

# Sebert Wood Primary School

## Parent/Carer Update



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will likely be aware that the National Education Union has announced strike action, with the first strike day taking place on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>. At present it is hard to ascertain how this will impact our school. We aim to keep the school open whilst respecting the actions of those who choose to strike. Our staff are committed, care about children and are passionate about learning; such decisions are not made lightly. We will let you know our plans in due course.

In the coming weeks we will roll out a new way of communicating from classes to parents called 'Class Dojo'. This is an app through which teachers can share photos of in-school activities and updates about learning – much like Tapestry does in EYFS. The pandemic stopped us inviting parents into school and we now want to rebuild opportunities for you to see what we do. Class Dojo is one strand of this – full details about how to sign up to the app will be sent out soon.

Finally – a reminder that as a Healthy School we are unable to share sweets that children bring in on their birthdays.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

### Dangerous & Inconsiderate Parking

Sadly we are still receiving complaints from residents regarding parent/carers parking when dropping off and picking their children up from school.

We have parents who are being inconsiderate and blocking driveways and even parking on a resident's driveway! Some parents are also parking dangerously and illegally - too close and adjacent to the junction opposite the school entrance. This blocks the view for pupils and families trying to cross the road safely.

We have frequently contacted the local Police and they suggest that anyone with a complaint contacts them directly by calling 101 to register a complaint; this results in a crime number being produced which they are obliged to follow up.

Please always be considerate when you are parking – and most importantly **always consider the safety of your car parking**, thank you.

### Good Citizen Award

Congratulations to Kyson B (Class 11) who has been awarded the Good Citizen Award this week. Our Kitchen team recommended Kyson due to his impeccable manners and politeness and always being very helpful around the school. Well done Kyson – this is a great example to follow.

## Times Table RockStars



Congratulations to our Battle of the Bands, Times Table Rock Stars winner this week - **Class 11!**

Well done to all the teams on some great scores!

## Clubs this term

Attached is a reminder of this term's Club's Schedule. You can find all the flyers with full contact details on how to book and make payment on our website at [www.sebertwoodschoo.co.uk](http://www.sebertwoodschoo.co.uk) Parent Tab/School Clubs.

\*New for this term - Dance Club for Y1-Y4 with Isobel.

*There are still places available for Dance Club, Tennis, Musical Theatre, Basketball and MultiSports Club.*

## Old technology needed!

Thank you so much for the iPads we have already received in school – if there are any other old iPads or iPhones gathering dust in a drawer or cupboard that you are not using at home, please do bring them in when you can,.

They are a great resource for the children to use and will be **particularly useful to support classes** with the new Class Dojo.

*Please reset to factory settings and delete any personal data please before donating them.* (Unfortunately, we don't need any laptops or android phones). Thank you to anyone who has donated so far.

## Year 6 Update

In Maths this week, we have begun to look at Algebra. Although the children initially think of this as a difficult, or 'scary', concept, they have quickly realised that algebra is mostly about utilising ideas and areas of maths they already know in slightly different ways. Our topic of WW2 continues to engage the children: this week in history we have been looking at evacuation in Britain and the Kindertransport, and in art, we have started our unit on Henry Moore, with a focus on his wartime artworks.

***This week we have set the following homework:***

<b><i>Grammar: p 6-9</i></b>	<b><i>Due: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Punctuation: p 10-15</i></b>	<b><i>Due: Tues 24<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Reading: Poetry p 2-7 'The Great Fire'</i></b>	<b><i>Due: Thurs 26<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Maths: Targeted Practice p 18-23</i></b>	<b><i>Due: Fri 27<sup>th</sup></i></b>

We have been really impressed with the children's continued enthusiasm towards their homework books; if your child is struggling with a particular concept, please encourage them to come and talk with us about it before the homework is due in.

Have a great weekend,

Year 6 Team

## Year 5 Update

Enthusiastically, the children have made massive strides in swimming this week after just one lesson. Unfortunately, over the last 2 weeks we have arrived back at school late, this is due to some of children taking too long to change - could you please encourage them to change a little quicker.

This week we have finished our poems and written them up in our best copybook, the Year 5 team have been amazed by the creativity, imagination and standard of them. In Maths, we have started short division and used counters and pictures to help us with the process. Could we ask that you help your child practise multiplication and the division inverse to help in these lessons?

Next week we will be continuing our street art and planning a street art project to complete as a class. We will be also be starting our new English topic on biographies and will be looking at a famous broadcaster. Our Seburt Wood apps are starting to take shape and we will have them finished next week.

