



Easter Buildings Work

This Easter sees the final phase of major works around school. As you may be aware, when we went through the process of SOR (Schools Organisational Review) and expanded the school, we received no additional funding for any changes to those additional areas of the school affected by the expansion, such as the reception foyer/office areas. We have more people working in the office now and more visitors, parents and children using the space. Despite the well publicised funding crisis, we have been able to allocate some capital funds to reorganise the front office area to create more space, better seating areas, new desks and additional storage. This follows the setting up of shared office spaces in what used to be the old library. All schools struggle to find a suitable time for these type of works to be completed, without disrupting the day to day life of school, so the holidays are often our only opportunity for major works. During the Easter holidays walls are being knocked out, a new front door will be installed, new carpeting laid, a new security door further inside the reception area and all associated works to upgrade and redecorate. Given the short time frame for these works, please be aware that some minor works and furnishings may still require completion after the holidays but we will keep you informed if there are any delays to keep disruption in the front office to a minimum. In the meantime we're looking forward to a more practical and usable front office space for parents, pupils, visitors and staff.

In addition to the internal works, we have a number of projects taking place outside. We have recently had new fruit trees planted outside the Year 4 area and along the space to the left of the Year 5 and 6 block. Further planting will take place during Easter (weather permitting) on the bank next to the cycle shed to limit the run off of water on a notoriously muddy patch! We also have new hard standing areas being filled in next to the new block to create more usable space. Works to the playground area opposite the Year 1 classrooms will create a brand new sensory play area and new hard areas to stop the erosion at the boundary fence, including new planting and seating areas. Part of the old 'Loggy' climbing equipment is being removed as after many years of service it has finally been condemned. It also means that the bike shed on the Raedwald Drive side of school is being relocated to improve the vision and use of the area. In addition to all of this, the Year 1 classrooms are being decorated! Please bear with us if after the Easter holidays there are still some final minor works going on. If this is the case, any areas which children access will be suitably cordoned off for safety.

Spelling Bee

Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the annual Upper Key Stage 2 Spelling Bee competition recently. The standards of spelling were incredibly high and included words such as connoisseur, pterodactyl and fluorescent! All the children worked really hard to do their very best throughout and after several exciting heats and some tense, nail-biting moments, Alice Cheason (Y5) and Shaya Talebpour (Y6) won their respective year groups. After the competition had concluded, the girls shared their methods for learning such tricky spellings with the rest of the pupils, which should be a great help to all. Alice said, 'I break the words down into smaller sections', whilst Shaya commented that physically writing the words down helped her to later visualise them in her head! Congratulations girls! Brand new trophies have been ordered and will be presented soon.

A message from school Governors

As part of our ongoing duty to ensure clarity of vision, school ethos and strategic direction for the school, the governing body is currently investigating the benefits of forming an academy trust with other schools in the Bury St Edmunds area. Should we decide to take these discussions further, we will consult with staff and parents.



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

Logan Baillie (Class 10) was inspired to take up the game of Tchoukball after hearing a guest speaker at school. He then joined BSE Tchoukball Club with the ambition to play for the national team. As you can imagine he's absolutely 'over the moon' to have now been selected for the under 12's UK Tchoukball squad and is training for the European Youth Tchoukball Championships in Italy in July. What a fantastic story and achievement, well done Logan!

Harrison Ridgeon (Class 8) plays tennis at Culford every Saturday. He recently came second in a tournament, representing the Culford E team. He proudly showed his medal in assembly this week. Well played Harrison!

Martha Johnson (Class 13) recently played the part of an orphan alongside Dame Judy Dench, Alicia Vikander and other well known names in the film 'Tulip Fever' which is all about the huge fortunes that were made and lost in 17th Century Amsterdam during tulip mania. She has finally seen the result of her filming experience as the movie is out on DVD! Martha thoroughly enjoyed the experience and although you only see her twice in the film, it's very exciting for her and her family! Sebert Wood are also very proud of her!

