

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our assemblies have been led by Phil Warren from Bury Christian Youth. Mr Warren is a former primary school teacher who aims to educate children about Christianity, not 'convert' them. The assemblies are modern, energetic, enthusiastic and enjoyed by pupils and staff alike! This week he used a parable to help children get ready for learning. We welcome speakers from other faiths; if you would like to suggest an appropriate speaker please let our office know.

We held a fire drill yesterday to ensure we can evacuate the building safely and quickly; we were able to exit and account for all children and staff in under two minutes. We were impressed with how sensibly the pupils responded and are pleased that they know what to do in an emergency.

This week our Reception pupils have moved to eating in the hall for the first time, and going out onto the main playground at lunchtimes. They have been ably supported by a group of Year 6 pupils who have relished the responsibility. We are keen to build responsibilities into the children's lives and provide a number of opportunities for pupils. This week we have recruited 25 librarians from years 4, 5 and 6 to run our library at lunchtimes. Classes have been appointing school council reps, and in a few weeks year 5 and 6 pupils will be offered the chance to become Wellbeing Champions. For the first time we will recruit Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in each KS2 class this year, with training provided by a national organisation. These roles will be offered in addition to our continuing roles of Eco-leaders, Digital leaders and Junior Road Safety Officers. Offering these roles helps our pupils to prepare for the future and will form a key part of our mental health strategy.

At the end of this half-term we will be getting new electronic gates fitted to our car park and our front entrance. This will bolster school security by preventing unauthorised access to the school grounds. Parents will not be able to access the school car park, including for breakfast and after-school clubs. The gate at the front path will be unlocked at drop-off and collection times.

Have a great weekend,

Mr James Tottie and Mr Jamie Winch

Mrs Smith

We are sorry to let you know that Mrs Michelle Smith, a TA in Year 4, has been diagnosed with cancer. She has begun treatment and will be away from school for the foreseeable future. As she lives locally, some children may see her out and about and wonder why she isn't at school. We are thinking of Michelle and her family at this time and wish her all the best with her treatment.

SIMS Parent App

The SIMS Parent App is experiencing some technical issues this week. If you need to amend any of your child's details, please email the office using admin@sebertwood.co.uk.

George Michael

Now that the children are settled in, it's our school dog's turn! George Michael will be onsite from Monday. Children will learn about safety around dogs in assemblies next week. His presence will be low-key to begin with as he settles in, with visits to assemblies or classrooms for Years 5 and 6 initially later in the term.

If you need to update Mr Winch about dog allergies or other related issues please contact him via the main office.

Audition Opportunity

Audition Applications are now open for Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmund's 2024 pantomime Aladdin.

Auditions will take place on the 21st September between 9am and 3pm. Applicants must be aged 9 – 18. For more information and to sign up to audition, please visit <https://theatroyal.org/news/aladdin-pantomime-young-company-auditions/>

Parent/carer support

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS has released a programme of Parent/Carer workshops linked to young people's mental health. Topics covered include confidence building, anxiety, sleep, eating disorders. Sessions take place online – please see attached flyer for details.

Outside of school

Emilia (Year 4) has spent the summer months sailing at Lackford Lake with Young People Afloat and gained her Royal Yachting Association - Youth Sailing Stage 2 certificate. Congratulations Emilia – an achievement to be proud of!

