

# Sebert Wood Primary School

## Parent/Carer Update



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week in school – children are now settled into new classrooms and routines and relationships are strengthening with their new teachers/TAs. Many of the children have grown in maturity over the summer; it's a delight to see!

In assemblies this week we have revisited the school rules and behaviour system. Although most children have a good knowledge of these already, it helps children to feel safe and secure when they know the boundaries around them. We also launched our new writing competition – see below for details! Finally, the children learned how to stay safe around dogs, as George Michael began his first week with us. The pupils have followed this advice diligently, asking Mr Winch if it's ok before stroking the dog, and staying calm when near him. George Michael is already a firm favourite within the school community!

Next month sees our first parent consultation evenings of the year. Bookings for these will open at midday next **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September** and will close on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Dates for the consultations are as follows:

**Class 2 (Rainbow class):** Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>

**All other classes:** Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>

All sessions run from 3:50pm until 6:40pm. A guide to the booking system is attached to this email.

Have a great weekend,

Mr James Tottie and Mr Jamie Winch

### Cycle to School Week

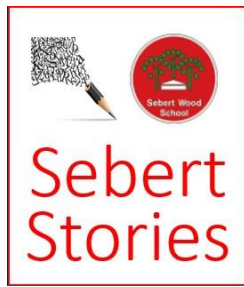
Bikeability is asking children and their parents or carers to make a pledge as part of Cycle to School week which is taking place from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

There are a number of pledges to choose from including cycling to school every day during Cycle to School Week, swapping one car journey for cycling, discovering somewhere new on your bike or going on a bike ride with your family. Take your pick or do all four!

You'll get a great activity pack once you make a pledge plus you'll be entered into the prize draw to win a Squish children's bike worth £329!

Sign up to make your pledge here:

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek/>



## CALLING ALL WRITERS

The UK's biggest children's writing competition is returning next week and, alongside it, we will be launching our own contest for budding authors at Sebert Wood.

The **BBC's 500 Words competition** is for all 5-11 years olds to write an amazing story of 500 words or under.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read, without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

We would love to see as many Sebert Wood pupils enter the 500 Words competition and then you can use the same story to submit to our **Sebert Stories** contest. If you prefer, you can just enter our school competition.

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. Jude Bellingham 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
- Stories cannot give any personal details
- Stories cannot be created, written or developed by AI.
- 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 24th September, until the closing date on Friday 8th November**
- We would prefer for entries to be typed and emailed to the school address ([admin@sebertwood.co.uk](mailto: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

**A full list of the 500 Words competition rules, as well as tips and tricks to kickstart your story writing, can be found on the competition's website, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>.**

**We look forward to reading your stories and most importantly have fun writing!**

## Club opportunities

We have a number of after-school clubs covering sports, dance and music – click [here](#) for more details. We have also attached flyers to this update for half-term sports camps.

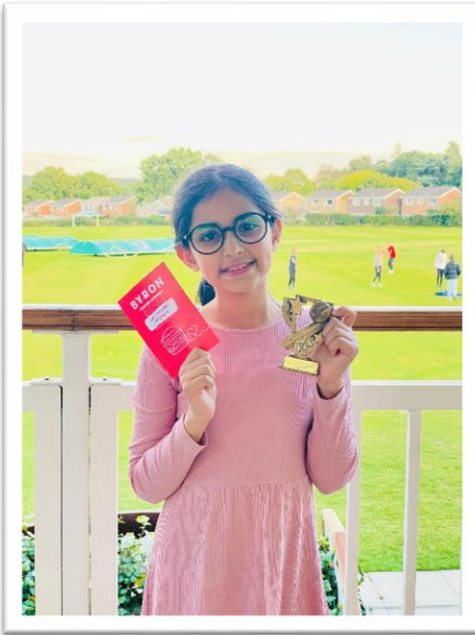
## Times Table Rockstars

Congratulations to Class 11 who are the winners of this year's first battle!

1	11	15,610
2	12	10,525
3	14	1,990

## Outside of school

Well done this week to Sara from Class 13, who was awarded the under 11s magic moment of the year 2024 season at Bury Cricket Club.



## FOSWS AGM

The FOSWS Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 30th September at the Moreton Hall Pub at 7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see some new faces to help us with the year ahead. If anyone is interested in attending please email [foswsteam@gmail.com](mailto:foswsteam@gmail.com) so that we can ensure we have enough space.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Year 6 visit

Deri O'Regan, Headteacher at King Edward's, is coming into school on Tuesday 1 October.

At 3.30pm he can meet with Year 6 pupils and parents who are interested in attending the school.

