

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 8 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we race towards Christmas it's been a delight to invite so many of you into school. Our Christmas Fayre was a great success, raising almost £2500 for the school. Many of the trips and learning experiences at school couldn't take place without this vital funding, so thank you to everyone who was able to support the event. Special thanks to our team of FOSWS volunteers for planning, setting up and running the Fayre.

Over the past weeks parents and carers of children in years 1 and 2 have come to the school library for Reading Café sessions. It has been lovely to see so many parents attend these, promoting a love of reading to the children and giving them a great introduction to our library. Given the success of the sessions we will try to run them regularly next year.

This half-term Mrs O'Connell has also been running regular drop-in parenting sessions for each key stage. Advice has been sought across a range of topics – parents have reported that it was good to have someone who listens and to find that they are not alone.

This week saw the start of our Christmas performances, with our Reception children putting on a great show. We look forward to sharing the work of other yeargroups with you next week! On Sunday the Sebert Singers will also be performing at Christ Church – good luck everyone!

Finally, you will be aware that the school was inspected by Ofsted last month. The leadership team have now received their final report. We will be sharing this with staff next week and will release it to parents as soon as we have done so.

Have a great weekend,

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



Christmas play photos and Christmas lunch

The deadline for ordering photos from the Christmas performances will be midday on **Wednesday 13 December**.

The deadline for ordering a Christmas meal on the last day of term has now passed. As the food has now been ordered, we will be unable to accept any further orders and those who have not pre-ordered will need to bring a packed lunch in from home.

Active Travel Tuesday

We held another "Active Travel Tuesday" this week and, despite the indifferent weather, 158 pupils/staff took part. Libby said "It was good to see that lots of children walk, scoot or cycle every day, and others had made a special effort.". Well done to everyone who participated!

Toys and uniform

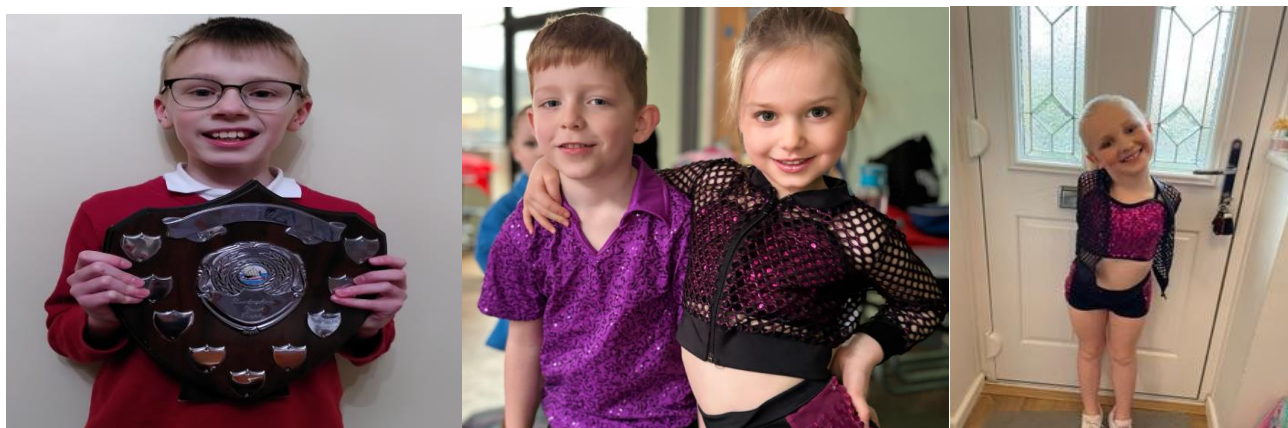
We have recently had several incidents of pupils bringing toys into school. Unfortunately, this is not permitted as toys may be broken/lost and causes arguments.

Nail polish is not permitted as part of our uniform policy – children coming to school wearing nail polish will be asked to remove it when they get home. We are also seeing a number of pupils wearing oversized bows in their hair; please make sure hair accessories are practical rather than decorative so that they don't obscure the view of the board for other children!

What children do outside of school

Well done to Bella (Y6) who has obtained a Grade 2 Lamda qualification. We are very proud of your achievement and also how you supported those taking the examinations.

Adam (Yr6) enjoys dinghy sailing. This year he has taken part in sailing races at St Edmundsbury Sailing and Canoeing Association, and was awarded the Burlingham Youth Trophy. Well done Adam!



Maisie P (R), Effy S (C3) and Lochlan B (C3) performed in the Hazelwood school of dance Olympia show at Thurston Community College on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December. They performed a Street Dance routine to Uptown Funk with their group, and loved being on the stage!

Dates for your diary

Sunday 10 December	Sebert Singers performing at Carol Concert
Monday 11 December	Year 1 Performance @ 14:15
Tuesday 12 December	Year 1 Performance @ 10:00
	Year 2 Performance @ 14:15
Wednesday 13 December	Year 2 Performance @ 10:00
	Year 3 and 4 Carols at Christ Church Moreton Hall @14:00
Wednesday 20 December	Christmas Lunch
	Last Day of term
Wednesday 3 January	PD Day
Thursday 4 January	First day back for pupils
For further dates, please see the school website.	

Parking

A reminder to all drivers to park carefully and considerately – the photo below shows what the school entrance can look like to a child trying to cross the driveway. Parents must not use the school car park unless authorised by Mr Tottie – this includes for Breakfast club and After School Club. Our staff will be encouraged to close the car park gates to prevent parent access and keep our pupils safe.

