



SEBERT WOOD

PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATE

Respect, Resilience and Readiness

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week began with World Mental Health day on Monday where the children wore yellow to represent kindness and understanding and wellbeing. This week Mrs O'Connell and Mr Winch interviewed thirty-one Y5 and 6 pupils for the Wellbeing Champion role, where they will support children experiencing mental health issues. For most of the candidates this was their first experience of an interview - they had to make sure they turned up at the right time, and many of them had practiced in front of the mirror or with parents. We were blown away by their maturity, their desire to help others and their openness when discussing mental health. Many of them had accessed our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support) team previously, and to hear those pupils discussing which self-help strategies they would recommend to others was a powerful moment. It was clear to see how our school has helped develop pupils towards young adulthood. Well done to everyone who was interviewed, and thank you to every adult who has helped the children develop in this way.

We have been really impressed to see so many children displaying in their actions a real resilience to what may be going on around them together with an eagerness and readiness to explore and learn. We put a strong emphasis on our school values around the school and we hope they remember these at home too.

It has been lovely to hear some beautiful singing in our assemblies this week with the children enjoying expressing themselves in song, especially as we move towards Christmas.

We are looking forward to our Year 3 Egyptian Day (please see separate notes to parents on this, thank you) and our Year 4 Roman day this week.

Finally, we enjoyed seeing many of you last night at Parent's evening and we look forward to seeing those of you who have appointments to see your child's teacher on Monday. It is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and look at the work they are currently doing in school.

Have a good weekend

Mr Tottie and all the staff at Sebert Wood

Don't forget in order to view/purchase/and receive your **child's school photo** you will need to pre-register with Carmel Jane photography.

Registration only takes a minute, by visiting www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk and entering our school code: **JR34D4U**, adding your child's name and group—which is your child's class number (Sunshine is 1, Rainbow is 2), thank you

A good Battle of the Bands this week with some great individual performances.
This week's winners were Year 6 (1st place), Year 5 (2nd place) and Year 4 (3rd place)
Well done to everybody for taking part!



ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

A reminder that we currently have vacancies for two Parent Governors (or people with parental responsibility) at Sebert Wood. You will have received a separate email letter with full details on the role and how to apply.

The closing date for nominations is next **Friday 21st October 12 noon**.

Online safety training for parents—23rd November 2022

We are inviting parents to attend an on-line safety training session, 5-6pm on Wednesday 23rd November in school. This is a useful and invaluable insight for parents/carers that we hope you will find useful. Please drop a line to the school office letting us know of your interest to attend, just so we have an idea of numbers for seating.

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING..

Please remember that children should not be bringing toys into school – this includes marbles and cat's cradle.

There have been safety issues with children wearing strings around their necks.

Thank you for your support.

We are extremely fortunate at Sebert Wood to have a wonderful selection of books for all the children to enjoy reading throughout the school.

As you can appreciate this is a hugely valuable and expensive resource and we would ask you to take great care please with books that come home for your child to read.

Sadly we are receiving too many books back, damaged, dirty and water damaged (from leaking water bottles!)

We thank you for your support in looking after our books.

We need your Christmas Jumpers! Next Friday 21st October Cakes, Nearly New and Christmas Jumper sale

If you're like us, every year you collect another Christmas jumper that gets worn a handful of times before putting it in a drawer never to be worn again!

If you would like to donate these pre-loved festive jumpers or tops that no longer fit you or your children there will be a box outside the office until Monday 17th October. If you have any spare clothes hangers they'd be much appreciated too!

Cake sale

We are asking for cake/cookie donations from parents with children in Reception to Year 3 for the cake stall please!

