

SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATE**Respect, Resilience and Readiness**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week comes to an end! We've had lots of World Cup talk within the school this week. The children have been very excited to see the culmination of our whole-school art project, a giant football which is on display in our library. Pupils have been proud to point out their contributions about what sport means to them.

In assemblies, pupils have learned that in some countries not all people have equal rights. It was lovely to hear children confidently sharing their thoughts about how other people should be treated. They were quick to link this to our school value of Respect – we are very proud of the young people our pupils are becoming.

We have shown several prospective parents and visitors around the school recently. Each time they have commented on the politeness and eagerness of the children, the welcoming environment, the kindness children show each other and the pride they take in their learning.

Christmas in a primary school is always a fun and exciting time. The children are busily practising their performances ready for you later next month.

Next Friday sees our first Christmas event, the FOSWS Christmas Fayre. Last year's outdoor event was a real success – we look forward to seeing many of you again this year. Every penny raised helps to fund additional resources across the school – thank you for your support!

Have a lovely weekend, and good luck to England tonight!

Mr James Tottie (Acting Headteacher) and Mr Jamie Winch (Acting Deputy Headteacher)

We're pleased to share with you the results of our recent **parent survey**. Thank you to all those that contributed and we were delighted with the high return from over 140 families.

The results of the survey were overwhelmingly positive and show that parents recognise that Sebert Wood is a safe and happy school, where children have access to an enriching, varied curriculum.

Parental feedback in particular commented on the friendly, nurturing atmosphere within the school, high quality teaching as well as excellent pastoral care .

Some of the areas for improvement included providing more curriculum information for parents, which is something we are looking to do throughout the academic year.

Some parents also commented on how beneficial they found the use of tapestry in EYFS so we are exploring the use of an interactive app to share pupil's learning experiences with parents and carers throughout the school.

All questions gave the option of 0-10

My child is happy at SW	8.66
My child feels safe at SW	8.97
Pupils are well behaved at SW	7.91
Staff have high expectations at SW	7.7
Supports pupil wider development	7.77
Concerns dealt with properly	7.7
Deals with bullying quickly	7.42
Child knows they have somebody to talk to if worried	8.48
Awareness of what my child will learn	7.83
SW lets me know how my child is doing	7.54
SW teaches a good range of subjects	8.29
A range of clubs and activities	8.19
Newsletter, website provide useful information	8.96
SW prepares my child well for the future	8.08

Early reading skills from Nursery to Year 2/3 are taught using Twinkl Phonics.

You can find the link to Twinkl Phonics on our website at www.sebertwoodschool.co.uk under the Teaching & Learning, Curriculum by Subject tab.

Phonics

We think you may find it useful when supporting your child at home.

West Suffolk NeuroDevelopment Support Service are offering drop in sessions for parents, please see the attached poster with full details—which may be of interest to you.

We look forward to seeing you at next Friday's Christmas Fayre, 3.30—6.30pm for a festive and fun evening arranged by the amazing FOSWS team!

Please look out for **Volunteer sheets** which will be going up around the school next week— do sign up to help for a short time on a stall, thank you! We are more than happy for our Year 6 pupils to run a stall if they would like to sign up!



Remaining **Raffle tickets** to be returned by next Wednesday please! Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the Fayre.

Your child will have brought home today your orders for Christmas cards, tags & wrapping paper, the rest of the delivery is due in and tea-towels, coasters and mugs will be sent home to you next week, thank you.

Final day for hamper donations is also Wednesday 30th November, thank you so much for your support so far, it is hugely appreciated. Donations can be anything from non-perishable food, drinks, candles, toiletries, to name but a few.

Each year group have their own colours for the hampers, which are:

Early Years (Nursery & Reception) - Gold and Silver

Year 1 - Green and Gold

Year 2 - Blue and Silver

Year 3 - Purple and Black

Year 4 - Black and Gold

Year 5 - Red and Green

Year 6 - Red and Gold

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 30th November	Final day for Hamper donations & raffle ticket returns	
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
	Christmas clothing day, non-uniform	
Tues 6th December	Year 6 School of Rock visit KEGS	
Wed 7th December	Reception 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'	2.00pm
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	Christmas Jumper/hat & Christmas Lunch day	
	Last day of term	



We are on the look out for any redundant and old iPads or iPhones please!

They are an extremely useful resource as a learning tool for our pupils.

If you have an old iPad or iPhone gathering dust in a drawer or cupboard that you are not using, please do bring it in when you can, thank you!

Can we ask that you re-set to factory settings to delete any personal data and delete any iTunes please before donating them, thank you.
(unfortunately, we don't need any laptops or android phones)

We currently have vacancies for MDSA and Extended Schools Assistants. Please visit our website at www.sebertwoodschoo.co.uk staff vacancies page for full details if you are interested in applying, thank you.

YEAR GROUP WEEKLY UPDATES

Year 6 What a lovely week we've had! Earlier this week, the children enjoyed investigating the different countries involved in the World Cup, plotting them on a map and reproducing some of the countries flags. In Art, they produced some detailed drawings inspired by North American Haida artwork. Next week, the children will be completing a second set of mock-SATs assessments. This will further expose the children to the style of questions and will highlight any further areas that require revisiting. Our hamper colours are red and gold this year. Thank you for the donations already sent in; any further donations will be greatly appreciated and need to be in school by Wednesday 30th November. Have a great weekend,
Year 6 Team

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have gone fractions crazy! The children are working hard to learn about equivalent fractions – a tricky concept – and we will continue with this next week. Using watercolours, the children are working on their version of a JMW Turner painting. These look wonderful and will be completed and evaluated next week. Also next week, we will be comparing the lives of rich and poor Victorians in history. We will be continuing our sentence stacking linked with the opening of the book 'The Nowhere Emporium.' We are always trying to improve on our Accelerated Reader quiz scores and word count. Please encourage your child to read at home as often as possible, this does not need to be aloud to an adult necessarily. A quick reminder that spellings are tested every Tuesday and need to be learnt and practised at home, especially the more tricky words. We are emphasising to the children that their homework should be work which they are proud of and demonstrates care and attention has gone into it. Then they will be awarded the full amount of points. Have a great weekend,
Year 5 Team

Year 4 We have no idea where the weeks are going! The children's writing in English has been so impressive this week; they have now published their second piece of writing. Hopefully the children have proudly told you about their continued story of *The Iron Man* and would like to show you. If so, you are welcome to come in after school on Monday to have a look.

