



SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATE

Respect, Resilience and Readiness

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week**. At Sebert Wood we recognise that bullying affects lives and can leave young people feel hopeless. However, it does not have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. Next week, children will be involved in PSHE lessons and assemblies, hearing about how bullying can be challenged through 'Reaching Out.' This will be supported by our Wellbeing Champions. Children in our younger years may refer to this in discussions as kindness week.

Bullying can occur for many reasons, one being 'differences.' Therefore, on **Monday 14th November** we would like to invite everyone in our school community to wear 'Odd Socks.' The idea of this is to celebrate that it is good to be different.

We will be running an **Online Safety Course** at the school for parents and carers on Wednesday, November 23rd, starting at 5pm. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to improve your knowledge and skills, so that you feel confident and empowered to keep your children safe online. The course, which uses resources provided by National Online Safety, includes information about children's digital habits, explains the type of online world they are experiencing now, what risks they may be exposed and what you can do to support them. If you wish to attend, please email the school: admin@sebertwood.co.uk

We have recently updated the **Online Awareness for Parents** section on our school website, which includes guidance for parents and carers, to ensure their children's safe online use of games such as FIFA 23, Fortnite, Minecraft and Roblox, as well as popular apps including Snapchat, WhatsApp and YouTube. You can find this by clicking [here](#).

We are also looking forward to seeing many of you at our Maths parent drop-in workshop on Thursday 1st December, 3.45-5pm, please let us know if you are hoping to attend, thank you.

Don't forget Children In Need, Fit Friday & Huff 'n' Puff on Friday, parents are invited to join in on the playground at 9.15am for approx. 15mins!

Have a great weekend,

Mr James Tottie, Acting Headteacher

Mr Jamie Winch, Acting Deputy Headteacher

*All classes very respectfully
marked remembrance day and
children made poppies
culminating in this beautiful display...*



Anti-Bullying Week 2022 takes place from
Monday 14th - 18th November.

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celebrating individuality, we would like to invite
everyone in our school community to wear 'Odd Socks!'

**Well done to everyone on a fantastic
Times Table Rock Star Challenge this week!**

The winning classes were:

Year 6 Class 13 Year 5 Class 12

Year 4 Class 9 Year 3 Class 8

Year 2 Class 6



Reverend Ford Assembly We are aware of concerns on social media this week regarding comments Reverend Ford may have made in assembly. Please be assured that these concerns are unfounded. Members of staff, including a member of the leadership team, were present in each assembly and were satisfied with the content of the assembly. Children learned about the origins of St Nicholas and will be looking forward to visits from Father Christmas next month.

Year 6 pupil Emily would like to tell you about our Wellbeing Champions:

What are Wellbeing Champions?

Wellbeing Champions are children in Year 5 and 6 who help the younger children with their feelings. We wear a yellow badge when we are on duty. Children can come and talk to us about their feelings so we can help them. There are two groups of wellbeing champions; mentors who are in the Green Room at lunchtime and listeners who are out on the playground at all breaks. All of the wellbeing champions are really friendly and happy to help.



How do we know how to help?

All the Wellbeing Champions are trained with Mrs O’Connell. We will in total have three training sessions. These help us to give more help to the children we speak to but we can always help no matter how many training sessions we have had. You can write down your worries on a bit of paper and we can put them in our worry box. We don’t just think about your worries but we also celebrate ‘wow’ moments. We have a wow box so you can write them down and we can celebrate them with you. Every situation is different and there are lots of ways we can help you and ideas we can give you. We promise we won’t share your worries with other children but sometimes we will need to tell an adult.

Raffy, also Year 6, adds...

In our training we have been learning to understand body language (if someone was sitting alone we would know they were sad). We also wrote our fears, hopes and expectations on a post-it note. Most of the time it was questions about the role. We learnt what to do so people know we are listening to them, for example we would be nodding, making eye contact and wouldn’t have our arms crossed.



