

**SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES****HALF TERM HOLIDAY NEXT WEEK****Pupils return to school on Monday 7th June 2021**

It's been another fun filled week of learning here at Sebert Wood, both indoors and out, with classes having varying degrees of success when dodging the continuing showers! Reception children were visited by Clare and Donna from Eastgate Vets who were fortunate to stay dry whilst teaching the children all about the work they do. The lesson took place from the lobby area outside their classroom, due to Covid regulations, but the children thoroughly enjoyed the session. Sunshine class also enjoyed a woodland walk this morning to explore the Pond Covert woods next to the school, with the sun shining and no rain!

During this first half of the summer term we have noticed the children becoming much more settled into school life and both the children and staff have been working really hard to catch up on work and key skills. Our 'catch up' interventions continue across the school, with the focus turning towards maths after the half term break. As we look forward to the second half of the term we are all hoping that the national situation continues to improve at its current rate, but we are still keeping the emotional health and wellbeing of our pupils high on our priorities. Staff are conscious that pupils still need time to express their feelings and concerns in a welcoming and trusted environment.

We are still asking adults and visitors to wear facemasks on the school premises for the time being, but this continues to be under review.

Thank you to all of our parents/carers for their continuing support for the school.

I am sure we are all now hoping for some better weather next half term.

Have a great half term break

Peter Dewhurst & everyone at Sebert Wood

**2021 SPORTS DAYS!** *You are invited to come & watch, but may we ask a max of 2 family members per child please*

NURSERY	Wed 7th July 1.30pm—2.30pm	RECEPTION	Mon 5th July 1.30—2.30pm
YEAR 1	Tues 6th July 9.30am—11am	YEAR 2	Tues 6th July 1.30pm—3pm
YEAR 3	Fri 9th July 9.30am—11am	YEAR 4	Wed 7th July 9.30am—11am
YEAR 5	Thurs 8th July 9.30—11am	YEAR 6	Mon 5th July 9.30—11am

*\* subject to review should national guidelines change\**

**Year 6 2021 School Transition dates** *Sebert Wood school uniform should be worn on all transition days*

SYBIL ANDREWS	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July
THURSTON	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> July
KING EDWARDS VI	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July ( <i>if this goes ahead. Still TBC by KEGS</i> )
ST BENEDICTS	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July



Year 1 have played their first ever Sebert Wood football match and won last Saturday 5-1 at Hardwick!

Well done to everyone on a fantastic result...they all played really well together as a team!

**WHAT CHILDREN DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...** We need to give a big well done to Beatrice H in Year 2 who has just been awarded her wristband for completing an ultra marathon! Beatrice has now taken part in a fantastic 50 park runs at Nowton Park—super well done Beatrice, what an achievement...keep it up!

**Plastic bottle tops art project update! ...**

Thank you so much for all the lovely plastic bottle tops that have been collected so far, it's felt like a real community project with a very kind parent even asking The Coffee House to collect for us! The bottle tops that have been collected so far are currently enjoying a nice antibacterial bubble bath at Mrs Howell's house so that they will be ready to use!

We will continue to keep the blue bucket outside the office again after half term...so do keep saving them, especially different colours, thank you!



### FOSWS SPONSORED ADVENTURE TRAIL

Your child will have brought home a sponsorship form this week for our popular FOSWS ADVENTURE TRAIL which we are so pleased to announce is able to go ahead this year for YR1-6 pupils on **Friday 25th June 2021**.

You will also have received full details of the day and timings of the fundraising event by email.

We would love parents/carers to come and watch (socially distanced please) to support your child and if you are able to help out on the day and volunteer as a marshal, please email [foswsteam@gmail.com](mailto:foswsteam@gmail.com).

This is a fun event which the children and staff all really enjoy, which races in and around the school grounds and your support is much appreciated for this fundraising event, thank you.

**If you require any more sponsorship forms, please email [admin@sebertwood.co.uk](mailto:admin@sebertwood.co.uk) for a copy to be sent home**

*Please note, we are hoping to organise a separate trail date at some point for our Nursery & Reception children.*

## YEAR GROUP WEEKLY UPDATES

**Year 6** We're sure you're all looking forward to your half-term break. We cannot believe the children now only have 6 weeks left at Sebert Wood!

This week the children have been working hard on calculating and measuring missing angles in Maths. We have really enjoyed finishing our novel, 'Letters from the Lighthouse', with the children finding out whether their predictions were correct. In Art, the children completed their watercolour painting of the Lighthouse, mentioned in the novel.

After half-term, in preparation for our WW2 week, the children will be practising their sewing skills by making a small drawstring bag. If you have any cotton/poly cotton material, such as a pillow case, sheet or old shirt, that can be cut up and used for this, please send these in with your child on the first day back (Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June).

Homework for over the half-term break:

Reading: Non-Fiction pg22-31 - due Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Maths: Reasoning pg51 -56 - due Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Please also ensure that your child has completed any 'missing pages' from both the Arithmetic and Reasoning book.

*Please see separate email regarding our World War 2 week, which will take place the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June.*

Enjoy the half-term break!

Miss Woods and Mr Crew

**Year 5** We can't believe that it is the last week of the half term! We have had another busy week this week and lots to look forward to after half term.