We are also so proud of their spelling scores! Well done to all of you parents who have supported them with learning these. Next week in English and Maths, we will mainly be doing some revision and end of term assessments. Please get the children to login to Mathletics this weekend to recap all the areas of maths we have covered this term. In Science, we will be looking at food chains, making sure the children know the key words, producer, predator, prey! In Art, the children will use the pointillism skills that they have learnt to paint an object. In Geography, we will be learning about the different parts of a volcano.

All of the children have been given a set of the song words for our Christmas Carol Concert so they can practise at home. Additionally, if your child asked for a speaking part these have been sent home too. Please can these sheets stay in their book bags so that they can also be used at school.

Just a little reminder for our Christmas hamper, our colours are black and gold – we don't have many items in it yet! Thank you so much for your support.

Have a lovely weekend,
Year 4 Team

Year 3 This week in Art the children enjoyed making their Mehen game boards in clay. We plan to paint them and send them home to you before Christmas!

Next week in Geography, the children will learn about the importance of the Aswan Dam. In French, we will consolidate the vocabulary learnt this half-term. In Science, the children will learn about how magnets are used in everyday life. In RE, the children will discuss what acts of kindness are.

We are busy rehearsing and the children have received their copy of carols to learn for the Christmas Concert, it would be really useful if you could help them to learn their words at home, thank you!

Thank you so much for the donations we have received, our Christmas hamper colours are purple and black, we very much appreciate your support.

Have a good weekend
The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 We have had a busy week in Year 2 practising our Christmas play and continuing with lessons. If you could practice their lines with them at home this would be appreciated. We are planning to practice next week without scripts so our children must know their lines!

This week in English we have completed our sentence stacking lessons ready to plan and write independently next week. We have looked at using commas in a list, synonyms for sad and adjectives. The children have really enjoyed the Write Staff so far and have quickly got used to the new way of working.

In Maths we have moved onto looking at subtraction, by drawing sticks and bricks and crossing them out. Maybe you could get your children to show you how we do this. Next week we will continue with subtraction; subtracting 2 digit numbers.

Thank you for your donations to our Christmas hamper for the raffle so far. We are still in need of blue and silver items so if you could donate anything this would be much appreciated.

As you know, we are going to the Pantomime on Thursday and will be back to school late. Therefore we are going to have to reschedule the Maths drop-in session for Year 2. Please keep an eye on the Weekly Update for a new date next week.

Have a lovely weekend!
The Year 2 Team

Year 1 The children have really enjoyed the Hairy Maclarey stories this week and had great fun thinking of adjectives to describe their favourite character. Next week in English we will be basing our work around the text 'Rosie's Walk'. In Maths this week we have finished the block of work on addition and subtraction. Our next topic is shape, we will have lots of opportunities for practical maths incorporating Christmas activities. In History this week we continued our 'toy' topic looking at Victorian toys and even had some to play with in the classroom. We thought carefully about the differences between them and the toys we have at home. Next week we will be doing a comparison of toys and trying to work out if the toys are old or new.

Thank you very much for your donations so far for our Christmas hamper, our colours are green & gold this year.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 1 team

Reception This week we have been talking about birthdays before we learn about Jesus' birthday. We have been learning about the properties of squares and rectangles. At home you could go on a shape hunt, notice how squares and rectangles have the same number of corners and sides but that they are different lengths.

Next week we are going to read the story *Stickman*; - can you find a stick? What could you pretend it is? A magic wand, a broomstick, a paint brush... If you find a stick shorter than your forearm you can bring it in.

Please check book bags for the slip about the costume your child will be wearing in the play. Just a reminder we are not doing PE for the rest of this term because we are practicing our play.

If you have been celebrating Thanksgiving we would love to see some photos on Tapestry. We have taught the children that this is a special celebration in America.

Thank you so much for all the donations so far, our colours for our Christmas hamper this year are gold and silver, thank you!

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Reception Team

Nursery We have had busy week celebrating Thanksgiving. We painted our hands to make turkeys using lots of different colours and talked about what we were thankful for practising saying thank you with our words and using the Makaton sign.

We enjoyed having our own Thanksgiving feast trying pumpkin bread. Everyone loved it!

We sang a special Thanksgiving song and read a lovely Thanksgiving book called 'Thanks for Thanksgiving'.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=jsc6LaAukpM>

We hope all our children and families who celebrate Thanksgiving have a great time. 😊

We have had a big focus on our cutting skills demonstrating to the children how to hold the scissors and everyone has made a wonderful cupcake flower. 🌸

It's been fun completing many activities to help build up our strong finger muscles...placing the pegs on the turkeys, feeding the turkeys Pom poms using the tweezers, adding feathers onto the turkeys head and singing our play dough song squeezing and pinching the play dough.

Thank you for all our parents who came to parent sharing it was great to be able to chat to you all and see the children showing you all the many things we get up to in Nursery. 😊

Our Christmas hamper colours this year are gold and silver and your donations are very much appreciated, thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend

The Nursery Team