

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look back at the end of another half-term, we've been so impressed by the way children have reacted to our new behaviour policy. Children are coming to school determined to do their best and earn their way up the behaviour ladder – congratulations to everyone who has reached silver or gold so far!

Shortly after half-term – Thursday 2nd March – will be World Book Day. Our plans are as follows:

- Children can dress up as a book/character, or come to school in their pyjamas
- Children should bring a favourite book to school – we will be off-timetable all day
- There will be a book cover competition – see below
- From Friday 3rd March, we will have a Book Fair in school. Children will be able to use their £1 tokens to get money off at the fair.

We haven't dressed up for book day for several years; it can be an extra financial burden for struggling families and some feel it isn't good for the environment to buy a costume for one day. Many children have asked if they can dress up this year; to balance this we are giving the option of wearing pyjamas. We're looking forward to a fun day!

You will receive a separate notification today regarding Class Dojo and how we will use this after half-term. Children will bring home their unique sign-up password. We encourage you to download the app as it will enable you to keep up to date with the learning in your child's class.

Finally – many thanks to those of you who generously support the cake sale last week. **Ellie-Mae B** (Y4) raised an amazing £142.40 for WaterAid. Well done for making a difference!

Have a lovely half-term break,

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

GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS

This week the Good Citizen Award has been awarded to three outstanding pupils, **Florrie L** and **Nefeli V** (C12) nominated by Mrs Fisk for their help supporting younger children in the Green Room and also helping in the hall at lunchtimes. And our third Good Citizen, nominated by Mrs Cornwell– **Seboo W** also from C12, for his helpful nature and good communication with younger pupils in Year 2. This is wonderful to see, and well done to all of you for your kindness!

Times Tables Rock Stars



Congratulations to everyone who took part in last weeks boys –v– girls competition!

The overall winners were the boys, well done to them. There were also some excellent individual performances

1st **Alex B** 2nd **Rose G** 3rd **Holly W** - all from Year 4

CLUBS SPRING SCHEDULE

The new Clubs Schedule and club flyers for next term are available to view on our website at www.sebertwoodschool.co.uk Parent/School Clubs tab.

If you wish to book your child's place for next term please contact the providers directly and also to make payment, thank you. All clubs will start at 3.30pm the week we come back, 20th February.

WHAT CHILDREN DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL

The Voice Squad are presenting *Heroes and Villains* in conjunction with Conservatoire East on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th February and our pupils **Holly W**, **Verity F** and **Kyoko S** – all from Year 4 are taking part. This is wonderful – well done to you all on all your hard work and we do hope the show goes well!

Tickets are available via tickets.thevoicesquad.org.uk if you would like to go along!



A big well done to Emily B (Class 14) who took part in this year's RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch recently – what a great thing to do and so important for the protection of our birds and wildlife.

FOSWS QUIZ NIGHT



Just a couple of team places still available for the
FOSWS QUIZ NIGHT Friday 10th March 2023

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

Junior Bake Off

The Casting Researcher at Love Production has contacted us - the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down as they have recently opened applications for the 9th series of **Junior Bake Off on** Channel 4 celebrating the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2023, but **applications close on Sunday 12th March 2023**.

Attached is their flyer and here is the link for any interested bakers if you would like to apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

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 running on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please flyer for full details with booking and payment information on our website – Holiday Camps. Football, basketball, dodgeball, rounders, mini-games and more...!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February	HALF TERM WEEK
Tuesday 14 th and Wednesday 15 th February	Holiday Sports Camp SW
Monday 20 th February	Term starts (pupils return to school)
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – non uniform (PJ's and dress up)
Friday 3 rd March – Friday 10 th March	Book Fair in school

Year 6 Update

We can't believe how quickly this half term has flown by! The children are now halfway through their final year at Sebert Wood; we have been extremely impressed with their attitudes towards their learning and the progress they have made this half term. We have been completing a further set of practice SATs papers this week and it is fantastic to see so many children improve on their scaled scores from last time.

We believe the children deserve a well-earned rest over half term, so we have not set any pages from their homework books to be completed. We will set some new homework in the first week back. However, after half term, we will be testing the children on the complete Year 5/6 spelling list (which can be found in their planners); they may want to spend some time practising these.

After half term, our indoor PE slot will be changing day: this will be on a Wednesday rather than a Monday – outdoor PE will remain on a Thursday.

Have a good break,
The Year 6 teaching team

Year 5 Update

Unbelievably we are now half way through Y5! We have had a busy week learning about how mountains are formed and working on large pieces of collaborative street art. We have started a new maths unit on decimals and percentages.

After half term, we will begin a Science unit on materials and their properties. In French, we will be learning vocabulary associated with the town. The children will plan and write biographies of either Greta Thunberg or Steve Backshall, it might be useful for the children to research their chosen naturalist further over half term. Once the street art is finished, we will begin to plan our fabric collages. Swimming, PE and music continue on the same days, as will homework and spellings. Please hand in some homework by Wednesday 22nd February. Thank you. Please note that for the first swimming session back (21st) all children are required to bring pyjamas or shorts and t-shirt to wear over their swimming clothes in the pool.

