



SEBERT WOOD

PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATE

Respect, Resilience and Readiness

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe how quickly the past seven weeks have gone! This half-term has really felt like things are settled again after the pandemic. We have had Year 4 swimming, weekly celebration assemblies, good citizen awards and visits from Reverend Ford. We have a great selection of after-school clubs running (see our website) including our new teacher-run Art & DT club. We've seen a Roman Day, an Egyptian day and a FOSWS cake sale. Training for our Y5/6 Wellbeing Champions has begun and we have 35 pupil librarians helping at lunchtimes. Early Years and Key Stage 1 are using a new phonics scheme, improving early reading skills through a consistent approach. It has also been fantastic to see so many of you in person at Parent Consultations, building relationships and sharing the children's progress.

We look forward to more of the same next half-term with Bikeability, a Year 5 trip to Gressenhall, and pupil assemblies to mark Anti-bullying week. Pupils will be using our new approach to writing, The Write Stuff, which we are confident will improve writing outcomes. We will have a big focus on behaviour, ensuring consistency, reward and support where needed. It will also be a great to invite so many of you to our Christmas performances for the first time in several years! Dates will be announced to you soon.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated team of staff for the care and support they provide to our children. They make Sebert Wood a great place to be.

Have a wonderful half-term break, we look forward to seeing you back on **Tuesday 1st November**.

Mr James Tottie, Acting Headteacher and Mr Jamie Winch, Acting Deputy Headteacher



Huge congratulations to **Harvey C (Y6), Abbie C (Y4) and Matthew P (Y3)** who were re-graded last week in Ipswich.

Abbie, Matthew and Harvey are part of the Bury St Edmunds Shotokan Karate Club and passed all their gradings with a full belt pass.

Harvey gained his 5Kyu purple belt
Abbie gained her green belt 6kyu
Matthew gained his 9kyu orange belt.

Great picture of you all and
well done on your achievements and hard work!

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child—SHOE BOX APPEAL

You can collect your shoe box from the school office
or Y5 & Y6 pupils from their teachers in UKS2.

Shoe boxes will be collected at Christ Church, Moreton Hall from the 14th-20th November
or you can drop off at the school office, thank you.

There is a Shoe Box Family Service at Christ Church Moreton Hall on 10.30am, Sunday 6th November—come and find out how shoe boxes of gifts are changing children's lives around the world. A Creche, tea, coffee and biscuits are available.



PARENT SURVEY 2022 As part of ongoing self-evaluation, we have set up an online survey to gather your views about our school. Please see separate email being sent to you today, we'd love to hear your views, thank you.

Please see attached flyer from CTSN SCITT regarding an online Train to Teach event which may be of interest to you. During the next half term, SCITT is participating in a number of other recruitment events across the region. Details of these can be found: <https://ctsnscitt.info/events/>

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.

Thank you so much for your support at today's Cake and Christmas Jumper Sale!

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

Date for your diary... further details to follow...

Christmas Fayre Friday 2nd December



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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



Autumn Half term

in The Yard

Join us this half term making winter bird-feeders, outdoor cooking, painting & crafts in the garden room & more...

Tuesday 25 October
11.00 am - 3.00 pm
Drop in anytime - stay as long as you like

You can find us at The Yard, across the green opposite the Cathedral café doors (to the rear of the shop).



HALF TERM ACTIVITY IDEAS.....

See flyer for details regarding Autumn Half term in the yard

Below is a link to the Autumn issue of Raring2go! which is filled with ideas for families about days out locally, holiday clubs and classes, tutoring services, crafts, half term ideas and much more!

Raring2go! West Suffolk Autumn 22 magazine - <https://bit.ly/3rO16oc>

FREE Please pre-book, limited spaces available.
Contact: janedow@stedscathedral.org or 07747 540 594

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, limited spaces 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, 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 We cannot believe how quickly this half term has flown by! We have been really impressed with how the children have settled into Year 6 and the increased levels of maturity and independence they have begun to show; they all deserve a well-earned rest next week.

We have not set any new spellings this week; we would, however, like the children to practise and revise all the spellings given out over the last six weeks in readiness for a test of a random selection of these words in the first week back after half term.

We have seen some fantastic pieces of homework from this half term's menu: some children clearly spend a lot of time on and put a lot of effort into their work at home. If we do not feel a piece of home learning is completed to the standard we expect in Year 6, the full amount of points may not be awarded – this is something we have reiterated with the children numerous times. Your child should have brought home a new home learning menu today for next half term. The first piece will be due in on Friday 4th November.

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, thank you.

Have a great half term break, Year 6 Team

Year 5 It was lovely to meet so many of you at our parents' consultation evenings. It was great to be able to share how your child has settled in to Year 5 and show you their work. This half term has flown by and been full of hard work and enjoyable challenges! We have been impressed with the solar system homework this half term. Please look out for the new Home Learning Menu in your child's planning. Homework should be handed in on Wednesdays.

The week after half-term is Bikeability Week. Those children who have signed up for Bikeability Week need to have their bike in school EVERY DAY (Tuesday 1st November – Friday 4th November). They should also wear appropriate clothing for cycling and have a rain/warm coat depending on the weather. Bikeability will take place whatever the weather! Cycle helmets MUST be worn. Please ensure that your child's bike is roadworthy with the saddle and handlebars that the correct height and pumped up tyres. Those children *who are not taking part* in Bikeability will take part in Science lessons involving forces and will be making a documentary about Bikeability. When the Bikeability children are not cycling, they will take part in the Science lessons. Our timetabled lessons will return during the following week. We will be starting our History unit of work on Victorians and our Gressenhall trip takes place on Monday 14th November.

