

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that the National Education Union has arranged teacher strikes for next Wednesday. **We can confirm that all our classes at Sebert Wood will be open as normal** and are likely to be taught by their normal teaching staff. Many of our staff are in different teaching unions than the NEU, and some have said they cannot afford to lose a day's pay.

Whilst we will be continuing as normal, we sympathise with teachers in other schools who are striking. The government did not fund our current pay award, meaning the money had to be found from our own school budget. This leads to tricky decisions about spending on support or resources for pupils. Many schools are having to reduce staffing in order to accommodate this; Sebert Wood is fortunate in not having to do so at present. Working conditions and pay are making it harder to recruit and retain teachers across the country.

We are fortunate to have a team of enthusiastic, experienced and committed teachers; we believe their pay should reflect the challenging work that they do.

Have a great weekend,

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

Good Citizen Award

Mr Tottie has awarded the Good Citizen Award this week to Daniel A (Class 14) who is actively passionate about our environment and has taken it upon himself to tidy up and collect litter from around the school grounds this week. His super attitude and volunteering was highlighted by his peers – well done Daniel, this is fantastic!

Cake Sale



This week one of our Year 3 pupils, Ellie-Mae, will be delivering assemblies to the whole school about WaterAid. This is something she feels strongly about and we are supporting her in trying to educate people and improve lives.

Ellie-Mae will be holding a cake sale to raise money for WaterAid – this will take place on the playground after school on Friday 3rd February. We are very proud of Ellie-Mae for the effort she's making – please pop along to buy a cake and support her at 3.30pm!

If you can **donate any cakes (nut-free please)** please bring them to the front office on Friday morning 3rd.

Gate Locking

Please note that the 5-bar gate beside Nursery and Reception will be closed promptly at 3.40pm each day.

This is to ensure that children attending After School Club can safely access the outdoor play area.

Can we ask you to collect and leave the school grounds promptly thank you.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to our Battle of the Bands Times Tables Rock Stars Winner Year 5 with a fantastic 470 points!

Year 3 came 2nd with 301 points – well done!

A special mention to Year 2 who beat both Year 4 and Year 6 into 3rd place with a great score of 92 points! Well done to everyone who took part.



Sports Round Up

Great success this week from both our Football Team and Dodgeball teams who attended tournaments this week!

FOOTBALL SUPER 8's

Our Year 6 Football Team took part in the Ipswich Super 8's competition on Thursday, with 6-WINS and 1-DRAW.

They will now move forward in the competition, representing ITFC in the Regionals at Wycombe Wanderers.

*The team – George D, Sammy J, Theo M, Daniel A, Will S, Charlie B, Jayden M and Benjamin L played so well, scoring 12 goals in total and only conceding 1! See our Twitter feed for photo**

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

A team from Year 4 represented the school in a dodgeball competition on Wednesday at South Lee.

They played amazingly, not losing a leg until the final!

Our team finished in second place overall and now have a place in the County Finals.

We are really proud of the team and of how well they supported each other. There was some excellent dodging and fantastic catching!

The Team – Abbie C, Kyoko S, Archie T, Toby Savory, Rose W, Oliver A, Emilia R, Oliver B, Julia K and Spencer J.

Fractions video demonstrations

Please see our website www.sebertwood.co.uk – **TEACHING & LEARNING – Homework and Learning Links – Fractions Video Demonstrations** tab where can find a number of really useful videos demonstrating various fractions i.e. adding, subtracting, dividing, finding equivalent fractions and simplifying, converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers,

FOSWS QUIZ NIGHT



Please see attached flyer regarding a FOSWS QUIZ NIGHT
Friday 10th March 2023

Moreton Hall Community Centre, 7.30pm, arrival for 7pm.

Parents, carers, grandparents, friends and neighbours, maximum of 8 players per team, £10 pp.

This includes pizza and accompaniments from Pizza Town. The Bar will be open.

ATTACHED IS THE ENTRY FORM which must be completed and returned to the school office by Friday 24th February. Cash with entry or payment via BACS prior to submitting your entry form please, thank you.

Clubs this term

You can find all the flyers with full contact details on how to book and make payment on our website at www.sebertwoodschool.co.uk Parent Tab/School Clubs.

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

Year 6 Update

The children have been working hard again this week. In PE on Monday, we continued practising different gymnastics skills using various pieces of equipment – the trampette and airtrack were definitely favourites! Outdoor PE consisted of basketball games which the children also enjoyed. In History, the children have been researching leaders during the Second World War in readiness for writing a biography next week, and in Science we have been investigating the effects of exercise on heart rate.

This week we have set the following homework:

Grammar: p 10-15

Due: Mon 30th

Punctuation: p 16-19

Due: Tues 31st

Reading: Fiction 'Holiday on Hill Farm' p 12-21

Due: Thurs 2nd

Maths: Targeted Practice p 24-27

Due: Fri 3rd

Have a great weekend, Year 6 Team

Year 5 Update

Another cold and busy week in Y5 has flown past. We have started our new unit of writing which is a biography about David Attenborough. Any research the children can carry out at home about him will be beneficial. We have now finished our Maths unit on multiplication and division and will be starting work on fractions next week. In Geography, we will be learning about mountain ranges around the world. In Art, the children will be starting to paint the collaborative street art which has been planned. Any more fabric donations for our collages will be gratefully accepted, thank you. In computing the children will be continuing to design an app. Swimming was a little quicker this week, Class 12 are late back due to traffic.