Cakes can be homemade or shop bought but remember *all donations MUST be nut free! Cakes should be brought in on the morning of the sale on Friday 21st October, thank you.*

Nearly New sale too.....lots of items for sale from 50p & £1



Visit our new Facebook page "Friends of Sebert Wood" where we will keep you updated with upcoming events

Christmas Jumper
and Cake Sale

Friday 21st October
In the playground after school

If you have pre-loved Christmas jumpers to donate please leave them in the box by the front office before Monday 17th October

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 19th October	Individual Pupil Photographs
Thurs 20th October	Y4 Roman Enrichment day
Thurs 20th October	Y3 Egyptian Day
Fri 21st October	FOSWS Cake, Christmas Jumper & Nearly New Sale (after school, playground)
w/c 24th October	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 31st October	PD Day (School closed to pupils)
Tues 1st November	Pupils return to school
Tues 1st—Friday 4th November	Y5 Bikeability week
Mon 14th November	Y5 Trip to Gressenhall
W/C 14th November	Anti-Bullying week
Friday 18th November	Children in Need and Fitness Friday
Wed 23rd November	Online Safety training for parents 5-6pm



OCTOBER HALF-TERM FUN SPORTS CAMPS



With Reece Clarke Coaching



Reception—Y6 at Sebert Wood 9am—3pm

Tuesday 25th October, Wednesday 26th October, Thursday 27th October

**** BOOKING OPEN, space still available****



You can find their flyer & details on our website under the Parent Tab, Holiday Camps



Please contact Reece directly for enquiries, bookings and to make payment, thank you

TEL: 07545 981138

YEAR GROUP WEEKLY UPDATES

A reminder the closing date for applying for a secondary school place is midnight on **MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER**. If you have not already applied please click on this link now [Admissions](#). It is important you do this immediately because otherwise it might reduce your chance of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE AN APPLICATION, THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER YOU NEED TO DO

Year 6 It was great to see many of you at yesterday's Parent Consultations to share how well the children have settled into Year 6; we look forward to seeing the rest of you on Monday. This week, the children have been recapping and furthering their understanding of short and long multiplication from Year 5. In Geography, we continued looking at Fair Trade with a focus on the banana industry in St Lucia. In music, the children had a lots of fun producing routines in time to a piece of music. After half term, we are hoping to complete a project in art for which we will need lots of different, brightly-coloured wool. If you have any at home that could be sent in for this, we would greatly appreciate it. Have a great weekend,
The Year 6 Team

Year 5 We can't believe how quickly we are heading for half term! This week the children have been working really hard on our new English lessons 'The Write Stuff.' The children and staff are all getting used to this new way of teaching writing, ask your child what 'chotting' is! The children really enjoyed learning about the phases of the moon in Science by eating Jaffa Cakes! Next week in Science we will be rounding off our Earth and Space topic with some fun activities. In French we will learn how to describe people. In Art next week the children will add a drawing of a gas lamp to the pastel backgrounds they completed this week. We are having a Y5 Accelerated Reader challenge! Every Friday we will check the average quiz score and the number of words read by the whole class. The winning class will all get two team points. So to help this along, please encourage your child to read at home. They do not need to read out loud to an adult, although this is still an important skill to keep practising. Ten minutes of reading every day will make a real difference. Also, we will be finishing our Maths block of work on addition and subtraction and beginning to work on multiplication and division. Therefore, any work on times tables at home would be beneficial. Times Tables Rock Stars and apps such as Hit the Button are useful to help with this. If your child is taking part in Bikeability from 1st – 4th November, we will let them know next week which days they will need to bring their bikes to school. This will be written in their planners. Have a lovely weekend,
Year 5 Team

Year 4 We cannot believe that this is the last week of the half term! Time really does fly when you're having fun! Next week in English, the children are going to be planning and writing some work based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and will hopefully use all the great alliteration, adjectives and similes that they have worked on over the past couple of weeks. The children constructed their aqueducts in DT last week so will be evaluating what did and didn't work well. In PSHE, the children discussed why we should or should not wear school uniform this week in preparation of having a debate next lesson. Science has been great fun this half term and has involved lots of hands on experimenting, next week we are going to see how much they have remembered. Next Thursday is our Roman day and we have lots of exciting things planned. The children will have a chance to taste a selection of food eaten in Roman Times, so please make sure you let us know if your child has any new intolerances or dietary requirements before Thursday. Our spelling test will be on Friday due to Roman Day.

Have a lovely weekend,
Year 4 Team

Year 3 We can't believe how quickly this half term has flown by! The children have really settled into the rhythm and routines of Key Stage 2 now and with one week to go until half term, we have an exciting week ahead.

