

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Ellie-Mae (Y3) has set a fantastic example by delivering assemblies to Years 1 to 6 about WaterAid. She explained to the children that not everyone has access to clean water and why she feels this is unfair. The children watched videos of what life is like in an African village and showed thoughtful, sympathetic responses – we are very proud of them. We have encouraged children to understand that just one person can make a difference, and **Ellie-Mae** is doing this through both educating others and fundraising. She has deservedly been awarded the **Good Citizen trophy** this week.

There has been excitement in the school library this week as we took delivery of £250 worth of graphic novels. These cartoon-style pictorial novels entice even the most reluctant of readers and are our most popular books! This purchase was made possible through a generous donation from Rapport, a company with parental links to two of our pupils. We are also in the process of restocking our library; rather than throw away our older books we offered them to children to take home and keep. We hope these have found a happy new home and spark some new interests.

Looking ahead to next half-term, many year groups will be teaching Relationships and Sex units. A letter will be sent home letting you know what your child's year group will be covering, your rights as a parent and how you can support your child.

Have a great weekend,

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



Cake Sale



Thank you to everyone who has brought in cakes today for Ellie-Mae's cake sale and for all of you for coming to the cake stall after school. We will let you know how much money is raised for this good cause.

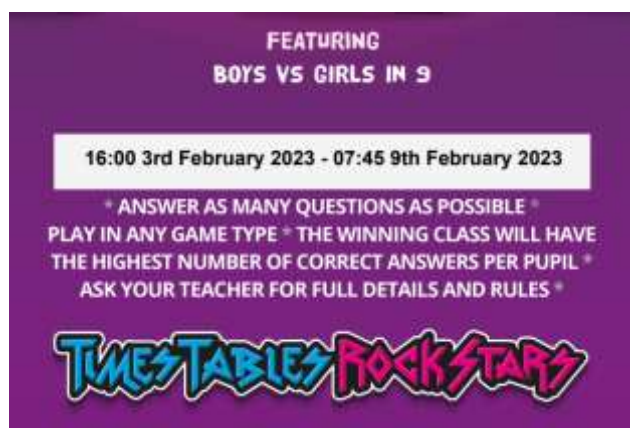
What children do outside school



Congratulations this week to **Alexandra B** (Class 9) who, after recent trials for the Suffolk County Artistic Gymnastics Squad in Ipswich and the East of England Regional tumbling squad in Milton Keynes – is delighted to have been offered a place in both squads!

This is amazing! Well done Alexandra!

Times Tables Rock Stars



Safer Internet Day in School

We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in school next week, on Tuesday 7th February, with the learning based around this year's theme of ***'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'***.

Making sure children are aware of the dangers of the internet is more important than ever and we always encourage pupils to talk to trusted adults at home, or in school, about any online concerns or worries they have.

Below is a link to a short video for parents and carers which is aimed at helping you with starting those conversations. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rl_gZTQ9F7w

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.

HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP

Places still available for the February half-term fun Sports Camps with Reece Clarke Coaching at Sebert Wood School. 9am - 3pm R-Y6 . Please see attached flyer for full details with Booking and payment information. Football, basketball, dodgeball, rounders, mini-games and more...!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023

HALF TERM WEEK

Year 6 Update

We have been really impressed with the children's independent writing in History this week: they have produced some interesting and informative biographies. The children have also enjoyed our algebra topic in maths which we have now completed. In Science, we finished our investigation into the effects of exercise on heart rate and presented the results in a graph. Next week, the children will be completing a further set of mock-SATs assessments. This will be an opportunity for the children to evidence the fantastic progress they have been making, as well as highlight any areas which still need to be covered in greater detail.

This week we have set the following homework:

Grammar: p 16-21

Due: Mon 6th

Punctuation: p 20-25

Due: Tues 7th

Reading: Non-Fiction 'Loggerhead Sea Turtles' p 12-21

Due: Thurs 9th

Maths: Arithmetic p 4-11

Due: Fri 10th

Have a great weekend,
Year 6 Team

Year 5 Update

The children have learnt lots about David Attenborough's life for our English lessons. They have thought of some questions to send Mrs Fisk's uncle who was the producer of one of Attenborough's TV programmes! The children are waiting excitedly to receive the replies to the questions. We are coming to the end of our maths unit on fractions and will be starting to learn about decimals and percentages next week.

In outdoor PE, the focus will be netball. In art the children are producing a collaborative piece of street art to display in school. Thank you for the donations of fabric which we have received, we would be grateful for any more, especially natural/earthy colours. Just a reminder that Mathletics homework is set weekly and helps the children with what we are teaching in class.

Have a great weekend,
Year 5 Team

Year 4 Update

As we come to the last week of this half term, it's amazing to look at all the children have achieved! So much praise has been given and so many rewards for great behaviour and work, we're sure that next week will be no different. The children worked so hard on planning their versions of 'Feast' this week from the dog owner's point of view. We can see that they are really using these to their benefit now and their writing blew us away! We are more than happy if you would like to pop in after school on Monday or Friday so your child can proudly show you their published work.

