

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another school year draws to a close and it has been a successful one for the school. We continue to evolve and shape the school in line with our vision, which has high quality teaching and learning at its very heart. We have many more exciting developments for the new academic year, including our very own reading dog! Many of our new initiatives in school are only possible because of the generous funding we receive from FOSWS. The summer fayre was another wonderful family occasion, and generated a profit of £3700! Despite the invited sunshine not turning up, fun was had by all. The inflatables were busy until they closed at 7pm, as were the BBQ and bar.

Thank you for all the cards and presents you have given to staff during the last week. We are glad many of you were able to join us for the summer term parent consultations this week, where teachers could share the children's progress.

This time of year inevitably means saying goodbye to some members of our school community. Our Year 6 pupils are ready to move onto secondary school, where we know they will thrive. We wish them all well in their future ventures. We have seen many grow from young Nursery children into the respectful, resilient and diligent young people we see today, it's going to be an emotional farewell! We celebrated at Planet Laser earlier in the week and finished today with a pizza and water fight on the school field!

Mrs Martindale retires from teaching this week after an amazing 30 years at Sebert Wood. She joined the school in 1994 and has taught hundreds of Year 1 pupils across the years. We thank her for all of her contributions across three decades at the school, which included teaching some of our current staff members – see below!



We also say farewell to Mr Desira who is going to take a break from teaching. He has taught Year 5 for many years and has helped lead PE across the school, with particular involvement in sports events.

Mrs Sturgeon is also retiring after many years working in education and supporting our wraparound school provision, whilst Miss Lancaster and Miss Norris are moving onto pastures new. Best wishes to you all from everybody at Sebert Wood.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer break,

Mr James Tottie and Mr Jamie Winch

End of Year Awards

This week we celebrated individual achievements for three children who have particularly embodied our values of respect, readiness and resilience. Following nominations from staff, the following pupils were each selected to receive £10 book voucher:

- **Respect:** Theo (Y4), who demonstrates politeness, courtesy and care with everyone around him
- **Readiness:** Isaac (Y1) whose self-control has grown this year, and who demonstrated great learning behaviours during transition days
- **Resilience:** Abbie (Y5) who has continued to work hard and remain cheerful whilst coping with a new diagnosis of diabetes



Well done to all three children – keep up those efforts in September!

Reception parent cafe

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our Reception parent events this week. The children and adults had a great time taking part in the variety of activities which included kite and lantern making, dice games and book sharing. We've had some great feedback – thank you to those of you who were able to attend.



Achievements outside of school

Well done to Emilia from Y5 who has excelled at gymnastics recently! On Sunday she competed in the Bury Spectrum Gymnastics competition at Novice Level 1, coming first not just in the Under-11s section but also as overall first place. A great achievement – congratulations!

Guitar Club

TF Guitar Club are looking to add to their numbers for next term. The sessions take place on Wednesdays after school for pupils in years 3-6. To book, please visit:

<https://booktfmusicschool.as.me/schedule.php?appointmentType=59026803>

Dates for your Diary

Mon 2nd Sept and Tues 3rd Sept

Wed 4th Sept

PD day- **school closed for pupils**

First day of the autumn term- **pupils return**

Respect, Resilience and Readiness

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