

# SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES



Just to keep you all updated following the closure of New Moreton Hall Preschool, we had a busy break preparing for the extended Nursery provision and after school club for younger children that Sebert Wood now provides. Thanks to the hard work of staff here at Sebert Wood and the support we received from Pre-school staff and Preschool Committee members we have been able to have a smooth transition given the very short timeframe and intervening holiday period!

Following interviews we are pleased to welcome Vicky Alderdice and Machaela Arnold (former Preschool staff) to the team here at Sebert Wood.

Our thanks to the parents for their understanding and support during the transition period and for the positive feedback we have received so far.

DATE	EVENT & TIME
Fri 31st January 2020	Fitness Friday & Athletes visit
Mon 17th February —Fri 21st February	HALF TERM WEEK
Thurs 2nd April	Last day of Spring term for Pupils
Fri 3rd April—Fri 17th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 20th April	PD DAY
Tues 21st April	Pupils return to school after Easter holidays
Fri 8th May	MAY BANK FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 25th May—Fri 29th May	HALF TERM WEEK
Wed 24th July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

## Happy New Year!

It has been lovely to see everyone back after the Christmas break, happy and refreshed and to hear the children's stories. Thank you once again for all the good wishes and lovely gifts the staff received, it is very much appreciated.

We are also very pleased to welcome new starters to Sebert Wood this term and hope they will settle in quickly to their new classes and make new friends.

## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL....

Elizabeth Mead in Class 10 received some excellent comments about her very promising playing in her recent piano Prep Test. Thomas Albrow, Class 13 also achieved a Distinction in his Grade 1 piano, with 139 marks and a very rare perfect score of 30 for one of his pieces, well done Thomas! Our piano teacher Mrs Baxter commented that Both Elizabeth and Thomas have worked extremely hard and their success is well deserved and they are enthusiastically working towards their next goal and it is lovely to see how much they enjoy playing the piano.

**Year 6** What a productive first week back we have had in Year 6! The children have come back after Christmas ready to learn with a fantastic attitude: we have already begun a piece of assessed writing and began our new topic of WW2 which we are all extremely looking forward to! As you should all be aware by now, the children have been 'gifted' their new SATs books which are to be used for homework. Please see the separate ParentMail for more information regarding this. This week's homework is:

Reading: Fiction: 'Playground Problem' pgs 2-11 Due: Fri 17<sup>th</sup> & Maths: Arithmetic pgs 4-11 Due: Mon 13<sup>th</sup>  
Spellings have also been set on spelling shed to be practised throughout the week.

**Year 5** We hope that you had a great Christmas break and thank you for all of the gifts! The children have come back keen to learn and begin our new topics.

Next week we will learn how to ask for food in French. Indoor PE will be dance. In Geography we will be learning about the physical geography of Russia. The Science lesson involves describing materials and computing continues with Inkscape. PSHE will consider valuing differences and in Art we will be looking at Matryoshka dolls. Outdoor PE will be tag rugby and in RE the children will be writing recipes for happiness.

**Year 4** The children have made a positive start to the term. Next week in Science, they will be constructing a basic electrical circuit. In Geography, they will be locating the position of the Arctic and Antarctic circles and looking at animals which live there. In Art, they have learnt about the Pop Art movement and will use Andy Warhol's blotted-line technique to re-create their own picture. The children will continue to learn the recorder in Music on Fridays. In French, the children are recapping the months of the year and learning about festivals. In Computing, the children are using the iPads to create their own comic-book heroes. PE continues with tag rugby on Mondays and dance on Thursdays.

**Year 3** Welcome Back! We are already in full swing with our new topics and areas of learning. We will be beginning our series of lessons learning about Teeth in Science, whilst our main Geography topic is focussing on Rivers. In French, the children have been recapping last term's work and will be moving onto classroom objects. The children are discussing what makes each person unique in PSHE. In PE, we have a tennis coach coming in to work with the children on Wednesdays, whilst Friday's indoor session will be with a dance instructor. Our new Art project will be linked to healthy eating, so we would be grateful if you could send in any food-based magazines that you no longer need.

**Year 2** We had an exciting start to the term by flying to Greenland on Tuesday! Children made Passports, went through airport security and boarded a flight! Over the next few weeks we will learn about the Arctic circle, comparing life there with life in Bury St Edmunds.  
We begin swimming on Tuesday – please make sure your child brings a towel, swimming costume and swimming hat (all named).  
A 'Bag for Life' makes an ideal swimming bag as children will store clothes and coat in there whilst they swim. Thank you!

**Year 1** Next week in Literacy we will be continuing our work on the topic of traditional tales and reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Next week in maths we will be focussing on subtraction. In science the children enjoyed exploring a variety of materials thinking about the words they could use to describe them – hard, soft, smooth, rough. Next week we will be outside looking at the materials that have been used around the school and thinking about why they may have been chosen.  
Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school so that they can take part safely. Thank you for hearing your child read at home and for helping them learn the words from the lists provided last term. It is so important to do this regularly in order to support your child's development. Thanks for your support.

## **EARLY YEARS**

**Reception** Welcome back! With the start of the new term we feel the Reception children are now ready to come into school independently. Many children try but unfortunately there are so many adults in their way they are struggling to get to their pegs or into their classes. Mrs. Smith is at the door to take any messages and these **always** get to the teachers as soon as the doors close. If you need to speak to the teacher please pop in - but please do let your child put their own things away!  
Next week we will be writing some stories about the penguin hunt we went on in our PE lessons and also exploring activities based around the properties of shapes and symmetry.

**Nursery** We have had a wonderful first week exploring in our new rooms. The children have settled really well and have enjoyed making new friends.  
Next week we will be finding out about Polar Regions; talking about the animals that live there and we will be exploring ice, doing some ice paintings and reading lots of penguin stories!  
Please make sure all clothes brought into Nursery are labelled.