During the week after half-term during our PSHE lesson we will be covering RSE. If you have any questions, please do email us. You will have received information on what topics are to be covered in the email this week. Have a relaxing and restful half term,
Year 5 Team

Year 4 Update

We really do have amazing children in our classes! The work that they have produced and the behaviour that they have shown over this half term really shows that they are following the schools ethos of 'Readiness, Resilience and Respect' – we couldn't be prouder! After half term we will finish off learning about perimeter and division in maths. In English we will start a new focus on non-fiction texts about Polar animals. We have nearly come to the end of our 'Living things and their habits' Science topic and will begin looking at 'Sound' shortly. The children have just a little bit more to finish with their Pop Art in the style of Roy Lichtenstein before moving onto a new DT project. Thank you for all the clean, dry recyclables already sent in, but please keep them coming – we need a lot! In Music, the children have been using glockenspiels and after the Easter holidays, they will start recorders. Whilst we do have some in school, you may prefer for your child to have their own so this is just a little heads up. After half term in Geography, the children will learn about biomes around the world and the unique plants and animals that thrive there. We will start by learning about tropical savannahs, deserts and taiga forests. We will not be sending out any new Homework Menus until after half term but please keep practising your times-tables and reading! Also, on Thursday after half term (23.2.23), we will be giving the children a spelling test which will come from the words they have been learning for their past five 'weekly spellings'. Please find a reminder of these words in their book-bags.

Enjoy the break,
Year 4 Team

Year 3 Update

We've had a lovely half-term but the children are now ready for a little break.

Next half-term we will be starting a unit on rocks and soils in science. In Geography, we will take a look at world rivers before starting our rainforest topic. In French, the children will learn vocabulary relating to animals.

The children have received their new home learning menu for next half-term. Please look out for it in their bookbags. Please ensure your children read and practise spellings over the break. They have also got some Mathematics home learning to catch up on.

Have a good week

The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 Update

In our topic work this week the children have been looking at animals which have pouches, and as a result have designed and made their own pouches using materials and sewing techniques. Sewing has taken a lot of patience from children (and staff!) especially when their needle needed rethreading, however the children demonstrated good resilience, which is one of our keys values at school.

In English we finished writing our own versions of 'The Little Red Reading Hood' where the children wrote a creative but different ending to the story. Next half term we will be looking at a new book which has some very exciting experience days! We can't wait!

In Maths, the children have been learning about measuring and ordering length and height. They were really good at remembering to start at 0 cm. After half term we will be looking at money.

Next half term our topic will be 'Year 2 Zoo' which is exciting as there is so much to learn about animals and habitats!

Wishing you all a great half term

The Year 2 Team

Year 1 Update

This week the children have enjoyed writing their own Pinocchio stories to complete our Traditional Tales topic. After half term, our literacy writing will focus on the story of The Way Back Home before moving to a non-fiction writing element.

In Maths this week we completed our addition and subtraction to 20 learning. After half term we will start to focus on numbers to 50.

After half term we have been lucky enough to secure an indoor PE slot with a specialist gymnastics teacher. However, this does mean that we will have to move our PE slot again – sorry! PE will now be on Monday afternoons. The gymnastics teacher is very experienced and often brings specialist equipment with her, which the children love to use.

We have been very impressed with how the children have adapted to the new behaviour policy. Well done to the children who have received a Golden Ticket so far. We are sure that many more will receive one as we approach the Easter holidays.

Have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing the children fully refreshed when we return.

The Year One Team

Reception

This week we have been talking about internet safety and read a book called Penguin pig.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=penguinpig We are sure you will have fun over the half term break maybe going to the park, cooking or riding your bike. Please feel free to share your photos on Tapestry.

The children were taught to always tell an adult if they see something they don't like or worries them.

The children are really enjoying gymnastics but some children are finding it difficult to put their own socks and shoes on afterwards. We do not have long after PE before it is time for lunch, therefore the more children who can independently put on their socks and shoes the quicker we can be. Please practice at home over the break.

Next half term our theme will be traditional tales and alternative versions of them. We are sure you will have fun over the half term break maybe going to the park, cooking or riding your bike. Please feel free to share your photos on Tapestry.

We hope you have a lovely half term break

The Reception Team.

Nursery

We have enjoyed lots of special activities around Nursery to celebrate Valentine's. We made a Valentine's card for those we love. ♥

We painted some lovely special tulip flower paintings by making prints using a fork. It made a beautiful tulip pattern! 🌷

We enjoyed exploring in raspberry jelly using tweezers to get the sequins out and using pink play dough to create yummy chocolates and hearts using heart cutters! ♥

We have explored ice and what happens to it when left out of the freezer in a warm room.

We have been counting spots on broken hearts and matching it with its correct number to join the heart together. ♥

Thank you so much to all the parents that came to our parent sharing on Thursday. We are looking forward to seeing more parents on Tuesday 21st February.

When we return after half term we will be sharing the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and builders fun!

We hope you have had a wonderful Valentine's Day with your loved ones and a great half term.

The Nursery Team