christmas songs.
Thank you for all your donations for our hamper. All the staff have bought extra tickets because we would all like to win!
Have a wonderful weekend
The Nursery Team