



SEBERT WOOD NEWS



CHRISTMAS 2017

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS AND CONCERTS

A week of wonderful Christmas performances and productions this year at School and at Christ Church Moreton Hall. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard to convey the message of Christmas in an entertaining and enjoyable way and children from Reception to Year 6 sang, spoke, danced and acted superbly in a range of entertaining shows and events. The children really enjoy performing for family and friends and judging by the laughter, smiles and proud faces in the audiences you too have enjoyed them! This year the Year 5's and 6's took part in a carol concert at the church at which they read and sang beautifully, including some very impressive solo singing. Year 5 got to play 'Jingle Bells' on their brass instruments in public for the first time, which they also thoroughly enjoyed. They were joined by our Year 6 Brass ensemble group who have continued to learn brass as part of the County 'Play On' programme. They too played really well and our thanks to Mr McDowell who teaches both the Year 6 and 5 groups each week. Many of you commented on how good the events were, including comments such as *"that was lovely"*, *"a unique and very entertaining show"*, *"the best I've ever seen"*, *"didn't they do well"* and *"they must have worked phenomenally hard"*. Our sincere thanks to all the staff involved in writing shows, making costumes, practicing, rehearsing and preparing the children and also to the office staff who do a fantastic job behind the scenes organising the ticket distribution and refreshments for parents as they queued! Our thanks to Mrs Steven who did a great job taking photos of the children in their costumes and organising the sale of them for parents, from which we raised £500 which will also go towards the cost of staging hire and for future productions. Thank you to those of you who purchased these photos and as we don't charge for tickets our thanks to those of you who kindly donated money in our golden bucket! At the church on Wednesday the audiences kindly donated a total of £ 240, the proceeds of which have been donated to the Children's Society, which we all feel is a very appropriate and worthy charity. Finally of course, a massive 'well done' to all the children.....they were brilliant!



SEBERT SINGERS & BURY ST EDMUNDS CONCERT BAND

On Sunday 10th of December we held a Christmas Concert at Christ Church Moreton Hall, involving the Sebert Singers and Bury St Edmunds Concert Band. The event was organised, produced and directed by Mrs Ryan and Mr Head (Director of Music for the band) and the Sebert Singers who are led by Mrs Gilbert at her club throughout the term. Unfortunately with just 2 weeks to go to the concert, Mrs Gilbert suffered a nasty accident and was off from school. Mrs Ryan ably stepped in and the Sebert Singers performed brilliantly on the day, with Mrs Gilbert on crutches there to support them! The event proved to be a great start to the festive season and the children really enjoyed performing a range of songs and carols on a very atmospheric winters afternoon. The quality of the performance was very high and the audience were clearly very proud and impressed. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Ryan, Mrs Gilbert, Mr Head, the members of the concert band, all the staff who helped and to all of you who supported the event. Through the ticket sales, refreshments and collection, we raised £800 which will be shared between the school, the band and the church, in support of a range of worthy causes. Well done Sebert Singers and the Concert band!

NURSERY AND KEY STAGE 1 PARENT CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

On Monday this week and throughout last week, parents were invited into school to work alongside their child on special Christmas activities. Last week the Nursery parents made Christmas cookies, sang songs and read the Christmas story alongside their child. In Key Stage 1 the parents and children made Christmas decorations. All the children loved working with their mums and dads, grandmas and granddads and it was great to see so many of you in school. And the cookies were delicious!



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

Charlotte Holmes (Class 14), Shaya Talebpour (Class 13) and Chloe Bugg (Class 14) all played in an under 11's Netball tournament at St Josephs college Ipswich. The girls who all play for the Sebert Swifts school team, won two and lost one match. Well played girls!

Charlotte Holmes (Class 14) played in a Winter County Tour tournament at the Eastern Tennis Centre Norwich. She got to the final and won it 4—0! Another impressive performance Charlotte! She proudly showed her medal in school.

Fergus Wong (Class 7) recently took his Grade 1 piano exam. He gained a merit. Congratulations and well done Fergus!



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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We held our Christmas lunch today! Just over 400 children and staff had a delicious Christmas meal prepared by Vertas, our catering team, ably assisted by many of our staff and midday supervisors. Staff joined each table for the meal and we had Christmas music playing throughout. As you can imagine it was a very lively and enjoyable event. Nursery pupils who attend the Catkins Lunch Club also enjoyed a Christmas meal. We'd like to thank Claire Evans our Head of kitchen and her team, for a fantastic job cooking such a tasty meal for such a huge number of people and for providing the crackers! Lots of children and staff commented on the quality of the food and I really enjoyed my delicious Christmas meal, and I even ate my Brussels sprouts!

**IN ADDITION TO THIS NEWSLETTER
MAKE SURE YOU READ THE LATEST SPORTS NEWSLETTER
WHICH WENT OUT VIA PARENTMAIL YESTERDAY**

DATES FOR YOUR 2018.....SO FAR

JANUARY 2018

Wed 3	Staff training day
Thurs 4	Pupils return to school
Mon 15	Deadline for Applications for Admissions to Primary School Reception September 2018
Mon 15	Parent meetings in the school hall —Year 5 & 6 ONLY 4.30—7.30 pm (online booking system—details to follow)
Thurs 18	Parent meetings in the school hall —Year 5 & 6 ONLY 3.45—6.30 pm (online booking system—details to follow)
Weds 31	Nursery parent meetings ONLY 9.10m—11.30 am

FEBRUARY 2018

Thurs 1	Parent consultation meetings 3.45—6.30 pm Nursery to Year 4 (*please note Nursery finishes at 6.00 pm)
Mon 5	Parent consultation meetings 4.30 —7.30 pm Nursery to Year 4
Tues 6	Safer Internet Day
Fri 9	Last day of half term

Half term holiday—week beginning 12 February
Pupils return to school Monday 19 February

MARCH 2018

Thurs 1	World Book Day
Weds 7	Maths Curriculum Day—details to follow
Fri 9	British Science Week starts
Fri 23	Fitness Friday—cycling
Thurs 29	LAST DAY OF TERM

APRIL 2018

Thurs 26	Year 4 Sutton Hoo trip
EASTER HOLIDAYS—30 March to Monday 16 April Staff training day Monday 16 April <u>PUPILS RETURN ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL</u>	

MAY 2018

Wk beg 14	Year 6 SATs testing week
Half term holiday—week beginning 29 May Pupils return to school Monday 5 June	

JUNE 2018

Wk beg 18	Year 6 Eaton Vale residential trip (Monday to Friday)
LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 2018 TUESDAY 24 JULY <u>Last Day for Year 6 Only FRIDAY 13 JULY</u>	

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Reverend Jonathan FORD dropped in to school recently to pass on his sincere thanks for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, prepared by the children from Sebert Wood. The final total for the area was 906 and they were sent to Belarus on 2nd December so will be there in time for Christmas. As always he was impressed that the majority of the boxes came from our school!

The last word.....thank you from the whole team for all the cards and gifts we've received.....they're very much appreciated.....we have a great stock of chocolates and biscuits to keep us going in the new year!!!
Have a safe, enjoyable and restful Christmas..... from everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!