

SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES



Well, we've come to the end of what was a rather unusual term, to say the least! There have been times where it has been incredibly challenging but overall it has been very rewarding to see all the children back in school learning after the extended lockdown period and summer break. Not only have we had the pandemic to deal with but we have also had a huge part of our school drainage system replaced, inside and out, whilst keeping the school open throughout. Fortunately this has not had an impact on the children's learning and we have been impressed by their resilience and hard work since their return.

The messages of support and positive feedback we have received from many of you have been very much appreciated and the children really have been a credit to you and they seem very pleased to be back at school with their friends, learning in class with great teachers and support staff.

I want to thank you, our parents, for working with us to help mitigate risk and keep the school running in a way that is as 'normal' as possible in these challenging times. Generally we have had very high levels of attendance this term and we almost made it to the end of term without having to close down any bubbles, but sadly this wasn't to be.

I also want to publicly thank the amazing, dedicated staff at Sebert Wood who have welcomed your children back and worked tirelessly to maintain our community spirit of working together and achieving together.

Finally, a big thank to you for your ongoing support throughout this unprecedented period and I am sure we are all hoping that things improve significantly in 2021 and we can return to some sense of normality.

Thank you for all your kind cards and gifts that were put through a quarantine, they are very much appreciated!

Wishing you a very happy, safe and restful Christmas and see you back on Tuesday 5th January 2021!

Peter Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood.

Sebert Wood Christmas Celebration Video 2020

Please follow the link <https://youtu.be/gNvitkZUtXs> to view your child's fabulous class performance of their Christmas song, filmed outside in the marquee last week. The children were absolutely brilliant and everyone had so much fun making this for you...we hope you enjoy it too!



Merry Christmas everyone!

IMPORTANT: This video MUST NOT be shared on social media.
It is for private, family viewing only, thank you



Today we had our **Christmas Lunch** and the fabulous team in the Kitchen & lunchtime MDSA's cooked and served a total of 225 meals to the children in their classrooms. This year we had to organise the event differently to ensure the appropriate hygiene measures, but we still made the event as festive as possible with Christmas crackers and music for all—and even a surprise visit from Sherbert! Our thanks go to the whole Eats team for doing such a great job preparing a tasty meal under difficult circumstances. I'd also like to say a big thank you to our lunchtime MDSA team and the Eats team for working so well in partnership this term.

TV & RADIO Stars!!

Please listen out for our very own Henry and Emily G from Year 4 who are going to be on Heart Radio on Christmas Eve at 8am doing the **HEART** radio countdown 'how many sleeps 'til Santa!' This sounds like lots of fun, enjoy Emily and Henry!

Also, some other exciting news is that Sou in Year 6 will be part of **ITV's Britain's Got Talent (BGT) Christmas spectacular** to be shown at 8 o'clock on Christmas Day at 8pm. I'm sure you will enjoy watching this and well done Sou!

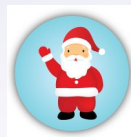


Thank you for your support with the FOSWS Christmas hamper raffle. The hampers have now been distributed to some very happy winners! FOSWS did a great job in organising the event and your generous donations resulted in some very impressive hampers. **FOSWS raised £1950**, a very impressive amount given the circumstances. A huge thanks also to FOSWS for purchasing the Cinderella Pantomime, the children have loved watching it!

We have continued our Year 5 and 6 music provision this term, with appropriate restrictions in place and I received some excellent feedback about our pupils from Mrs Blyth the music teacher. She has been impressed by the work and dedication of our pupils, in particular the small brass ensemble Y6 group who have rehearsed and performed an excellent piece for the end of term. Well done to all our brass players!

Your child's PE days will remain the same next term. Please ensure your child comes in to school wearing their PE kit which will be worn all day. To confirm, the school **PE kit is Trainers, white t-shirt (R-YR4) or Red PE Polo shirt (YR5 & YR6) with black shorts/tracksuit bottoms**. Please provide a bag for possible muddy trainers and a different pair of shoes/trainers to wear in class should they be required, thank you.

