



# SEBERT WOOD NEWS



## PARENT SURVEY 2017

Thank you to those of you who responded to the survey in July. There were 20 questions covering a range of issues and having analysed your responses they were generally very positive. The majority of you said 'strongly agree' or 'agree' and for the summary below we have combined those of you who 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' to get the total positive scores. About a quarter of parents who returned their surveys wrote additional comments. Thank you to those of you who took the time to make these. Based on the results and your comments, we will be looking at how we can improve the school through our development plans and actions, on an ongoing basis.

98% of you said your children are happy and enjoy school.  
 98% of you said the school is friendly and welcoming  
 98% of you said your children feel safe at school  
 97% think the weekly updates, newsletters and website provide useful information  
 95% were happy with the values and attitudes that the school teaches  
 95% said staff encourage children to be mature, responsible and independent  
 95% of you are satisfied with the standard of teaching  
 95% of you said the school is a caring place  
 95% said the school sets high standards of behaviour  
 93% said staff expect children to work hard and do their best  
 92% said the school has high expectations of the children  
 90% said you feel comfortable approaching staff with questions, problems or complaints  
 90% of you are happy with the progress your children are making  
 90% of you said the school communicates effectively  
 85% said the school prepares pupils well for the future  
 84% said they are well informed about how their child is getting on  
 80% of you said your children feel there is always someone they can talk to if they feel worried  
 80% think the school works well with the wider community  
 75% think there is a good range of clubs and/or extracurricular activities at the school  
 60% of you know who is on the governing body of the school

### **A range of the comments/opinions on the schools strengths**

*Extremely well led by committed team. A very happy and nurturing learning environment. Encouraging positive behaviour and celebrating each child's individual successes. Developing well rounded children. The school has high teaching standards. A broad spectrum of teaching skills which addresses the different needs of each pupil. Most importantly the theme running through all staff is that everything they do is for the good of the children. Approachable and supportive staff are all a credit to the school and work extremely hard. A positive attitude and great pride. Good discipline. The behaviour of the children is excellent. The children respect each other and adults. Children make good academic progress and staff keep parents informed when problems arise. High expectations. Polite and kind children. Well established with good morals and beliefs. Encouraging children to be independent and responsible. Excellent communication with parents, friendly and helpful staff and much more. Weekly updates are great. I have approached the school about concerns and they've always been addressed in an effective way—this is important as things go wrong sometimes what's important is how it's dealt with. It is a very caring school. Keen to get pupils to stretch themselves, trying new things, activities, experiences, in the right setting. Lots of clubs to choose and give children a chance try different sports and musical instruments. It is a very friendly school. Pastoral care is outstanding! It's an exceptional school, friendly, welcoming, with a good sense of community. We're very pleased with the progress our children have made at Sebert Wood. It's a great school.*

### **A range of the comments/opinions on areas to improve**

*More extracurricular activities - music, languages, etc. Homework focused around individual child's educational needs. More project based curriculum, children experience more interactive teaching through topic. Utilise parent helpers more to enable children to do cooking. I like the increase in sporting emphasis but would like to see similar profile given to music. Interacting more with the community, teaching the children more about the history of this area. Communicating/updating better with parents on a one to one basis and follow up requests made at parents evening. I would prefer the office and staff to be open/available after 3.30pm as at times I would like to speak to someone regarding a query. More information at the transition between key stages to enable understanding for parents and to support pupils.*

### **Some 'other comments'**

*Thank you very much to each and every member of staff for their hard work and dedication. Very happy and very fortunate to live so near a lovely school. Well done to the team for educating and supporting both my boys. Overall I am happy with school and would like my third one to continue in the same school. We feel lucky to be at such a good school. Thanks to everyone. Both my children achieved so much both emotionally and academically this year. Just thank you!*



## SPORTS MENTORS AND LEADERS

Year 6 Sports Mentors have been selected this term and are already running various activities at lunch time for pupils in Years 3 & 4, including football and dance. This involves mentors using their expertise in specific sports to coach younger pupils, as well as developing their own leadership skills as they are responsible for arranging the dates, content and registers. Sports Leaders ably support a range of sporting activities at lunch times and also assist with specific events, such as Sports Days. *Midday Supervisors and designated teaching staff oversee all these events and activities.*

