

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week many of our year 5 and 6 pupils have been completing application forms to be Wellbeing Champions. We place a strong focus on both mental health and pupil leadership at Sebert Wood. Children will be interviewed and those who are successful will be given training to support other pupils across the school. We have been so impressed with their desire to help other children who may be struggling. Their applications demonstrate the ethos we try to instil at our school:

- “I think this is an important role because I think the school should be a nice safe place with children who feel like they can share what their worries are.”
- “There will always be someone that will listen to them and respect what they have to say.”
- “Someone might find it easier to talk to a younger person, so that people have choices about how they solve problems.”
- “If you are skilled enough you can make someone who is upset laugh, and that’s what I want to do.”
- “The school takes great care to ensure that all students are safe and well.”
- “I want to make sure nobody in the playground is sad or lonely or has nobody to play with.”

One of our school rules is **be kind to others** – we are proud of the way every applicant has exemplified this.

This week we also launched a poster competition for KS2 pupils around the theme of mental health. Entries should be on A4 and handed to class teachers by Thursday 5th October. Winning entries (one from each year) will be copied and displayed around school.

We hope you have a great weekend,

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

Parent coffee mornings

Last week 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 and take place in our Upper Key Stage 2 studio – please enter via the year 5/6 doors.

Sebert Stories

We have started to receive entries for our Sebert Stories writing competition, and there's still plenty of time to enter.

The Sebert Stories competition will have three age-related categories (Key Stage 1; Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2) with winners receiving book vouchers and a chance to be included in a special book that will be kept in our school library, so everyone can enjoy reading your story. Our school competition rules, which are mostly the same as the BBC's 500 Words contest, are:

- The story must be an original piece of fiction and not an account of real events – either historical or current
- Stories can: feature well-known public figures from today or from history (e.g. Harry Kane or Florence Nightingale); take place in historical eras (e.g. Roman Britain); use real life experiences, as long as the story is fictional
- Entrants can use fictional characters (e.g. Harry Potter), as a creative springboard, but we're looking for made-up stories, which will be marked for characterisation, as well as originality, plot, language and enjoyment!
- Stories must be 500 words or under. The title will not be included in the word count. You must include your word count on your entry
- All entries need to be written in the form of a story and not as a rap, poem, play or dialogue.
- Only one story may be entered per child and it has to be all your own work
- Each story must be written by one person
- Adults can correct spelling where the meaning of the word might otherwise be misconstrued. However, we ask that none of the words used are changed. Grammar also has to stay the same. Stories are marked on their creative use of language, not on correct spelling
- Entries can be submitted from Tuesday 26th September, until the closing date **on Friday 10th November**
- We would prefer for entries to be typed and emailed to the school address (admin@sebertwood.co.uk), with 'Sebert Stories' written in the subject, and the name and class name clearly marked at the start of the story, as well as the word count.
- However, if this is not possible, entries can be handwritten and given to your teacher with your name and class name, as well as the word count, on the front page.

Good luck, and enjoy writing!

Mr Wells

Extended Schools Bookings

If you wish to use our Breakfast Club or After School Club, please make sure you book in advance. We have to cap numbers to match staffing levels, and may be unable to accommodate extra children during busy sessions.

Half-term Holiday Camp

Arrangements are now being made for October holiday camps to run at the school. Please check the school website for further information.

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.

Reminder

The school site can be very busy at drop-off and hometime – please do not let children ride bikes or scooters on site.

Dates for your diary

October 2023

Friday 6	FOSWS Disco
Tuesday 10	World Mental Health day – wear yellow!
	Egyptian Day (Year 3)
Thursday 12	Parent Consultations
Monday 16	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 18	Individual Photographs (during school hours)
Thursday 19	Roman Day (Year 4)
Friday 20	Gressenhall trip (Year 5)
Monday 23 – Friday 27 October	Half Term

November 2023

7 November	Flu vaccinations
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