



SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers,

Whilst being the usual busy and lively week in school, we are all saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen. This week we have reflected on her incredible 70 year reign and life of service, while also talking about the crowning of the new King, Charles III.

As you know, the School will be closed on Monday to pay our respects to the Queen on the day of her state funeral. School will re-open as usual on Tuesday morning.

We have been very impressed with the children's enthusiasm to learn and have awarded many Certificates today to individual children throughout the year groups for their excellent work in English, Maths, Science, Music and Art. I would like to say well done to everyone on a positive start to the term and on adjusting to their new routines.

Two pupils earned the Good Citizens Award for their charitable work this week namely, **Henry G** (Y6) who undertook the 3-peaks climbing challenge for SARS, raising an incredible £950 individually, and with his two friends, a total of £3000. Henry trained hard for the challenge, this is amazing!

Secondly, **Rose G** (Y4) had her hair cut so she could donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust. This is a wonderful charity providing wigs free of charge to young people who have lost their own hair through receiving cancer treatment. We are all extremely proud of you, well done.

Have a restful weekend, we will see you back on Tuesday

Mr Tottie and all the team at Sebert Wood

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

May we please remind you of the importance of parking safely in the vicinity of the school when you are collecting and dropping off your child.

We are unfortunately still receiving some concerning reports of parents parking dangerously on the zig zag lines, too close to the junction and on double yellow lines—all of which can obscure the view for children and parents crossing the road.

We have frequently contacted the local Police and although they have said they do not provide specific Community Police parking patrols anymore, they suggest that anyone with a complaint contacts them directly by **calling 101 to register a complaint and provide details**, which results in a crime number being produced which they are obliged to follow up, thank you.

STAFF CAR PARK and DOGS ON SITE

May we please remind parents that you are NOT to turn in to—or park in the Staff Car Park.

This is strictly for staff only and should not be used for Breakfast and ASC collection or drop offs.

Also a polite reminder that no dogs are allowed on site.

We appreciate your support. This is for the safety of everyone, thank you.

Extended Schools With our new in-house catering team, we are looking to make some changes to the way we serve food at Breakfast and After School Club.

For Breakfast Club: food will now be served between 8am and 8:20am. We hope in the long term, this will enable us to streamline the provision allowing us to possibly increase numbers as we are aware of the increased demand.

For After School Club: food will now be served from 4:10 to 4:30pm.

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:

We have a few pupils in UKS2 with extreme hairstyles which are not appropriate for school.

The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.

Please also note the following

- Ensure all clothing is named
- Jewellery or nail varnish should not be worn to school
- Earrings can cause a particular problem for P.E. - Only stud earrings should be worn to school which are to be removed or taped up for P.E. and removed for swimming lessons

Thank you for your support

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thurs 13th October	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
Monday 17th October	Parent Consultations 3.45-6.45pm
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 GROUP WEEKLY UPDATES

Year 6 This week, the children have produced some fantastic newspaper reports about Annie Edson Taylor's magnificent feat. We have been really impressed to see how engaged the children have been whilst learning about Annie and her accomplishment.

In Art, the children thoroughly enjoyed producing their artwork inspired by Keith Haring.

It was lovely to see all the hard work that many of the children put in to their homework this week. A reminder that we expect one piece completed, and brought into school each Friday, by every child.

Finally, next week, as part of our assessment and familiarisation, the children will be completing a set of past papers covering Maths and English.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful weekend,

The Year 6 Team

Y5 & Y6 OPEN EVENING: Sybil Andrews Academy, Thursday 29th September 6-8pm

Y6 OPEN EVENING: Thurston Community College, Thursday 22nd September 6-8pm

Year 5 We have been impressed with how sensibly and sensitively the children dealt with the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Lots of hard work has been completed this week and we are impressed with the solar system models we have received so far for homework.

Next week (with only four days) we will try to carry out the investigation planned in week 1. The weather didn't allow us to do this this week as we needed sunshine! We will talk about brothers and sisters in French and begin to recreate a Victorian railway art picture in our art lesson. The children are enjoying our class reader 'Cogheart' and are looking forward to seeing how the mystery unfolds!