## LARK TEACHING SCHOOLS ALLIANCE

We're pleased to announce that Sebert Wood is now a partner school in the Lark Teaching Schools Alliance, consisting of All Saints Lawshall Primary School, King Edward VI School, Risby Primary School and Great Welnetham Primary school, with further schools hoping to join the group soon. The alliance works in partnership and its aim is to improve provision and outcomes for all children in the schools in our area. This is through the provision of high quality training for the adults who work with children, including initial teacher training to develop the best new teachers, continuing professional development for all staff, research and leadership development projects and a range of School to School Support strategies. Educational Standards in our local area are mostly very high and this gives us the confidence and capacity to contribute to whole-system improvement across our region. By sharing the strengths and best possible practice between schools, all staff and pupils benefit.



## MITA PROJECT

The school is currently part of the MITA (Maximising the Impact of Teaching Assistants) research project taking place across the UK, in partnership with the University of London, Institute of Education. Last week a reviewer from the team was in school for a day working alongside staff to look at how teaching assistants work within the school and support the pupils. The project analyses the strengths of the school and areas for improvement, to best meet the needs of the pupils. As part of the project the school also receives high quality training and advice from education experts and academics. We're looking forward to the impact the project will have and will keep you informed of any developments.

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

Melanie Austin (Class 7) has recently achieved a Merit in her Primary Tap exam. Melanie dances regularly at Hazelwood Dance Studios and has worked really hard to achieve this excellent award. Congratulations Melanie!



***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 in the 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.***

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Pelicans Breakfast Club

*This month marks the 10th anniversary of our breakfast club here at Sebert Wood! Mrs Dalton Brockwell helped set up the club from scratch and she now leads this highly valued provision. She recalled the first day of the club ten years ago when it started with just 2 pupils! Since then the club has gone from strength to strength and at some sessions we now have over 50 pupils! Our Pelicans team work really hard every morning and we know how much the facility is appreciated by parents and how much the children enjoy being there.*

### Cycling and Scooting

Please note that cycles/scooters are not to be ridden on the school premises. Please ensure your child takes great care on approaches to the school site. We strongly encourage all children to wear a helmet.

### School Fence

*Please be aware that work starts on Monday on installation of an additional fence along the whole of the boundary with the public footpath on the Sebert Road side. The existing fence will remain in place so this will not affect the daily running of the school but please take care if you use the footpath.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY, SO FAR.....

### October 2017

Wed 4	9.30 am—Year 3 & 4 Harvest Festival celebration at Christ Church 3.30 pm—Key Stage 1 parents invited in after school to see Harvest work presentation
Thurs 5	5.00 - 7.30pm—Parents Evening Appointments
Mon 9	3.45 – 6.15pm—Parents Evening Appointments
Wed 11	Individual Pupil Photographs
Wk beg Mon 16	Bikeability Week – YEAR 5
Fri 20	Staff Training Day 3 (no pupils in school)

### Mon 23 – Fri 27 HALF TERM WEEK

### November 2017

Weds 1	Y5 Gressenhall Museum trip
Wk beg Mon 6	Reception activity afternoons for parents
Wk beg Mon 13	Anti-Bullying Week (details to follow)
Fri 17	Children in Need Day (details to follow)
Wk beg Mon 20	FOSWS Book Fair (details to follow)

### December 2017

Mon 11	2.00 pm—Reception Christmas Performance A
Tue 12	9.40 am—Reception Christmas Performance B 2.00 pm—Year 1 Christmas Performance A
Wed 13	9.40 am—Year 1 Christmas Performance B 9.40 am—Year 2 Christmas Performance at Christ Church Moreton Hall 2.00 pm—Year 4 Christmas Performance A 2.00 pm—Y5 & 6 Carol Concert A —Christ Church Moreton Hall 6.30 pm—Y5 & 6 Carol Concert B —Christ Church Moreton Hall
Thurs 14	9.40 am—Year 4 Christmas Performance B 2.00 pm—Year 3 Christmas Performance A
Fri 15	9.40 am—Year 3 Christmas Performance B

***Tue 19—Last Day of Term for pupils—Pupils return on Thurs 4 January 2018 (staff training day 3 January 2018)***