

# Sebert Wood Primary School

## Parent/Carer Update



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd like to thank parents and carers for all the support given to the school recently. This week we've had fantastic turnouts in school for our Year 1 and 2 plays, and at the church for the Year 3 and 4 performance. We are sure you'll agree that the children excelled in their roles, improving in confidence over the weeks and showing real teamwork. We hope they got you in a festive mood! We look forward to seeing many more of you at today's FOSWS event.

Our Year 1 pupils visited Oxlip House this week to meet some elderly residents, asking them questions and listening to stories about their lives. Next week the children will be writing letters to them. The children were kind and well-behaved, asking thoughtful questions. Well done Year 1 – you're a credit to the school!

Our Year 3 pupils had an exciting day yesterday when Egyptian experts visited them. It was a hands-on day including artefacts, mummification, gods and goddesses and a film crew! The children were energised and by the visit and benefitted from a hands-on experience – thank you to those who made financial contributions for this.

Have a great weekend,

Mr James Tottie and Mr Jamie Winch

### Outside of School

Willow (Y2), along with other children who attend the school gymnastics club, went to a gymnastics camp at The Rivers Gymnastic academy in Sudbury recently. Willow was awarded two medals: one for participation and a second for working hard at a higher difficulty level. Well done Willow!



### Sebert Stories

Our Sebert Stories writing competition has been judged! Winners will be announced at a prizegiving ceremony in the hall next Thursday, which all entrants are invited to.

### Lost Property

Lost property items will be put outside the main school entrance next week. Please take a look - any items left over at the end of the week will be donated to charity.

## Children's Book Club

Bury St Edmunds library run a Saturday morning book club for children called Chatterbooks. They meet on the first Saturday of each month **from 10:15-11:00am**. Their next session will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

The group is run by staff at the library and our next book will be 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell. Copies are available to borrow from the display in the junior library [here](#).

Children will be offered free squash and an activity or puzzle to either complete in the library or bring home. There is no pressure for children to have read the monthly book (they can chat about their own favourite books from home if they like). The book club is aimed at children aged 9-12 years old and will be an opportunity to chat about their favourite reads in a relaxed setting, make new friends and discover new authors.

## Online Safety

With Christmas just around the corner, it is a great time to take stock of the devices your children have (plus any new Christmas devices) and ensure they are set up correctly with any parental features you feel are appropriate for your child. One frustrating issue is that the available features and how you set devices up differ, so to help parents *Internet Matters* have really good, non-techie guides which you can follow as part of their ABC Checklist. ABC stands for:

- A - Activate parental controls.
- B - Balance screen time.
- C - Check and chat.

You can find a full explanation, set up guides and advice [here](#).