Once again a plea for remnants of fabric which you no longer require (any colour for example pillowcases etc) we would be very grateful for these. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 team

## Year 4 Update

Another week has flown by with some super behaviour and many children are on the silver band, we're very proud teachers! There have been lots of emotional conversations in English this week surrounding relationships with pets and people. The children have produced some great work and will be continuing next week. Now that the children have grown in confidence when multiplying by 10 and 100, next week we will be exploring the inverse.

In Science, the children are going to be learning about classification keys and investigating them before creating their own. In Art we will continue preparing to create repeated art work like Andy Warhol – art shirts are a must! In Geography, we will be learning more about two countries in the Arctic Circle – half the class will learn about Sweden and the other half will research Greenland. Then we will mix them up and they will teach each other what they have learnt.

Have a good weekend.

Year 4 Team

## Year 3 Update

The children really enjoyed experimenting with colours based on Monet's Houses of Parliament series. Next week, they will use oil pastels to replicate the impressionist style.

In Science, the children will learn how muscles support the skeleton in helping humans to move. In RE, the children will look at some rules by which Muslims live their lives. In Geography, the children will learn about the effects of flooding. In French, they will learn the vocabulary to describe characters. In Music, the children will start to compose their own piece related to Smetana's 'Ma Vlast.'

Have a great weekend.

The Year 3 Teaching Team

## Year 2 Update

In our topic this week the children have been learning about the physical geography of Australia including deserts, mountains and beaches. They understand that these are made through nature rather than by people. We have also been learning about Aboriginal Art. They have learned all about Pointillism and used cotton buds to create their own pictures based upon the Aborigines. Next week we will be thinking about human geography. In Computing we have been learning all about 'stop motion animation'. The children have really enjoyed this. In Maths we have been learning and practising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. A reminder that by the end of Year 2, children should be able to recite multiplication and division facts from the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will practise these many times in class, but children can also practise them at home using the Times Table Rockstars app. Next week we will be looking at dividing by 2, 5 and 10. In English we have been thinking about alliteration, contractions, verbs and adjectives in our Write Stuff lessons. The children have written some brilliant sentences and have been trying really hard to write using the correct letter formation that we have learned in Handwriting lessons. Please do try and encourage the use of this at home.

Have a great weekend  
The Year 2 Team

## Year 1 Update

Next week we will be continuing our theme of Traditional Tales with a focus on the story of Pinocchio. In Maths we will continue our work on numbers within 20. In science this week we are going on a winter observation walk. We continue our learning on Christian stories in RE.

The children are really enjoying our new Computing curriculum and have so far looked at designing and building 3D structures. We will continue to explore this theme over the coming weeks.

As we move through the second phase of our Phonics learning, please look out for the guidance sheets in your child's book bag. These can be used to cement the learning taught through the week. In addition, there is a weekly spelling bookmark placed in reading log books. Please help your child learn the spellings on the bookmark – they focus on the phonic sounds of the week and are tested on a Friday.

Many thanks for all your support.  
Have a lovely weekend.  
The Year 1 Team

## Reception

The children had a fun this week doing gymnastics and also learnt about hygiene, in our pre-cooking sessions, using glitter! In our writing sessions we began making lists of things we would need to pack in Antarctica. Warm clothing, hot food and of course a map! The children used their phonic skills to spell words, listening for the initial sounds and segmenting short words such as h-a-t. In Marvellous Maths we are focusing on subitising, look out for information on Tapestry to help with this skill. The children are learning the term 'number bonds' – different ways of making the same amount. We used our fingers, lollypop sticks or counters to find different ways of making 5.

Next week we are learning more about Antarctica.

*Helpful Hint: We have lots of children who lose gloves - try threading a piece of wool through the sleeves of a coat attached to the gloves.*

We hope you have a lovely weekend.  
From the Reception team

## Nursery

This week we changed the role play area in to a Vet's surgery. We explained to the children that a vet makes animals better when they are ill or hurt. The children have loved talking about their pets and we have been finding out what their favourite pet is by creating a tally chart. Rabbits are the favourite! We have shared lots of pictures of the children's pets on Tapestry. Thank you for posting!

We have enjoyed lots of mark making using animal footprints in paint. We have also played lots of fun phonics games to help develop their listening skills. Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the Rabbit. We will be creating a Chinese restaurant. If you celebrate Chinese New Year at home it would be wonderful to share pictures of your celebrations on Tapestry.

Have a great weekend

The Nursery Team