



## SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the term! It has been lovely to see so many excited and happy faces this week. A special welcome to the many new families we have joining us this year and to all our new children starting in Nursery and Reception, and to our new members of staff. The children are settling in well to their new classes and routines and making new friends.

Today has been an especially poignant day with the sad news last night of the death of Queen Elizabeth. This morning children from Y3-Y6 attended school assemblies where we spoke to them about the Queen's death and loss. We have reassured the children that many people will be feeling strange and possibly sad during this time, and encouraged them to talk to each other and adults about how they are feeling too. We also talked about visual changes we will see having a new King, i.e. money, post boxes, stamps and importantly, a change to our National Anthem.

Pupils from KS2 will have discussions over the period of mourning where they will talk and discuss loss, grief and also the implications of having a new King. Our younger children will have age-appropriate similar discussions within their classes.

Reverend Ford from Christ Church Moreton Hall is inviting children to draw pictures of the Queen, and how they remember her, so if your child would like to draw a picture of Queen Elizabeth we would love to see it—please drop them in to the School Office and we will pass to them on to the Church.

We will be following any guidance we receive from the Government regarding silences and the State Funeral. Many staff have role modelled respect by choosing to wear items of black clothing.

We hope everyone has enjoyed their first week and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mr Tottie & all the staff at Sebert Wood

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS...

Next week, commencing on Monday 12th September a range of after school clubs begin, with Netball, Multi-sports, Tennis, Gymnastics, Football, Basketball, Rugbytots and Dodgeball. Please see the schedule for which clubs are on which days.

If you haven't signed up already, you can find flyers on our website at [www.sebertwoodschoo.co.uk](http://www.sebertwoodschoo.co.uk) under the parent tab/school clubs and details to book and make payment. There are still some places available.

Look out for details of other clubs we are hoping to offer soon...!



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 19th October	Individual Pupil Photographs
w/c 24th October	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 31st October	PD Day (School closed to pupils)
Tues 1st November	Pupils return to school



**Year 6** What a positive start the children have had to Year 6. It has been great to see them fresh-faced and ready to learn!

This week, we introduced our Geography topic 'North America'. We looked at a variety of famous landmarks in aerial, map and photograph format, discussing their localities.

We continued our North American focus in Art, where we looked at the artist Keith Haring.

We have discussed homework expectations with the children and handed out their new home learning menu for this half term. To reiterate, children must bring in one piece of homework every Friday, with the first piece due Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. In addition to this, children will be given a new set of spellings each Wednesday; they will be tested on a random selection of these at the end of half term.

Furthermore, children are expected to come into school in their P.E kit on Monday's (indoor P.E) and Thursday's (Outdoor P.E). Please ensure your child has spare shoes available on Thursday.

Enjoy your weekend, Year 6 Team

**Year 5** We hope that you all had a great summer and enjoyed the lovely sunshine. The children have come back to school refreshed, keen to learn and smiling! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions. The best way to do this is at home time if you are picking up or email the office if your child comes to school independently. You could also write a message on the appropriate page of your child's planner, which they should be bringing home every day.

The children are learning our routines quickly and have impressed us so far with their behaviour and efforts with their first lessons in Y5. We have already started our Science unit of work on Earth and Space by planning an investigation as a class. Next week we will carry these out. In French we are revising numbers and greetings. Our Art lessons are focusing on Victorian railway art and in RE we are learning about spiritual pathways in Hinduism. We are reading 'Cogheart' as a class and basing our writing on this until half term. In Maths we are working on place value. Please encourage your child to make use of the Times Tables Rock Stars and Mathletics websites, both of which will be beneficial to their mental maths. Passwords for these will be in the front of planners.

Your child has stuck a Home Learning Menu in their planner; the first piece of homework should be handed in by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and then every Wednesday after this. In order to display the wonderful work we are looking forward to receiving, please can the models/posters etc not be too enormous?!

Thank you!

You should have received communication about PE days from the office. Just a reminder that long hair should be tied back and ear rings removed on PE days please (Wednesdays and Thursdays). For outdoor PE, please provide suitable clothes and footwear as the weather changes. We have already had a couple of lost unnamed red jumpers! Please name all of your child's belongings in case they get lost or misplaced. Thank you.

Have a great weekend, Year 5 Team

**Year 4** What a lovely first week we have had with the children! They have settled into the Year 4 routine very quickly as we started with all our formal lessons on Monday. In Maths this week, the children were partitioning numbers to 1,000 before leading onto looking at 10,000 next week. Our English this week has made us all feel rather hungry as we have been describing our favourite foods! This was in preparation of moving onto Michael Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake' today and we will be continuing this as performance poetry next week. The children have been given spellings today – they will be tested on these next Friday. They have also been set Mathletics homework and have their login details in their reading logs.

The children enjoyed their DT lesson experimenting with waterproof materials before moving onto building towers next week. They had some interesting discussions about solids, liquids and gases in Science and next week they will be carrying out their first experiment in Year 4.