Charlotte Holmes (Class 14) was recently awarded the Suffolk LTA Jimmy Watts Rookie Girl Award for her outstanding tennis performances during the 2017/18 season. Charlotte's tennis career is well known to us as she plays for the Culford School High Performance Tennis team and travels across England playing tennis at a very high level. Congratulations to Charlotte!

If you have a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school please let the class teacher or a member of the school office team know about it to get a mention. You can send a note in via your child's class outlining the key information or send an email via the admin email address.

SEE PHOTOS AND MORE DETAILS OF SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LATEST ADDITION OF SEBERT WOOD SPORTING NEWS

OTHER INFORMATION

FOSWS UPDATE

FOSWS would like to thank all the parents for their support so far this year. We have raised over £1000 from the cake sale, Pizza Quiz Night and Easter Bingo. We'd like to thank Sainsburys, Asda and Tesco Express for their donations towards the Bingo. FOSWS have made a number of purchases, including a stage for the School which can be used for many events, an electric piano, lego for all key stage one classrooms, and a popcorn cart which will appear at many events including 'popcorn Friday' which will be coming soon! We're also paying for a range of experiences for our children to enjoy over the next few months. Have a lovely Easter and we look forward to working together to raise more funds for all the children. If anyone has any ideas for future fundraising events we'd love to hear them. Contact—Foswsteam@gmail.com or pop along to a meeting.

Football cards

We do not automatically ban crazes such as the Match Attack cards, however we do monitor the situation and recently we have seen a significant increase in the number of arguments between Key Stage 1 pupils and many have been upset about trades or loss of their cards. Having discussed this with staff we have agreed that Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils should no longer bring the cards to school. After the Easter holidays Mr Tottie will be running a Football Card Club on a Tuesday lunchtime between 12.10 and 12.30 pm in Class 13, for Key Stage 2 pupils. He can support them with fair trading and do some swaps of his own! Please make sure your Key Stage 2 child only brings cards to school on a Tuesday, thank you.

Equipment before and after school

We have a range of equipment that pupils access during school hours and sometimes children find stray balls and other items on site before or after school! Please do not allow your child to use the play equipment before or after school. In addition we would remind parents that the climbing equipment is not to be used before or after school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

DATES FOR 2018.....SO FAR

APRIL 2018

Tues 17	Pupils return to school for Summer term
Thurs 19	Y3 visit to School Farm Fair
Weds 25	Class 8 Pizza Express trip (AM)
Thurs 26	Y4 Sutton Hoo trip

MAY 2018

Wk beg 14	Y6 SATs testing week
Weds 23	Class 7 Pizza Express trip (AM)

Half Term holiday—week beginning 29 May

Pupils return to school Monday 5 June

JUNE 2018

Wk beg 11	Y1 Phonics screening checks
Thurs 14	Y2 Castle Hedingham trip
Wk beg 18	Y6 Eaton Vale residential trip (Monday to Friday)
Wk beg 18	Y5 Harry Potter Activity Week
Mon 18	Y5 trip to the Harry Potter Studios
Tues 19	9.30—11.30 am Year 3 & 4 Sports at Abbeycroft track
20, 21 or 22	Y5 Apex WCET Music celebrations—day/times TBC
Thurs 21	9.30—11.30 am Key Stage 1 Sports—school field
Tues 26	Reception Sports morning—details to follow
Weds 27	Y1 Lackford Lakes trip

JULY 2018

Fri 6	FOSWS Summer Fayre
Fri 6	Annual pupil reports to parents
Mon 9	'Open House' after school pupil work share session
Mon 16	9.30—11.30 am Year 5 & 6 Sports at Abbeycroft track
<i>Y6 Leavers events—parents working group—dates & details to follow</i>	
Weds 18	LAST DAY FOR CURRENT Y6 PUPILS
Thurs 19	Pupils visit new classes for the afternoon
Fri 20	Pupils spend whole day with their new class
Fri 20	Parents after school 'drop in' to meet new teacher
Fri 20	New Reception transition activities (AM)
Mon 23	New Reception transition activities (AM)

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 2018 TUESDAY 24 JULY

The last word.....have a safe and enjoyable Easter.....from everyone at Sebert Wood!