

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at Sebert Wood! It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school last night for our first Parent/Carer consultations of the year. We hope you enjoyed hearing how your child has settled in and had the opportunity to ask any questions about new yeargroups. We look forward to seeing many more of you at the second session on Monday.

On Tuesday our Year 3 pupils saw the curriculum brought to life through some visiting historians for Egyptian Day. They have been eager to share their experiences and knowledge with the rest of the school – thank you to the parents who made this possible by making a financial contribution.

We also turned yellow for the day on Tuesday to mark World Mental Health day, raising nearly £120 for Young Minds. Pupils across the school have focussed on mental health during PSHE. Mrs O'Connell held assemblies for KS2 about mental health and announced the winners of our poster competition – we look forward to seeing the winning entries displayed around the school.

Tuesday was also our Active Travel day. The number of children coming to school by foot, bike or scooter was counted and a brilliant 261 pupils took part! There was also an opportunity for our school mascot, Sherbert the hedgehog, to meet the Eco Carriers mascot – see the following photo!

Today the school has enjoyed a visiting musician, Rob Pattison, who shared a number of brass instruments with children across the school – thank you to Mrs Ryan for organising this. Children left the hall with smiles on their faces!

Next week one of our Year 5 pupils, Morin, will be leading assemblies marking Black History Month – she will be presenting to years one to six, as well as sharing stories with Reception and Nursery children. Good luck Morin! Year 4 will take part in Roman day in school, and Year 5 will visit Gressenhall Farm as part of their history topic. The Year 5 trip is going ahead thanks to Green Space Garden Services, who kindly donated money to cover the shortfall from parent contributions.

Finally, a huge thank you to the FOSWS volunteers and staff who organised and supervised the school discos. A fantastic time was had by the children and we raised over £834!

Have a great weekend,

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

Writing competition

A quick reminder that our writing competition, Sebert Stories, is still open. The aim of the competition is to encourage writing for pleasure and to give children a chance to show off their brilliant imaginations!

The closing date is Friday 10th November, so children do have the opportunity to write their entry during the half-term break. All stories will be displayed in the school library and the winning entries shared in assembly. Entries must be no more than 500 words. Good luck everyone!

Sherbert makes a new friend!



Staff Changes

Year 6 teacher Miss Woods has now begun her maternity leave. Mrs Liddle now teaches Class 13 all week. Next week we say goodbye to Mrs Sharon Steven who has held a range of posts across the school in the past 15 years. We wish them both luck for the future.

School Photos

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 18th October 2023**, to take the Individual & Sibling Photos. Please pre-register to enable access to your child's photographs - this is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute: please visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk and enter the following code: **JRSTSJZ**

You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name.

Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification informing you that your child's photos are ready to be viewed and can be purchased.

October holiday club

Rugbytots and Reece Coaching will once again be holding various holiday camps at the school during the October half term. Full details can be found on the school website.

Reception Football

Football training for Reception children has now begun – it takes place on Saturdays from 9am-10am on Heldhaw Road playing field.

Online Safety

We have recently updated the parent guide to the video game 'Among Us' in the Online Safety section of our school website. On this part of our website, you will also find useful tips and guidance to help keep your children safe online.

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 'Top Tips for Setting Boundaries Around Gaming' guide to the [Online Awareness for Parents](#) section of our website which could help set some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

Cross Country

Well done to Billy in Year 6 who represented our school in a Suffolk Cross Country competition this week, having qualified through the Bury Schools Partnership event earlier in the term. Billy competed against 360 runners from across the county, many of whom were in Years 7&8. A really great effort Billy!



Dates for your diary

October 2023

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
Friday 17	Fit Friday / Children in Need

For further dates, please see the school website.



5 days to go...

Don't forget to place your
Christmas Class Fundraising order
by midnight on Wednesday 18th October

Unfortunately we are unable to accept orders after this date.