



SEBERT WOOD END OF YEAR NEWS



FAREWELL YEAR 6!

Our Year 6 pupils took part in a number of events and activities to celebrate their time at Sebert Wood, including an excellent Leavers' Assembly for parents last Friday, an exciting party at Planet Laser last Thursday (including food, drink, bowling and Laser Tag) and a mass water fight, pizza and ice-cream on Friday too! Most of the Year 6 children have been at the school for 7 years, some even longer, and that's a huge part of your life when you're 11 years old! I've known this group of children right from Reception and it's been a pleasure and privilege to work with them. It's been great to see them grow and develop into confident, caring, helpful, intelligent, amusing, hardworking and thoughtful young people! In assembly they entertained staff and parents with their memories of Sebert Wood, a poem they had written, accompanied by power point of photos from past and present. They each received a certificate to recognize and celebrate their time here, and the contribution they have made to the life of the school over the years. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who helped organise and set up the various events and activities. We hope the children enjoyed their time at Sebert Wood and the end of year events and have many great memories to cherish. The Year 6's also did an excellent job with their enterprise fundraising projects to raise money for the events above, and our thanks to Councillor Peter Thompson who donated funds to FOSWS to help with the events. Our thanks also to friends and family who supported the children in their endeavours. The Year 6 children have worked incredibly hard this year and we hope we have done our very best to prepare them for what lies ahead and the challenges they may face in the future. Our thanks to all the Year 6 staff for their support and guidance and to all the parents for their support throughout the years. To those parents who will no longer have children at the school, our very best wishes for the future from everyone here at Sebert Wood. Please do keep in touch and let us know how the children get on.

Everyone associated with Sebert Wood Primary School would like to wish **Anna, Sarya, Daniel, Lily, Hannah, Jack, Alice, Ben, Charlie D, Ethan, Faye, Megan, Lola G, Emily H, Marquel, Luke, Imogen, Tymoteusz, Oscar, Sam, Emily M, Max R, Isobel, Beth, Thomas S, Tom A, Bryan, Nathan, Charlie, Thomas V H, Daisy, Charlotte, Harry B, Tia, Bailey, Poppy, Ava C, Lyssa, Elizabeth, Finley, Christina, Harry E, Max F, Lola F, Cody, Sam F, Ava H, Sophia, Tristan, James, Harrison, Emily N, Kieran, Scarlett, Matthew, Louise, Emily W, Lucy and Marcus** our very best wishes for the future and a very successful and rewarding time at their secondary schools. We are very proud of them all.



PLEASE ALSO READ THE BUMPER END OF TERM EDITION OF
SEBERT WOOD SPORTING NEWS THAT WENT OUT
VIA PARENTMAIL!

WHAT DO PUPILS DO WHEN THEY'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?



Tom Attwell (Class 14) passed his Angel Fish Level 2 certificate at swimming recently. Tom has worked really hard this year and has improved significantly. We are all very proud of his achievements. Congratulations Tom and keep on swimming!



Mrs Baxter, our Piano Teacher, is delighted to report that Gece Ozcan and Xavier Rahim (both Class 12) attained their Grade 1 in piano this term, Gece with 118 marks, Xavier with 130.

Also, Thomas Albrow (Class 12) completed his Prep Test with very favourable remarks from his examiner. Congratulations to all of them, they have worked really hard and fully deserve their success. Our thanks to Mrs Baxter for her great teaching.

If your child has a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school, in any field, please let Mr Dewhurst or the school office know about it and you may get a mention in this newsletter. You can send a note in via your child's class outlining the key information or send an email via the admin email address.

STAFFING UPDATE

We say farewell to Mr Dade and Mrs Murphy who leave Sebert Wood this summer. Mrs Murphy is going to work at Center Parcs and Mr Dade is beginning his career in the Police force. Our sincere thanks to them both and our very best wishes for the future. We're pleased to welcome Mrs Tanya Jay to the TA team here at Sebert Wood.

Buildings update

After the extensive work last summer we were hoping for a quieter break this year! However, it has just been confirmed that we are having our main school boiler replaced. The current boiler was installed when the school was first built and this major project will mean that from September we will have a brand new high tech and efficient boiler and heating system.

FOSWS SEBERT WOODSTOCK 2019

A superb turnout for this exciting new event, which took place after school on Friday 12 July. We were worried about the unpredictable English weather but fortunately the rain held off and the sun shone for most of the evening. The children (and some adults!) really enjoyed the bouncy castles and the excellent food and drink stalls. We were privileged to be entertained with high quality live music from local West Suffolk College students and many of you commented on how great the music was. It really was a relaxed, fun and enjoyable event for all and a great way of raising funds to benefit all the children in our school. FOSWS raised an excellent £2760 from the event. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the members of the FOSWS committee and the team of parent helpers who worked so hard to organise and set up such a fabulous event.



SEBERT SINGERS

Last Friday after school, Sebert Singers held an end of year concert. The children sang a wide range of modern and traditional songs, including two part harmonies and some excellent solos. All those who attended were so impressed and very moved by the beautiful singing. A huge well done to all of our Sebert Singers and many thanks to Mrs Gilbert who leads them. Our thanks also to Mrs Ryan for assisting with guitar and technology! Our thanks also to all the parents for their support at the event and throughout the year. At the beginning and end of the concert we held a cake sale to raise music funds for the school. Our thanks to everyone who supported the cake sale.