Year 6 What an unexpected end to the term we have all had! We are so impressed with how you took to learning at home this week; we really enjoyed looking at all of the work you sent in. Do not worry, we will hold our Secret Santa in January when we are back – an extended Christmas for Year 6! You have worked extremely hard this term and we are very proud of you all. Have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break.
Merry Christmas Year 6!



Miss Woods and Mr Crew

Year 5 This has been a strange week to end the term and 2020 on! Well done to those of you who have been completing and handing in work on Google Classroom. It has been a steep learning curve for the teachers, children and parents alike! It has certainly been a busy autumn term, but the children have amazed us with their enthusiasm to return to school in September and how readily they adapted to the many changes within the school day. They worked hard and enjoyed our Victorians, Earth and Space and Forces topics. It's a shame you won't be receiving a Christmas card featuring holly painted in watercolours by your child...maybe you will receive a New Year card instead! Next term our humanities topic will be Russia, a fascinating country which is so different from our own! Our Science topic will be properties and changes of materials. Have a wonderful relaxing Christmas and hopefully 2021 will bring some normality back to our lives at home and at school!
Year 5 team



Year 4 Oh my goodness we made it! Yes, it has been the strangest term we have known, but well done to all the children who have worked so hard and have adapted really well and been brilliant throughout! We announced our Poetry competition, had a fantastic Roman Day and the children proudly completed their pointillism and mosaic pieces, to name but a few of the highlights of this term. To finish off, the children really enjoyed watching Cinderella and shouting at the big screen 'he's behind you!!' Thank you so much for all your kind wishes and gifts, they are very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all back in January when we will start exploring the polar regions and pop art. Have a restful and peaceful Christmas which will certainly be a unique one for us all.

Year 4 Team



Year 3 We have had a lovely week finishing off activities and making Christmas cards and decorations. The children really enjoyed the pantomime. They have worked really hard this term and deserve a good break. You will find the new home learning menu in your child's bookbag – in case you would like to get a head start with it! We hope you have a lovely Christmas despite the challenging times and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Year 3 Team



Year 2 A big thank you for the cards and presents received this week – they are much appreciated! We can't believe we're at the end of the Autumn term already. This week the children have consolidated calculation and writing skills, as well as the Christmas crafts they brought home. They also loved watching the Cinderella pantomime – thank you to FOSWS for funding this!

In your child's reading log you will now find log-in details for Times Table Rockstars. This will help children to practice their 2, 10 and 5 times tables. Please take time to help your child get started.

We have a brand-new topic ready to start when we come back in January – watch this space for details!

Thank you for your support this term – we hope you have an enjoyable and restful Christmas.



The Year 2 Team

Year 1 We have enjoyed a really busy week with lots of lovely, glittery Christmas activities. We enjoyed watching the Christmas pantomime and eating our Christmas lunch with our festive jumpers and hats on!

We would all like to wish you a very happy and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Thank you for all your support this term, with Best Wishes



The Year 1 Team

Reception This week we have been reading Christmas stories and singing songs. The children particularly like the song "When Santa got stuck up the chimney!" We have enjoyed watching a Panto and having a special Christmas lunch together. The children are looking forward to showing you the tree decoration they have made.

In January, it will be very cold, please help your child to be independent when doing up their own coat. Gloves, hats or scarves need to be named.

Thank you to everyone for your cards and gifts, we hope you all have a lovely Christmas.

The Reception Team



Nursery It has been a very busy fun last week. We have thoroughly enjoyed so many Christmas activities and we enjoyed watching the Cinderella pantomime! We had a brilliant Christmas lunch Together, it was so lovely to see so many children. We hope you enjoy looking at all the fantastic photos on tapestry.

When we come back after the Christmas holidays, we are looking forward to welcoming some new friends. We will be exploring the Polar Regions and finding out about animals who live there. In our role-play area, we have put up a tent to keep warm in and a fire to cook fish for tea! We will also be focussing on how to use scissors correctly, developing our fine motor skills and building the muscles in our fingers and wrists.

Thank you so much for all our wonderful gifts and all your kind words it means so much to us! We cannot wait to hear all about what you have been up to over the holiday and look forward to seeing your wonderful photos on tapestry. The children will love sharing them with their friends when we come back.

We hope you have an enjoyable and restful Christmas break



Best wishes and happy Christmas
The Nursery Team