In History, the children really enjoyed learning about the Roman Invasion of Britain in 43Ad. Next week, they will learn about the changes made to Britain during Roman Rule such as the new towns the Romans built and cultural changes made.

Next week, on Tuesday, is our first swimming session of the term. If you did not receive any email with regards to this on 18/7/22, please speak to the office. Everyone took a homework sheet home on Wednesday and we look forward to seeing what the children can produce in their own time.

Have a great weekend,  
Year 4 Team

**Year 3** Welcome to Year 3! After their first full week, the children have become more familiar with the routines and expectations of Year 3. They have settled very well and are working really hard.

Next week in Art, the children will experiment with different media to plan their Nefertiti style headdresses. Our Music lesson will also have an Egyptian theme. In RE, they will be continuing to look at the theme of reconciliation.

In History, the children will be learning about pyramids; how they were built and their purpose. In Science, they will be exploring reflective materials. In Computing, the children will continue to learn how to be safe online. Outdoor PE will be on Fridays. Please remember to send your child in with a spare pair of shoes and a bag for muddy trainers.

On Monday, your child will receive their first weekly spelling list. They will be tested on these the following Monday, thank you.

Have a good weekend.  
The Year 3 Teaching Team

**Year 2** Welcome to Year 2! We've been really pleased with how confidently the children returned to school. They are settling in well and enjoying our topic 'Seas and Oceans'.

This week in Maths we recapped tens and ones and how to make numbers using sticks and bricks. In English we thought about how to be careful when writing a sentence, and used adjectives to describe characters from Finding Nemo. Our topic this half term will link to English, Art, Geography, Science and PE.

If you have any important messages in the morning, please email them to [admin@sebertwood.co.uk](mailto:admin@sebertwood.co.uk).

In Year 2 we begin giving homework each Friday – your child should bring home a homework folder today with details of how it works. To ease them in gradually, we are beginning by asking them to make a poster about a sea animal. They will also bring home some spellings to learn, which they will be tested on the following Friday. As well as their homework each Friday, the children should read to you at least four times a week. This is really beneficial for all areas of their learning.

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle and their book bag to school each day.

Please make sure clothing is named, it makes matching them up again much easier!

Thanks for your support – we're looking forward to a great year!

The Year 2 Team

**Year 1** What a great start we have had to Year 1. We are so impressed with how independently the children have come into the classroom, quickly organising their belongings. They have been earning lots of marbles for the jar, we are sure a marble jar treat won't be far away.

This week the children have been busy with English and Maths mornings and next week we will be introducing them to a wide range of foundation subjects including Computing, Geography, RE and Art. We had our first PE session in the hall and our first outdoor PE.

Please ensure your child is in their PE kit on a Tuesday and a Wednesday for these.

Next week we will read the story 'Funny bones' and work on this in literacy. The children will be writing their own speech bubbles, making their own skeletons using hexabits and drawing skeletons on the playground outside. In Maths we will be sorting, counting and representing objects to 10.

We have now attached the coloured key fobs to your child's book bag, if your child does not have a book bag please let us know and we can provide them with a plastic wallet. We would be very grateful if you could remove any other key rings so the book bags don't get tangled in the box. It is important to remember to bring your book bag every day so we can hear your child read and enclose any letters, thank you.

Please ensure your child has a coat and a sun hat in school as the weather can be very changeable.

We hope the children have enjoyed their first full week in Year 1.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year One Team.

**Reception** The children have had a busy first week settling into school routines and rules.

We have been very impressed with how much the children have remembered each day, like where their things need to go or what they should be doing during exploring times.

Next week we will be having more structure to our week and will be beginning phonics and marvellous maths lessons. Please keep an eye for a Tapestry post that explains our new phonic scheme, Twinkl Phonics, that is being rolled out in Early Years and KS1.

We will also be introducing our class reading animals, Flopsy bunny in Sunshine Class and Douglas & Doodles in Rainbow Class. Each day a child gets to take these home and share a story with them, the next day they bring the story in to share with the class. Please make sure you wait your turn!

Reminder: please ensure that you label everything! Along with having the same uniform, lots of the children have similar/the same water bottles and shoes.

We hope that you have a great weekend, Reception Team

**Nursery** We are so proud of all our children - they have settled into our Nursery routine very well. We have enjoyed hearing all about everyone's summer and getting to know our new children. It's been great hearing all about what you have been up to in the school holidays and seeing your lovely photos on tapestry. It looks like you have all had a great time!

We have used some of these photos to display in Nursery for everyone to see and we have enjoyed sharing them on our large interactive whiteboard.

We have enjoyed finding out about everyone's family and friends, sharing our similarities and differences and what makes us amazing.

Polite reminder please can you remember to name all items and with the changeable weather please can you bring a raincoat and wellies.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend,

The Nursery Team