Children are given spellings on a Wednesday; the spelling pattern should be learned and practised at home. A random selection of spellings given will be tested at the end of each half term. Instruments were allocated yesterday. These should be in school every Thursday for music lessons with Mrs Chester. Please encourage your child to use the Times Tables Rockstars website, log in details are at the front of their planner. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 Team

Year 4 The children have shown great maturity when The Queen has been spoken about this week and we are sure that this attitude will continue over the weekend and particularly on Monday. In English, the children will continue to plan and then write their own 'Chocolate Cake' inspired performance poetry. In Maths, the children will continue working with Roman Numerals, thousands and number line work. New Maths homework has been set on Athletics, please login to complete it. This week's Science was fun and rather messy! Have you been asked to make more oobleck at home from cornflour and water yet? Next week we will be exploring smaller solids! The children will continue practising 'girl' and 'boy' in French, along with other object names. Next week in History, the children will be doing some research on amphitheatres and Roman towns. We were all very well behaved when we went swimming this week and we are sure it will continue again on Tuesday.

Enjoy a restful weekend,
Year 4 Team

Year 3 This week, the children really enjoyed the science investigation into reflective materials. As the evenings are getting darker, this is a good opportunity to discuss reflective objects and road safety. Next week, in Science, the children will investigate transparent, translucent and opaque materials. We have a dedicated dance teacher leading our indoor PE lessons. In French, the children will learn how to say their name. In History, the children will learn about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. In RE, they will continue to learn about reconciliation and, in Music, they will

The children have been given the home learning menu for the first half of the autumn term. Some of the activities required additional worksheets which the children will need to ask their teacher for.

Have a good weekend.
The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 We have had a fun week in Year 2 with 'underwater' dancing in PE, learning about food chains in Science and sketching shells in Art. In English we have been telling the story of Finding Nemo by using actions to help memorise sentences. The children will be excited to perform this to you as their homework! Next week we will see how much of the story they can remember and write for themselves. In Maths we are focussing on place value, thinking about how we can split numbers into tens and ones and represent this in different ways. Next week, we will be counting in twos, fives and tens. At the end of the month we will need some junk modelling materials for a design project. If you have any (*clean*) cereal boxes, plastic trays, yoghurt pots or cartons, please send them in next week, thank you. Please make sure your child returns their homework folder by Wednesday each week.

Have a great weekend, The Year 2 Team

Year 1 It has been another busy week in year 1! The children have enjoyed the 'Funny Bones' story and in maths have been sorting and counting. In English next week we will continue our work on 'Funny bones' and the children will be writing their own 'In a dark, dark' sentence. In Maths we will be counting forwards and backwards and finding one more/one less from a given number to ten. In Geography we have started a topic on 'Our Local Area', this week we have looked at google maps and identified some features of our local area and then talked about what we like about where we live. Next week we will be thinking about different types of houses and making models of a house we think our teddy would like to live in.

Have a lovely weekend.
The Year 1 Team

Reception This week we have continued our topic called "It's good to be ME!" We have been looking carefully at our faces and used different mediums to make pictures. We have also completed our first PE lessons in the hall, the children were great listeners and had lots of fun.

In Reception we have an activity called "Share and Shine" where one child a week is invited to share something special with the class. When it is your turn please can you add photos and a favourite piece of music onto tapestry. Sunshine class is Friday and Rainbow on Wednesday. Please be patient and wait for your turn, you will get an invitation to Share and Shine. We also have a Book Club, similar to a Library where the children get to borrow a book to take home once a week. You read this book to them at home, we then ask a question each week about that book, for example, what was your favourite page? Rainbow Class book club day is Wednesday and Sunshine Class is Friday. We will only change the book on these days. We hope you have a restful weekend,
Reception Team

Nursery It's been a lovely week in Nursery continuing to get to know our new children and making new friends. The children have been super this week...they have been great listeners, brilliant at tidying up and sharing. They have all been on our superstar on the wall! We are really proud of them all! We have been painting a picture of ourselves looking in the mirror talking about our similarities, differences and what makes us amazing. We have displayed all our amazing pictures in Nursery! We have had fun using the instruments exploring different sounds making loud, quiet, fast and slow sounds. We have also measured ourselves discussing our different heights comparing who is the tallest and shortest and thinking about what helps us grow! Next week we will be sharing the story 'The Gruffalo'. We have created a deep dark wood in our role play area! We hope you have a restful weekend
The Nursery Team