

# Sebert Wood Primary School

## Parent/Carer Update



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a full week back we've had the pleasure of handing out many Star Award certificates in assembly. It has been great to hear children talking about the highlights of their week – some have started learning French, others have been swimming or dancing and some have been challenged to learn tricky number bonds. Our history topics remain popular, particularly ancient Egypt and the Romans! We aim to offer a broad curriculum and are pleased to hear so many children enthused by different aspects of this.

As our pupils progress through the school we are keen to imbue them with a sense of responsibility. This week each class has elected two pupils to join the school council, run by Mr Tottie. We are also recruiting school librarians, eco-leaders and wellbeing champions. We are always pleased with how seriously the children respect these roles and the skills or experiences they give.

The children have also enjoyed taking part in International Dot Day. *The Dot* is a book about a teacher who dares a reluctant pupil to 'make her mark'. It encourages children to be creative, be brave and express themselves in their own way. Pupils across the school have made dots using a variety of media and we now have a grand display of their work in the school library. Our thanks to art lead Mrs Howell for co-ordinating the activities.

Parenting can be tricky. Next Friday our mental health champion, Mrs O'Connell, will be holding a coffee morning for any Year 5/6 parents who would like support or advice. We hope to run this each half-term and will offer support to different yeargroups each time. The session runs from 9am-10am - please enter via the Year 5/6 entrance. Places can be booked via the School Gateway from Monday lunchtime. If you're finding things difficult, come along and get some helpful tips.

Have a great weekend,

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

### Dates for your diary

#### **October 2023**

Friday 6	FOSWS Disco
Thursday 12	Parent Consultations – details to follow
Monday 16	Parent Consultations – details to follow
Wednesday 18	Individual Photographs (during school hours)
Friday 20	Gressenhall (Year 5)
Monday 23 – Friday 27 October	Half Term

#### **November 2023**

7 November	Flu vaccinations
Monday 13 – Friday 17	Fit Friday / Children in Need

For further dates, please see the school website.

## Behaviour Safe at Home training

**Behaviour Safe At Home** supports parents, carers and family members living with children who display extreme behaviours, to improve the safety of everyone. The focus of the programme is on early intervention, to help prevent the behaviour escalating and to reduce the need for restrictive interventions. Meaningful and focused guidance is given to help parent/carers make appropriate positive choices when managing difficult behaviours.

**Two-day courses will be delivered by Bells Croft Consultancy on the following dates:**

- 19th and 26th September 2023 – Bury St Edmunds
- 7th and 14th November 2023 – Ipswich
- 16th and 23rd January 2024 – Sudbury
- 6th and 13th February 2024 – Bury St Edmunds
- 5th and 12th March 2024 – Ipswich

*Full address and details provided with enquiry or booking*

**Prices are:**

£30.00 for one parent/carers

£50.00 for two parent/carers

Please note these courses are heavily subsidised with the original cost being £200 per person. Therefore, the booking fee is non-refundable.

Please contact us at [aufamilyadvice@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:aufamilyadvice@suffolk.gov.uk) for a Booking form or to go on our waiting list.

## Pupil achievements



A huge well done to Ollie and Emilia (year 5) for completing their RYA Youth Sailing Scheme Stage 1. Ollie also received a trophy for 'Best Beginner'. For anyone else interested in the scheme, please visit

<https://ypasailing.org.uk/fancy-joining/>

## Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a Head of Kitchen to contribute to our high-quality catering service which meets the needs of the pupils and the school. The successful candidate for this demanding and rewarding post must be an enthusiastic and friendly individual who enjoys working as part of a team.

The role will be varied, challenging and rewarding. The role demands a high level of energy and commitment along with the ability to promote positive relationships with children and staff.

Full details of the post can be found on the school website ([Sebert Wood Community Primary School - Staff Vacancies \(sebertwoodschool.co.uk\)](https://sebertwoodschool.co.uk)) but should you have any queries, please contact Mrs Stobbart via the school office.



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