

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 22nd September 2023

Parent consultations: Reception – Year 6

We are holding Parent Consultation appointments on:

Thursday 12th October 4-7pm
Monday 16th October 3.45-6.45pm

The Online Booking system opens at midday on Thursday 28th September and closes at midday on Monday 9 October.

To book your appointment go to <https://sebertwoodschool.schoolcloud.co.uk>

You will be prompted to add yours and your child's details enabling you to login and book appointments. Any siblings should automatically be identified and shown.

Please only use the number digit for your child's class i.e. 1 (for Sunshine) or 2 (for Rainbow).

Please also check your salutation is correct i.e. Mr, Ms, Miss, Mrs etc.

Should you have any difficulties viewing/accessing the system, please contact the school office on admin@sebertwood.co.uk.

These appointments give you the opportunity to meet with the class teacher, discuss how your child has settled into their new class and ask any questions you may have. In order for the consultation to run smoothly it is important the appointments do not overrun the allocated 10 minutes. However, should you want to discuss a specific issue you think will take longer, then a separate appointment can be made at another time.

Parent coffee mornings

Today we held our first drop-in session offering parenting advice and family support for parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils. Following its success we are pleased to run similar sessions for other yeargroups on the following dates:

Friday 6th October – Years 3 and 4

Friday 13th October – Years 1 and 2

Sessions run from 9am until 10am. If you would like to attend please let us know by emailing admin@sebertwood.co.uk.

Writing competition

The BBC is launching its regular 500 words competition for budding young writers, and we are doing the same! Please see attached letter for details of our new Sebert Stories competition.

#HelloYellow

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

At Sebert Wood we have decided to support the charity Young Minds. We are inviting the children to wear non-school uniform and something yellow this World Mental Health Day on 10 October, and donating what you can. This will demonstrate, as a school community, to young people that we're with them. It shows them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

We look forward to seeing everyone wearing yellow (even Mr Wells!) [#helloyellow](#)



Follow 'Friends of Sebert Wood' on Facebook for event updates.



Drop-offs and collection

Following a number of incidents recently we have asked a PCSO to come and monitor parking near the school.

Please be mindful of residents' driveways and double-yellow lines when parking your vehicle. If there is no parking space, there is a large car park by the community centre which is only a short walk away. Parking on corners or double-yellow lines can put our pupils into dangerous situations.

Our staff report a number of recent near-misses in when trying to enter or leave our staff car park. This has been caused by families using the car park as a short-cut to walk through, which again creates a hazard. The car park is for staff only, and families who park their own cars in it may be challenged. This includes those using breakfast or after-school clubs.

Finally, a number of our families need to use the disabled bay on the school driveway. Those who park there simply to save time are preventing legitimate use for those with disabilities, and may also be challenged.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Online safety

We have recently added an updated parents' guide about WhatsApp to the Online Awareness For Parents section on our website: please find details [here](#).

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming - and what they're actually playing - can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. We have recently added a 'Setting Boundaries Around Gaming' guide to the Online Awareness for Parents section of our website [here](#) which could help set some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

Times Table Rockstar results

Congratulations to classes 9, 11 and 8!

	Class Average Correct	Class Total Correct	
1	9		18,011
2	11		6,209
3	8		3,715

Vacancies

Head of Kitchen

We are seeking to appoint a Head of Kitchen to contribute to our high-quality catering service. 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. It demands a high level of energy and commitment along with the ability to promote positive relationships with children and staff.

PE Teaching Assistant

Monday - Friday : 11.45pm – 3.30pm = 18.75 hours/week; Term time only (38 weeks)

We wish to appoint a PE teaching assistant to support class teachers during afternoon PE lessons and groups of children at lunchtime.

The successful applicant will possess empathy, understanding, patience and also be passionate about working with children providing a calm learning environment. We seek an applicant who is self-motivated, confident and demonstrates the ability to use their initiative. Full training and support will be provided but previous sporting experience would be an advantage.

Full details of the posts can be found on the school website ([Our School - Staff Vacancies](#)) but should you have any queries, please contact Mrs Stobbart via the school office.

Dates for your diary

October 2023

Friday 6	FOSWS Disco
Tuesday 10	World Mental Health day – wear yellow!
	Year 3 Egyptian Day
Thursday 12	Parent Consultations – see above for booking details
Monday 16	Parent Consultations – see above for booking details
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