



# SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATE

## Respect, Resilience and Readiness



### Merry Christmas Everyone!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe we've reached the end of term already! It's been fantastic to see families watching our Christmas performances once again after several years of not being able to sing in an enclosed space, or having to film plays to release online. The children were clearly spurred on by spotting familiar faces in the audience, and did us proud with moments of bravery, talent and coordination. Thank you so much to our teaching teams for all they managed to achieve, and to our admin team for providing behind-the-scenes support.

Today the school has come together for a delicious Christmas meal. Staff served food and ate alongside the children, and everyone enjoyed Christmas crackers provided by FOSWS. Cooking a special meal for this number of people is no mean feat, so a huge thank you to Claire and our kitchen team.

Some of our children have just finished the first term of their school career, whilst for others this is their final Christmas with us. We are proud of the attitudes, growth and resilience of all our pupils, and look forward to building on this next term.

Thank you for all your support this year – we wish you a very happy Christmas.

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



#### Season's Greetings from the Governors..

Governors have been extremely encouraged by the progress made through the first term and wish to place on record our sincere gratitude to staff and parents/carers who have contributed so much to our vibrant school community.

As ever we remain ambitious for the school to progress further, equally we wish to recognise the notable progress. Highlights include revitalising the school vision (The 3 "R's: Resilience, Respect and Readiness); reviewing the behaviour policy; launching our well-being strategy and the continued attempts to further strengthen connections with parents/carers through the school survey and Parent consultations. It has also been a delight after a 3-year hiatus to see the seasonal school performances and carol service return!

We must also thank our leadership team who have approached the term with such huge energy and commitment, overseeing the transition from the previous leadership with distinction.

As a way of update, we have asked James Tottie as Acting Headteacher and Jamie Winch as Acting Deputy Head to continue in their roles throughout the coming term.

The recruitment process for the substantive post of both headteacher and deputy headteacher remains in progress. As always, Governors will ensure staff and parents/carers will be kept informed of further updates.

Please do contact us at [Governors@SebertWood.co.uk](mailto:Governors@SebertWood.co.uk) if you wish to discuss this or any other school matter.

Wishing you all, a peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year

Jamie Gaskin

Chair of Governors

Sadly, we bid farewell this week to Clare Taylor who has been teaching at the school for over 20 years, and today to Miss Kingsley, who has been teaching in Year 5 this term.

We also say our goodbyes to Mr Brown and Miss Fulton, who have completed their first teacher training placements with us in Year 2 and Year 6 respectively. We wish them all the very best in the future ventures.



Attached is our new  
**JANUARY 2023 CLUBS SCHEDULE**



With lots of fun after school clubs for children to enjoy  
\*New\* for next term is a Dance Club for Y1-Y4 pupils on Wednesdays!

Visit our **SCHOOL CLUBS** page on our website at [www.sebertwoodschoo.co.uk](http://www.sebertwoodschoo.co.uk)  
for Club Provider's flyers and details on how to sign up, thank you

**SATS evening** On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, the Year 6 staff will be holding a SATs information meeting for parents from 3.30-4.15. Staff will explain how the children can best prepare for the SATs as well answer any questions or queries you may have. A PowerPoint presentation will be sent out to Year 6 parents following the event for any parents who are unable to join us on this date.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Fri 16th December	Last day of term CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tues 3rd January	PD Day, School closed to pupils
Wed 4th January	Term Starts—pupils return to school
Wed 11th January	SATS evening 3.30-4.15pm Y6 parents

Reece Clarke Coaching are holding **Christmas Sports Camps** at Tollgate Primary and Westgate Primary on the 20th/21st December. Please see our HOLIDAY CAMP page on our school website at [www.sebertwoodschoo.co.uk](http://www.sebertwoodschoo.co.uk) for further details and to book thank you.