Great photo of children receiving a very kind donation from Homebase last week of flower bulbs for planting around the school,

Thank you so much Homebase, Bury St Edmunds this is hugely appreciated!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon 14th November	Year 5 Trip to Gressenhall	
W/C 14th November	Anti-Bullying week	
Fri 18th November	Children in Need	
	Fitness Friday & ‘Huff n Puff’ (parents invited)	9.15am
Wed 23rd November	Online Safety training for parents	5-6pm
Thurs 1st December	Year 2 Pantomime trip	
Thurs 1st December	Maths Parent Workshop	3.45pm—5.00pm
Fri 2nd December	Christmas Fayre	3.30pm-6.30pm
Tues 6th December	Year 6 School of Rock visit KEGS	
Wed 7th December	Reception ‘Whoops a Daisy Angel’	2pm
Thurs 8th December	Reception ‘Whoops a Daisy Angel’	10.00am
Mon 12th December	Year 2 ‘An Empty Stable’	2.15pm
Tues 13th December	Year 2 ‘An Empty Stable’	10.00am
	Year 1 ‘Wriggly Nativity’	2.15pm
Wed 14th December	Year 1 ‘Wriggly Nativity’	10.00am
	Year 3 & 4 Carols—Christchurch Moreton Hall	2.00pm
Fri 16th December	Last day of term	



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.



Please join the Junior Parkrun event that takes place every Sunday at Ten Acre Field (field down the hill from the old MH Prep School).

They start at 9am and do a briefing from 8:50 before the run starts! Everyone welcome! It's a 2km run that you can walk, jog or run...and you can find them on facebook—junior parkrun

The Bury St Edmunds women's Aid Centre is now open on Tuesdays and Fridays for collection of toiletries, clothing and other essential goods 10am-12pm. See flyer.

YEAR GROUP WEEKLY UPDATES

Year 6 The children have had another busy week in Year 6! This week in Maths we have continued with our work on fractions, beginning to look at addition and subtraction. In Computing we have started a new unit on programming in Scratch with the children showcasing the capabilities they currently have this week. We have also completed a number of pieces related to remembrance: this theme has inspired guided reading, artwork and poetry this week. In Science, we have looked and circuits and circuit symbols.

As the weather continues to be unpredictable, please ensure your child brings a spare pair of footwear on Thursdays for outdoor PE to change into when trainers get muddy.

Those children in 'Seacole' will be enjoying a non-uniform day on Tuesday 15th November as a reward for winning the UKS2 team points in the first half-term. Well done!

Enjoy your weekend,
The Year 6 Team

Year 5 We've had another busy week this week adapting to a slightly different timetable. The children have completed their first piece of independent writing following the structure of 'The Write Stuff.' We are looking forward to editing these in order for the children to write them as a best copy. Please ensure that planners are in school every day, as the children need to refer to the spelling lists, which they have stuck in, and the times tables grid. Weekly spellings are now stuck in planners and will be tested every Tuesday.

On Monday (14th November) we are very much looking forward to our Gressenhall trip. A few quick reminders about the day:-

- Children need to be in school at 8:15am to be registered. We will be leaving at 8:25am prompt.
- We are expecting to return by 4:30pm. You will be contacted by the office if this time changes. Please collect your children from the atrium.
- Children can wear Victorian costume if they wish, but they need to be warm and wear sensible footwear, as we will be outside for some of the day.
- All children need to bring a packed lunch.

In French next week, we will be learning vocabulary associated with school subjects. In Art, we will be learning how to use watercolour paints. Computing will continue with Scratch and in RE we will be looking up Bible verses about good news.

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Let's hope for good weather on Monday! Have a great weekend,
Year 5 Team

Year 4 You should be very proud of your respectful children as today they observed their two minutes silence in a very mature manner. They have also enjoyed looking for their poppy on our school display. Next week in English, we will continue the story 'Iron Man' with an 'experience' day as well as 'sentence stacking' days. In maths, we will be going over how to check our strategies and calculations.

As it is Anti-Bullying week, our PSHE lesson will be based on talking about who we trust as friends and adults. Hopefully the children have started to come home singing and humming Christmas songs ready for their performance at Christ Church!

Have a lovely weekend,
Year 4 Team

Year 3 The children really enjoyed writing their names in Egyptian hieroglyphics. They made a very good job of a tricky task.