SEBERT WOOD PARENT SURVEY 2019—SUMMARY

Thank you to those of you who took part in the recent web based Parent Survey. We asked 23 questions covering a wide range of aspects of school life and also had sections for comments about areas you feel we do well, areas for improvement and any other comments. We received a total of 111 responses. We have analysed the results which you will find outlined below. We have combined those of you who 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' to obtain the overall scores. Where significant, we have given a further breakdown of the scores and added some commentary. We have also included a selection of the comments made, although it isn't possible to include all of them here and many mention names, so we have excluded those for confidentiality reasons. We will of course be looking carefully at the results of the survey with staff, governors and School Council to see where we can improve the quality of our provision.

92% - agree child/children are happy and enjoy school.

94% - think school is welcoming and friendly.

92% - agree school is a caring place.

84% - happy with achievements and progress their child makes (13% disagreed and 3% didn't know or couldn't comment).

89% - happy with standard of teaching (10% disagreed).

93% - agreed their child feels safe at school.

70% - happy with the information received when their child moves to a new year group or Key Stage. (17% of you disagreed and 13% didn't know or couldn't comment).

71% - felt that there is someone their child can talk to about any worries they might have (15% of you disagreed and 14% of you didn't know or couldn't comment).

100% - agreed that weekly updates, Parentmail, Twitter, newsletters and the school website are effective.

87% - happy with the school learning environment, facilities and buildings (13% disagreed).

73% - think the school has high expectations (17% disagreed and 12% didn't know or couldn't comment).

70% - think the school prepares pupils well for the future (13% didn't know or couldn't comment, 17% disagreed).

89% - of respondents feel comfortable approaching staff with questions, problems or concerns.

58% - of you know who is on the governing body (30% disagreed and 13% didn't know or couldn't comment).

75% - think the school works well with the community (14% disagreed and 12% couldn't comment).

73% - agree there is a good range of extracurricular activities or clubs (23% disagreed).

74% - think the school sets high standards of behaviour and discipline (24% disagreed).

93% - agreed that the staff expect the children to work hard and do their best.

92% - happy with the values and attitudes that the school teaches.

90% - happy with the school curriculum and subjects taught (10% disagreed).

88% - agreed that the school encourages children to be independent.

96% - agreed that the school encourages active and healthy lifestyles.

An additional question this year was about the quality of additional support that your child may receive (medical, pastoral or learning support). 44% of you *agreed* that you are happy with the support received. 47% of you responded that you don't know about the support or don't feel able to comment. 8% of you *disagreed*. On reflection, this question may have been misleading for parents where their child is receiving normal classroom support or specific medical support. This is an area that may need further analysis and we are also reflecting on the way any support is communicated or explained.

SEBERT WOOD PARENT SURVEY 2019—SUMMARY, cont'd

Some examples of comments on the schools strengths.....

Sebert Wood is a friendly, welcoming school with strong values and high expectations of behaviour. The children are taught to be well-mannered and the children are polite. This is particularly evident when Sebert Wood children are mixed with children from other schools.

Parents are kept in touch with weekly updates.

Staff are generally approachable and are supportive when children are having issues.

High quality teaching from a dedicated Teaching team throughout the school.

Being an inclusive, friendly, nurturing place for all children.

All staff work hard to provide a fun, stimulating learning environment and both of my children love Sebert Wood.

The school feels calm and organised which is reassuring. Office staff are very friendly, helpful whilst being very busy. Nothing is too much trouble and the children come first.

Sebert Wood is a very happy, friendly school which is perfect for the primary setting.

Senior leadership team are approachable with issues. They help and listen to the children and don't judge and know everyone is different.

Staff are amazingly supportive and friendly. Pastoral support is incredible. Thank you everyone and a massive well done.

Some examples of comments on how the school could be improved.....

Updating the curriculum and exploring new topics rather than relying on topics which have been taught year in year out. More drama lessons.

They should try to be more creative, providing more memorable and fun activities which will have more impact on their learning.

Teachers need to be moved around more frequently and encouraged to try new year groups. This would not only be good for their professional development, it would allow the children to experience different teachers to their siblings and encourage the curriculum to be updated with fresh ideas from new staff in that year group.

Having a better variety of clubs and lunch clubs. Some children need that support as the playground can be a lonely place. (there were a number of comments relating to having clubs other than sports clubs)

Using outdoor spaces even in key stage 2 and getting away from learning always being classroom based.

More Laptops, key stage 2 should not have to share and be over shadowed by more dominant children.

Some examples of additional comments.....

The questionnaire should have more answer options, ie. In between Agree/Disagree, I didn't agree with everything I have put agree for but didn't feel strong enough about it to disagree. (this is something we will consider for the next survey)

Our child is in the last year at Sebert Wood and has had a very positive experience and thoroughly enjoyed the time here. There have been many great teachers and support staff who have inputted to the education and overall development and progress. My child says 'I will be very sad to leave Sebert Wood'.

As a new parent from a different school I am really impressed by Sebert Wood. The communication is heads and shoulders above other schools.

I feel there has been a high turnover of staff which has had an effect on my child's learning this year. I also feel some of the staff employed lack the experience and knowledge needed.

We feel privileged that our children have the opportunity to attend such a fine school and appreciate the dedication and hard work of all the staff.

Thank you for all your kind wishes and end of year gifts, they're very much appreciatedhave a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.....from everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School.

We look forward to seeing you in September.