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**YEAR GROUP WEEKLY UPDATES**



**Year 6** What a lovely first term we have had with the children in Year 6! They all deserve a restful Christmas break so we have not set any further homework for this period!  
We do hope you enjoyed listening to the carols that the children recorded for you.  
Thank you for all our presents and cards, they are very much appreciated!  
We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you back in January.  
The Year 6 Team

**Year 5** We have reached the last week of term! The children have worked so hard during their first term in Y5. Hopefully they have learnt lots and enjoyed their learning. We hope you are proud of the painted holly Christmas cards your children brought home, we thought they were amazing! Also we hope you enjoyed the Christmas songs which were recorded and sent home, the children enjoyed learning them.  
Your child has stuck their new home learning menu in their planner. The first piece of homework will be due in by Wednesday 11th January. Please see the email sent last week for details about swimming which starts on Tuesday 10th January for Y5 next term on Tuesdays. Outdoor PE will continue on Wednesdays (you will need to come in your PE kit on the first day back, 4th January) and music on Thursdays.  
Thank you very much for the lovely presents we have received, have a healthy and relaxing Christmas and we'll see you back in January, Year 5 Team

**Year 4** Thank you for all the support this term especially regarding the carol concert at the Christ Church. We are very proud of how the children learnt their lines and the song words. We hope you are as proud of the children as we are. The children have been busy this week finishing off work and having some fun with Christmas related activities. Thank you all so much for your lovely gifts, we hope you have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.  
Year 4 Team



**Year 3** It was lovely to see so many of you at Christ Church this week for the children's performance, we do hope you enjoyed it. We are very proud of how well the children remembered the words and sang the songs. Thank you for your support with this.

This week we have been busy finishing off work related to our topics and doing some Christmas related activities.

We have given the children a new home learning menu for the first half of the Spring term. We have also given them two sheets of work from the menu that they might like to start. Please look out for these.

Next term we will still have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Thank you so much for all the lovely gifts we have received, we hope you have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

The Year 3 Teaching Team

**Year 2** We can't believe Christmas is here! We were so proud of the children's performances of their Christmas Play, thank you for coming to support them and us. We have been so pleased with the progress the children have made this term, the enthusiasm they show at school and the sensible decisions they are making.

We look forward to an exciting new topic next half-term, Australia! For this topic we will be needing kitchen roll tubes and wrapping paper tubes, so please keep these and bring them in when we come back to school.

Thank you for all the generous gifts we've received this term - they are much appreciated!

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Thank you for your support this term.

The Year 2 Team



**Year 1** The children loved performing their Nativity play this week. We hope you enjoyed watching it. We have enjoyed a variety of Christmas activities and crafts. The class rooms are suitably covered in glitter!

Thank you for all of the lovely gifts that have been sent in. We would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Thank you for all your support this term.

The Year one team.

**Reception** What a lovely week we have had! At the beginning of the week we got a letter from Santa telling us he'd got into a bit of a muddle with everyone's lists and could we write them out again, we had lots of ideas about what we might like to ask Santa for but we also did some great writing as well. We've been busy making lots of decorations, Rudolph hats, singing Christmas songs and of course eating our Christmas dinner together which we loved.

Thank you so much for the presents you have sent in and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Just a reminder please practice doing up coats over Christmas. Also mittens are much easier for the children to put on independently than gloves.

See you in the New Year!

From the Reception team

**Nursery** We have had a fun filled week enjoying lots of Christmas activities and have played lots of great party games including Santa bells listening game, Christmas corners, musical statues, musical bumps and Reindeer Hokey Pokey! Outside we have made the most of the cold weather building our own sleigh delivering Christmas presents pretending to be Father Christmas, reindeers and elves.

Thank you so much for coming to Parent Sharing this week, the children really enjoyed singing our Christmas songs for you.

When we return to Nursery we will be sharing the story of 'The Gruffalo's child'. We have created a snowy Gruffalo's child den in our role play area and we will be making our own marks in snow as well as retelling the story.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and you enjoy spending some quality time with your families. We look forward to seeing you all back in Nursery in the new year where we will say hello to some new friends who will be starting in January!

Thank you so much for all our lovely pictures, cards and gifts, they are very much appreciated.

Love from The Nursery Team