Next week in Science, the children will investigate which materials are magnetic and non-magnetic. In French, the children will learn how to say their age. In RE, the children will learn some Hindu stories and the messages they convey. In Geography, the children will learn general facts about the River Nile.

In the next week, we will be giving the children Christmas songs to learn for the Carol Concert in December. It would be very helpful if you could support your child with learning the words.

Well done to the children who have completed home learning on Mathletics. We have set some more for this week!

Have a good weekend
The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 In our topic work this week we have looked at the story of the 'Great Fire' in more detail. Children have been putting the events in order then made a storyboard to show what happened. They are very interested in what happened and are very good at explaining it!

In English, we have started The Write Stuff. The children have enjoyed the sentence stacking lessons and experience day – maybe you could ask them all about these. We have learned what possessive apostrophes, exclamation sentences and expanded nouns phrases are and how to use them. The children have used the teacher sentences to change words and make their own sentences.

In Maths we have been thinking about adding ones and tens to a number. We teach the children by drawing base 10 (sticks and bricks) using the pictorial method – see if your children can teach you! Next week we will be thinking about adding two 2 digit numbers together.

We have also begun practicing our Christmas play. If your child has brought home a script/songwords, please make sure they are in their bookbag each day ready for rehearsals, thank you.

Have a great weekend,
The Year 2 Team

Year 1 In English this week we have had a trial run of the 'Write Stuff' scheme which the whole school will be using in January. We based our work on the book 'All Aboard the London Bus' and the children really enjoyed boarding the bus each day, having their tickets stamped and visiting the different London landmarks. Each lesson then contained a section for the children to think of adjectives related to the landmarks we had visited and to then put these into a sentence. In Maths we have begun on a topic on subtraction, through finding a part. We did this through the use of part, part, and whole models. There will be a maths drop in workshop on Thursday 1st December for parents (3.45-5pm) that we would love to see you at to explain the different maths language we use and the ways children are taught maths in Year 1. In PSHE this week we had a circle time thinking about what makes a good friend. Our Christmas play rehearsals have begun this week and we are all enjoying learning the songs. The children are very excited about the play and we are all really looking forward to having an audience this year!

We would also like to welcome Mrs Smith to the Year 1 team. Mrs Smith is a full time teaching assistant who will be working between both classes.

Please continue to hear your child read regularly even though it is a very busy time of the year! It is so beneficial to their development of skills. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 1 Team

Reception This week we have been learning about Remembrance Day. We have spoken about courage and about being brave. We watched a CBeebies video on remembrance and spoke about the rabbit being brave, please see link below: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>. We have started fine motor mornings and are using the saying *nip, flip and grip*, please see Tapestry for guidance.

Next week is anti-bullying week, we are referring to this as Kindness week. The focus is 'reach out' and we will do lots of activities to show how we can be kind.

There will be no PE this week as it is Fitness Friday for Children in Need. Please do not send children in PE on Wednesday or Thursday. They can wear non-uniform on Friday.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Reception Team

Nursery We have had a fun filled busy week. The children have enjoyed playing in our fire station role play area and talking about fire safety.

We painted a pretend fire on our tuff tray outside. To help develop our finger muscles we used a water spray bottle to put the fire out. We had some great fire fighters putting the fire out!

We watched some fireworks on our interactive whiteboard which inspired everyone to make some wonderful firework creations using a salad spinner and kitchen roll tubes.

Miss Norris has had fun creating some firework breadstick sparklers with the children in our kitchen and they were very yummy!

We are very proud of the children for being so sensible and respectful on Remembrance Day during the two minutes silence. We have been amazed with the wonderful poppies everyone created.

Next week in nursery for anti-bullying week we will be focusing our activities on a special kindness week. We have got lots of wonderful kindness activities planned... starting the day saying something kind to our friends, playing lots of sharing games, learning a special kindness song and creating our own kindness potions adding lots of smiles, friendship and love.

It is children in need next Friday so we will be having a special Fit Friday. We can come into Nursery in our sport's clothes and wearing something spotty!

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team