In English next week we will be focussing on persuasive writing, based upon Safer Internet Day.

In Maths, we will continue with multiplying larger numbers in column format. Our Science lesson will be based on looking at habitats and how they can be endangered. The pop art to be produced next will be less messy than the last as it will mainly be using felt tip pens.

Once again, please can you send in any small, dry recyclable materials as we need lots for our DT after half-term. Most things that you would crush and put in your blue bin would be great for us.

Have a good weekend,
Year 4 Team

Year 3 Update

This half term has flown by, with only one week left until the half term break! The children have been very busy writing up their earthquake stories. They have worked so hard and we are very impressed with the end result. For some of the children this has been one of the longest pieces of writing they have completed independently and there were a few aching hands after copying their final piece in neat for their 'Publishing Book'!

Next week, we will be rounding off some of our current units. In Science, we will be looking at different types of skeleton for vertebrates and invertebrates. We will have our last gymnastics session in PE, where we have worked hard to add poise and polish to our performances; creatively linking elements together to form a simple sequence. There will be a chance to finalise and perform our river compositions in Music, whilst in Geography we are looking at how the globe is split into the Northern and Southern hemispheres

Please keep up with TTRockstars, Mathletics, spelling practise and reading. A few of you have also mentioned that your child does not let you know how they did in their weekly spelling tests. If your child does not get all of the spellings correct, they will be given a spelling list to stick in their reading log, highlighted with the words they got wrong so that you may revisit them.

Have a great weekend,
Year 3 Team

Year 2 Update

In our topic this week the children have been comparing Australia to Bury St Edmunds; thinking about the physical and human features that these places have. We have also thought about the animals that are native to Australia, which the children have really enjoyed!

In English we have been writing our own stories based on Goldilocks and The Three Bears. Next week, we will be revisiting all the grammar taught so far this term and seeing what the children can remember.

In Maths we have been dividing by 5 and 10. The children have been looking at inverse operations to check their answers. Next week, we will be looking at measuring length and height using rulers and metre sticks.

A huge thank you to the parents who kindly gave us some unexpected treats on Wednesday. We were really touched by this.

Have a lovely weekend.
The Year 2 Team

Year 1 Update

We have had another great week of learning in Year 1. The children really enjoyed exploring the texture of different materials in our Science learning. Next week are going to test the properties of different materials by building model houses and testing if they are water resistant. With this in mind we would be especially grateful for any clean recyclables for modelling and if anyone can spare any tin foil it would be very helpful.

The children really enjoyed gathering all of the DT skills they have learnt this half term to design their own Three Billy Goats Gruff moving picture.

In PSHE we looked at safe ways of crossing the road. To help reinforce this learning with your child it would be good to ask them about this at home. Next week we continue our Literacy work on the story of Pinocchio and in Maths we complete our work on numbers up to 20.

Please make sure your child comes to school on PE days in the correct, named Sebert Wood PE kit. For clarification this is a plain black, grey or navy joggers/shorts, a plain white t-shirt or Sebert Wood PE t-shirt and a plain black, grey, navy or Sebert Wood sweatshirt. No branded clothing or bright colours please. Thank you for your understanding in following our school guidance.

Have a great weekend.
The Year One Team

Reception

This week we have created an Antarctica Research Station role play corner. We have talked about how the scientists measure the ice to see if it has melted. The children also used binoculars to search for animals that were hidden around the room. We looked in information books about the types of birds and animals that live in the Polar Regions.

To finish off our topic we will learn about the first explorers to the South Pole and the people who live at the North Pole.

Next week in Marvellous Maths we are thinking about time and activities that we do on different days of the week, such as gymnastics on Mondays. At home can you draw a picture of some of the things you do on different days of the week?

We hope you have a lovely weekend
The Reception Team

Nursery

We have really enjoyed making bird feeders in Nursery this week and talking about how to look after the birds in winter. We made some kitchen roll bird feeders by carefully spreading on lard and rolling them in bird seed. We explored outside in our secret garden and found places to put our feeders and watched out to see if the birds came. Some cheeky squirrels did come too! 🐿️🌿

We created a bird hide look out in Nursery so we could look out for different birds! We had lots of different birds placed around Nursery and on the wall to find!

We have been practicing our cutting skills by snipping feathers to make them fluffy. 🐦

The children made binoculars using the kitchen tubes and paper/card. They did really well using tape to attach them together and decorated them with tissue paper😊. We used them to find and take a closer look at some of the birds we had placed around nursery. We even used them outside! Lots of fantastic birdwatchers! 🐦🐦🐦

We were very lucky to have Harry's mummy come in to Nursery to show us how to care for animals. Harry's mummy is a Veterinary Nurse! The children loved this and were very excited to have a visitor in Nursery! If any of our parents would like to come in and share their job or share any skills with us we would love to welcome you in. Please let us know. 😊

Next week we will be talking about online safety with the children and also celebrating Valentine's Day.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend
The Nursery Team