In Science, we will be comparing the life cycles we have learnt about this half term. We will focus on the Spanish invasion of the Mayans and investigate how the civilisation came to an end. Our French lesson will be based on the vocabulary of going on holiday. In Computing the children will become web builders. PE will be athletics and in DT the children will be learning about the history of chocolate in order to design their own chocolate packaging before the end of term.

The children will have stuck a new Home Learning Menu in their planners. Please can the first piece of homework be in school by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, thank you.

Have a great half term—let's hope we get some sunshine!

Year 5 team

**Year 4** Hurrah! The sun has finally decided to make an appearance just in time for the Bank holiday and half term!

It doesn't look like there will be much to record in your rain gauges, but please don't forget to update them as Bury in Bloom are looking forward to receiving our information!

We have been totally blown away with the children's creative writing based on the short film clip 'The Lighthouse'.

They have used expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases very elegantly (even if some of the predicted endings were a little gruesome!) We can't wait for the children to write these up in neat after half term. The children did brilliantly rounding up our maths topic on properties of shape and we will begin working on position and direction after half term. Many of the children have done incredibly well recently on their maths badges and others are incredibly close, please encourage them to continue working on their times tables at home.

To ease the children back into school after a week off, we will start the week with an art day to kick start our new History topic on the Vikings!

Enjoy the rest with no homework being set again until after half term!

Year 4 Team

**Year 3** We can't believe how quickly this half-term has whizzed by. The children have worked very hard to improve their skills. This week, they were very excited about making their jelly fossils. We hope they enjoyed removing their 'fossils' when they got home!

After half-term, the Science topic continues with a focus on soils. In History, the children will learn about Celtic life in the Iron Age. They will make salt dough fossils in Art. In RE, the children will continue to learn about Hinduism. They enjoyed playing Snakes and Ladders to learn about karma and reincarnation.

The children have received their reading challenge sheet. A reminder that, in order to receive a small prize, the form needs to be signed daily by an adult. (If you lose your form, don't worry, you can always make your own and sign it).

The children have also received their new home learning menu.

Have a great half-term.

The Year 3 Teaching Team

**Year 2** We had great fun developing our own stories about mini beasts in English this week. The children showed great imagination and are showing great progress – well done Year 2!

In Maths we have looked again at times tables, number bonds and calculation strategies, and will use this information to help determine catch-up intervention groups next half-term. A reminder that a really useful website for Maths games is 'Hit The Button' at [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk). Children can practice facts that they should know by the end of Year 2, like the 2, 5 and 10 times table, division facts for these tables, and number bonds.

We have now reached the end of our Living Things topic. On Monday we considered what constitutes being alive, and sorted things into living, dead and never alive. On Wednesday we had some real life mini beasts to sketch. We were impressed with how carefully the children looked for detail.

Have a great half term break. We are looking forward to our final Year 2 topic on castles when we return!

The Year 2 team

**Year 1** The children have really enjoyed the story of 'Lost and Found' this week and we have linked this to our Geography topic of weather comparing the UK and Antarctica. We have found out lots about Penguins writing non-chronological reports about them. In Maths we have been learning about turns and position, this linked with our algorithm work in Computing when we were programming the mice to follow a course that we had designed last week. After half term we will be working on numbers to 100 and the story 'Handa's Surprise'. Your child should have brought home a sponsor form and information about our upcoming trail afternoon, which is always a fun afternoon! We are hoping that the sun is going to shine a bit more after half term so please remember your sun hat for playtimes and apply sun cream before coming to school in the morning.

Have a lovely half term.

The Year One Team

**Reception** This week we thought about things our pets need to stay happy and healthy. A Veterinary Nurse came from Eastgate Vets to talk to us and while they stood outside under the porch we sat inside and watched. The children listened carefully, asked questions and were very polite.

After half term we are focussing on different types of food, comparing size, shape, weight and colour and looking at which contain seeds, grow above ground or under it. If you are growing any vegetables or fruit at home, please do take photos!

We have put a phonic dice game in the children's book bags to play at home. These games are to help the children become more confident reading digraphs in words. Please try and play this when you can over the half term break.

We all hope you have a fun family break and that the weather is good.

The Reception Team

**Nursery** We have had a wonderful week focusing on the story of 'Jack and The Beanstalk'. It has been great visiting the giant's castle, re telling the story, creating our own beanstalk to climb and learning some fun new songs to sing... we hope you have heard some at home! We have painted some wonderful detailed pictures of the characters in the story too, which are on display in Nursery and they are great! We have also planted some magic beans this week. It would be lovely to see some photos of your magic beans growing into a beanstalk.

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....We hope it reaches the castle! It was fantastic to finish off our week watching the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime and sharing some popcorn!

We have had our tadpoles in Nursery for a couple of weeks now, and the children have loved watching them transform. It is now time for Mrs Gaskin to take the tadpoles to her friend's pond, where they can grow into adult frogs and enjoy their new home. We will miss looking after them!

After half term, we will be focusing our activities around 'Under the sea'. We will read the story 'Commotion in the Ocean' and create many undersea creatures!

We hope you have a lovely half term!

The Nursery Team