Have a great weekend, Year 5 Team

Year 4 Update

Another great week of behaviour from the children with plenty of them ending up on silver with one lucky person from each class earning hot chocolate for being on gold – the decision is tough for us! The children have worked extremely hard during their last sentence stacking lessons this week leading onto them doing their independent writing next week. The children are doing so well at learning their times tables so please keep up the good work. They will be using this knowledge next week to write informal and formal multiplication calculations. In Science, the children will be reading and following classification charts. In Geography, the children will be learning about the Inuit people. We are moving on From Andy Warhol in art and will begin looking at Roy Lichtenstein and his style of 'Pop Art'.

Ready for DT next half term, please could you start to *collect small, dry recyclables* and send them in. These can be anything from *kitchen roll tubes, cake trays or yogurt pots* - the more variety the better.

Have a great weekend, Year 4 Team

Year 3 Update

The children enjoyed making a start on their river composition in music. They will continue to build on this until half-term.

In science, the children will learn about balanced diets. In geography, they will learn about the different types of pollution. In French, they will consolidate all the new vocabulary they have learnt this term. In art, they will finish their artwork fashioned in the style of Monet. In computing, the children will continue designing digital artwork using Pixilart.

Have a good weekend.

The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 Update

In our topic this week the children have been thinking about the human features of Australia and have continued to look at and study Aboriginal Art, exploring the symbols used to tell stories in paintings. The children enjoyed making Anzac biscuits when we celebrated Australia Day on Thursday! Next week we will be comparing Australia with Bury St Edmunds and looking at animals which are native to Australia.

In English we have completed our sentence stacking lessons ready to plan, write and edit our own stories next week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to and learning about the story of 'Little Red Reading Hood' and we hope they will use this to help them when writing.

In Maths we have been looking at doubling and moving onto dividing by 2. We teach this by drawing circles and crosses, maybe you could get the children to teach you our method! Next week we will be looking at halving and dividing by 10 and 5.

Have a good weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 1 Update

This week in Year 1 we had a very exciting start to our new literacy book by learning all about different types of puppets and finding out how they work. We made our own stick puppets and acted out some traditional stories with them.

In Maths we have continued our work on numbers and number bonds to 20. Next week we will start to explore subtraction within 20.

In DT this week we enjoyed making Little Red Riding Hood story wheels. Next week we will be putting all the DT skills we have learnt this term together by designing and making our own moving pictures.

In Music we continued our lessons based on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We also learnt about a famous Indian musician called Ravi Shankar and an instrument called a Sitar.

In RE we continued to look at Christian stories with an emphasis on The Good Samaritan.

The children enjoyed their "winter walk" and were able to spot lots of different signs of winter. However, we were also able to spot that Spring is just around the corner as there were buds on some of the trees!

The weather is still cold and damp so please send your child to school with a warm coat. Please also encourage your child to be independent by teaching them to do up their coat and shoes by themselves.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 1 Team

Reception

This week we have been learning about Antarctica. Sunshine Class have been learning about penguins and have enjoyed looking through information books in the library. Rainbow Class made a story together about a trip to Antarctica. They worked in groups to create story maps where they re-told the story they had made.

Next week, we are swapping activities; Sunshine Class will be doing story maps and Rainbow Class learning about penguins.

Polite reminder: Please keep brown word envelopes in book bags. We need them at school to review the same day as the reading activities and books are changed. For example, butterflies change books/words on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend

Reception Team

Nursery

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year and about their celebrations! We read the book '*Cleversticks*' which told the story of a little boy who taught his class how to use Chopsticks. We have tried to use chopsticks in our Nursery role play restaurant and tried real Chinese food at snack time on Wednesday! We tried noodles, rice and prawn crackers and we were very proud of some children for trying something new. Lots of them were surprised at how much they enjoyed it! We have learnt that in Chinese culture they believe that the colours of red and gold are lucky so we have been doing lots of craft activities with these colours including some noodle fun, rice tuff tray fun and play dough fun! We have been doing lots of mark making using chop sticks to paint with, in red sand to write Chinese letters and in our Chinese restaurant when taking orders. We have been watching lots of Dragon and Lion dances which we had a go at too! The children had so much fun doing this and did really well at following instructions.

Outside we have been using the Musical instruments to create a dragon dance, exploring rice using big, medium and small bowls and weighing it in the scales and having our own Chinese New Year animal race!

Next week we will be taking part in the RSPB Big Garden bird watch. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

We will be looking out for what birds we can spot in our garden, creating a role play area bird hide and talking about how to look after birds in winter.

If you have any kitchen roll tubes we would really appreciate some to help us making bird feeders and binoculars! Thank you. 😊

We hope you have a great weekend

The Nursery Team