Hopefully, you all saw the letter from Mr Winch that has been emailed out to you. We are pleased to say that as more people have now donated, the Egyptian Day on Thursday 20th October will still be able to go ahead as planned. We really do rely on these contributions, so wish to say a huge thank you to everyone for helping us to provide a truly exciting and enriching day for your children.

Next week in Art, we will be using our sketching skills to create some Egyptian themed pieces, whilst in Music we will be comparing Ancient Egyptian musical instruments with those of today. In Science, we will be rounding off our topic on light and shadow. The children have been busy researching all about komodo dragons; ready to write an information text in English lessons.

As the weather becomes less reliable, please ensure your child has a light rain jacket for Friday PE lessons as we still aim to go outside for the session unless the rain is very heavy. Finally, if you have been collecting conkers, please bring them in to use in our Art session on Monday.

Have a great weekend,
Year 3 Team

Year 2 Thank you to parents who attended this week's parents evening – it was really good to meet you. We look forward to welcoming more of you again next week.

In English this week Year 2 had a drama session where we all had an adventure at the bottom of the sea. We watched baby turtles, found a pirate ship, crawled under jellyfish and made friends with a sea creature! The children are using this as a basis for a story which they will continue working on next week.

In maths this week, we have learnt about 3D shapes and their properties including: faces, edges and vertices. Next week we will be thinking about lines of symmetry and sorting shapes.

We've had an art focus in our topic work this week – using clay to sculpt fish, and using oil pastels to create sea scenes in the style of Canadian artist Sandra Silberzweig. Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 1 It was lovely to meet so many of you at parents evening and for you to see your child's classroom for the first time! We look forward to meeting more parents on Monday. We hope that you found the meetings useful, if you have any other questions please do either email or speak to us at the end of the day.

This Monday the children all enjoyed dressing in Yellow and thinking carefully about how we can look after our mental health. We talked about all the different emotions that they may experience and how it is OK to feel all of these different feelings. We thought carefully about situations that might make us feel different ways.

In English next week we will be basing our work around the story 'Owl Babies'. In Maths we are continuing our work on addition, thinking carefully about parts of numbers. We have now begun to use pieces of apparatus in PE and will be swapping our PE time to a Wednesday afternoon to give the children a little longer in the hall. In art next week we will be looking at the artist Kandinsky and creating their very own circle picture. In Geography we are thinking about our capital city and will be making junk models of London landmarks. With this in mind we would be very grateful if you could send in any clean recyclables that may be used for this task.

Have a lovely weekend,
The Year 1 Team

Reception This week we read leaf man and have done lots of creative leaf activities. The children have made their own leaf art and used the iPads to take photos. We have used leaves collected to do leaf printing and rubbing, the children were very observant and noticed the veins in the leaves when doing this. On Monday it was Hello Yellow and we focused on kindness, this has been a theme throughout the week and we have seen lots of kind acts from the children.

Next week, we are reading Room on the Broom and thinking about what we would put into a cauldron to make a spell.

Things to note:

- Individual school photos on Wednesday.
- No PE this week, please send children in full uniform every day.
- Please return your child's book club book, this allows them to choose a new one to go home for the week. Rainbow Class: Wednesday, Sunshine Class: Friday.

Have a great weekend,
Reception Team

Nursery We really loved inviting you into Nursery on Tuesday for parent sharing. We hope you enjoyed going on an Autumn treasure hunt and seeing what we do with the children!

This week we have been creating some fantastic Autumnal pictures. The children helped us collect leaves outside and we talked about their texture-whether they were smooth or bumpy and looked at the beautiful Autumn colours. We have created some Autumn trees too using a brown wax crayon for the trunk and dipping kitchen roll tubes in paint to print the leaves falling off the tree. They look beautiful!

We would like to thank Lynda Brignall for coming in to read her lovely Autumn story about Flo the hedgehog. We have made our own hedgehog nest in our secret garden by adding in hay and oak leaves. If you are out and about and get a chance to collect some oak leaves we would love some for our hedgehog nest. We hope we get a hedgehog visitor!

Next week we are looking forward to sharing the story 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'. We will be creating The Bears house in our role play area and re telling the story in porridge oats with many more fun activities!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend
The Nursery Team