Unfortunately we have only received half of the money we require in order to cover the cost of the trip. Please see the separate email from Mr Winch explaining this further.

Have a wonderful half term, Year 5 Team

Year 4 We made it! What a lovely first half term we have had together! Thank you to all the parents who have been to parents evening and well done for all the support you have given your children at home. We hope you enjoyed looking at their work and the Roman Museum in the base. We will be setting new homework when we get back from our break so we do not expect any to be produced over half term unless you have some to catch up on.

The children amazed us with their story planning and writing this week! It was such a pleasure to read their work. The children had the chance to show us what they have remembered from this half term's 'hands on' Science lessons and we were impressed! Our Roman day was great fun, the children practised marching and getting into tortoise shell formation, they learnt about Boudicca's revolt, had a mini archaeological dig and tried some Roman food. It was an exciting day!

Just a quick reminder, outdoor PE will still be on Monday afternoon's and swimming on Tuesday's until Christmas. As it is getting muddier outside, the children must have a change of shoes for after PE.

Have a restful week, Year 4 Team

Year 3 Thank you to all of you who attended the recent Parent Consultation Evenings. It was lovely to meet you all and discuss how your child has settled in. We gave out some information on supporting your child at home with reading and spelling, so please ask for a copy if you were unable to attend.

The children had a fantastic time with our Egypt Day yesterday. The opportunity to consolidate and build upon learning through exciting, hands-on experiences is invaluable. A highlight was certainly the mummification re-enactment!

Our main theme of Ancient Egypt will continue after half term, with lessons in History, Music and Art all linking together under this topic. In Science, we will be exploring forces, whilst our RE unit will move on to learn about Hinduism. In our English lessons, we will be looking at a new way of teaching and learning. The Maths unit of addition and subtraction continues with the column methods.

This week, your child was given login details for the Mathletics website (check the inside cover of their orange reading log). This is a learning platform which will be used to set a weekly Maths homework task to provide additional practise in key areas starting after half-term. It would be helpful if your child could log on over half-term and explore some of the games.

The children will have received a copy of the new home learning menu for next half-term. Please look out for it. Please remind your child to write their name on their submitted pieces – thank you.

We hope you have a great half term,

Year 3 Team

Year 2 It has been a busy week in Year 2 this week! In English we have looked at different reading comprehension tasks. The children worked really hard at this and were brilliant detectives looking for the answers in the text. At home you could ask your child questions about the book they are reading to help with their understanding in this. In Maths we have learnt about lines of symmetry and using these to complete shapes and pictures. The children have also sorted 2D and 3D shapes into different groups. There is no homework this week as it is half term, however please do keep reading as much as you can with your child. It has been our last week of our Seas and Oceans topic and the children have enjoyed designing a poster all about their learning. They will have also brought home their clay fish which they made themselves and then painted this week. After half term we will be moving onto a new topic of 'The Great Fire of London' – one of our favourites!

It was great to meet you all at parents evening and for you to see the classrooms. 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.

Have a lovely half term!

The Year 2 Team

Year 1 We have had another busy week in Year 1. The children have really enjoyed the 'Owl Babies' story and have found out lots of Barn Owl facts too! In computing this week we have started learning how to use the word programme and had lots of fun changing the size, font and colour of our names. The children made some fabulous models of London Landmarks in Geography, we looked at lots of pictures and they really enjoyed telling everyone if they knew what the landmark was - Big Ben was a particular favourite! In PSHE we have thought about who we can talk to if we are worried about something and wrote the names of the different people we chose on a handprint.

We are delighted that many of you are reading regularly with your children. Please remember to sign the reading log book so that we can change their books when it is their turn.

P.E. day will continue to be Tuesdays and Wednesdays after the half-term holidays. Please come to school in PE kit on those days, thank you.

We are so pleased with the way the children have settled in to Year one and risen to the many challenges we have given them. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break and return refreshed for the busy half-term ahead of us.

Kind regards,
The Year 1 Team

Reception This week we read *Room on the Broom*, and a lot of the children knew the story and joined in with the repeated phrases. Both classes turned their role play areas into witches' kitchens and the children have enjoyed making potions. We did some writing about what we would put in a cauldron to make a spell and were impressed with the children's recall of initial sounds and ability to segment some CVC words.

In Maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes and talking about their properties.

If you are celebrating Diwali or Halloween during the holidays please do share some pictures on Tapestry.

We hope you have a lovely break and will see you Tuesday 1st November.

Reception Team

Nursery This week we have been enjoying the story of 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'.

We have experimented with porridge oats in lots of different ways by incorporating them in to our play dough, in our tuff tray re-telling the story, in our messy play and with paint when making pictures.

We have especially enjoyed visiting our Nursery kitchen baking some yummy porridge oat biscuits with Mrs Alderdice... we loved sitting on the Daddy bear chairs! We've been comparing sizes with our big, medium and small bears, porridge bowls, spoons and beds!

The children have also done a fantastic job at re-telling the story using our puppets and by re-enacting the story in our role play area. It's been great to hear the different daddy bear, mummy bear and baby bear voices!

We have made the most of the wet weather too by splashing in lots of puddles!

When we return after the half term we will be focusing our activities around the story 'Room on the Broom' with lots of Halloween fun! We look forward to hearing all about your half term!

We want to finish this half term by saying how proud we are of all our children - they were amazing when we went over to have our photos taken and it's been a fantastic first half to our term. We couldn't be prouder!

Have a great week

The Nursery Team ♥♥♥