

SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

We are very excited to be welcoming Kristian Thomas to the school on Friday 31st January as part of the Sports for Schools 'Athletes Who Inspire Kids' initiative.

Kristian will be talking to the children about his experiences as a 2012 & 2016 Team GB Olympic gymnast and his performances at the British, Commonwealth, European and World Championships. Please look out for sponsorship forms coming home with your child soon!

Well done to our Year 6 boys who did well in their Super 8 football this morning at Ipswich, finishing a very respectable 6th against tough opposition. They played well, but unfortunately just missed out on the next round of the competition.

DATE	EVENT & TIME
Fri 31st January 2020	Fitness Friday & Athletes visit, Kristian Thomas
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

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL....

During the Christmas break Zach Grove, Year 5, completed his 150th Junior Parkrun, the first to do so at the Bury course. He took Christmas candy for the other runners to enjoy in celebration of his milestone and he even got a mention on the Junior Parkrun website! Congratulations on a superb achievement Zach.

PLANT to PLATE tokens!! We are pleased to be supporting the 'Plant to Plate' growing little gardeners promotion and will be collecting the tokens in school which will be printed in the EAST ANGLIAN Daily Times & Ipswich Star, thank you for your support.

Year 6 It's been another busy week in Year 6. In English, we have been writing formal persuasive letters inspired by our novel, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and, in Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of equivalent fractions before moving on to addition and subtraction using these. In Computing, we have begun to learn about writing in code – the children particularly enjoyed having a go at semaphore this week - and in History, the children have been researching in depth about some of the leaders during WW2, in readiness for writing a biography. For the 'mend and make do' WW2 art topic, we would appreciate any donations of pieces of fabric, pillow cases/approx. A3 size) as the children will be making purses, thank you!

Please note: SATS and this week's homework information will follow in a separate parentmail.

Year 5 Another hard working week in Y5. The children are enjoying finding out about the fascinating country of Russia and linking Art and English in to this too. If you have any Russian nesting dolls, we would be grateful to borrow them for our Art project, NAMED please, thank you. Our Maths focus is multiplication. Please support your child reinforcing or learning their times tables at home, as some children are still unsure of these facts, making it difficult for them to complete word problems or multiplication calculations involving bigger numbers.

Next week we will be learning the French vocabulary associated with making sandwiches. Indoor PE will continue with dance and outdoor PE with Tag Rugby. In Geography we will study the physical geography of the UK and in science we will be testing the properties of different materials. The children will be exploring how to show emotion on the faces of Russian nesting dolls they are designing and in RE we will be discussing the Humanist creed.

Year 4 The children have submitted some well-presented and thoroughly-researched pieces of home learning this week. Some of these will go on display in the classrooms.

Next week, the children will draw and make more complex circuits in Science. In Geography, they will learn about the lives of the Inuit people. This week in PSHE, the children have discussed what they are good at doing and, next week, they will identify skills they would like to develop. In French, the children will learn about festivals. In Art, the children will explore and recreate Warhol's 'Campbell's Soup' artwork.

Year 3 Next week in Science, we will be looking at the different types of teeth and their specific functions. Thank you to those who have sent back their permission form for the Dental Nurse visit on February 10th. We understand some children may be unsure whether they wish to participate in the activity. We have explained that they can decide during the session, but that they will not be able to join in unless they have a signed permission form. If you need another copy of the letter, please ask one of the Year 3 team. In Computing, the children are moving onto using the iMovie app to create some short films. They will spend some time next week exploring trailers before they begin to plan their own presentation. During the next two weeks in French, we will be learning the names of body parts; learning to sing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' in French. In Music, we continue to learn how to play simple songs on the glockenspiel, whilst in Geography the children will learn about the stages of a river. Do please send in any food magazines you no longer need so that we can start our Art project soon – we have only had a few sent in so far!

Year 2 The children had a great time at their first swimming session and were very well behaved – well done Year 2! This week we looked at physical geographic features of Greenland such as glaciers, mountains and sea ice – try asking your children what they can remember!

We have begun a new unit of RE, looking at Islam and things that Muslims believe. In Science we are investigating what causes ice to melt, and in Computing we are learning to create pictures using Paint programme software.

Year 1 Next week we will be working on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be continuing our work on subtraction. Please ensure that your child has a P.E. kit in school, thank you. We would be very grateful if keyrings could be removed from any reading bags as they can make it difficult for the children to access their reading books. If you would like to help your child with their phonics there is a great website that we use in school with lots of games to help them learn and expand their phonic knowledge. You can help at home by logging on to the following: www.phonicsplay.co.uk

EARLY YEARS

Reception This week the children have been learning about the penguins that live in Antarctica. Next week we will be thinking about how we can help the birds in this cold weather and make them some food. We are hoping to visit the woods next Tuesday morning (weather permitting). Please could you ensure the children have wellies and warm coats ready for our walk, thank you.

Nursery We have enjoyed all the Penguin stories this week and learnt some new songs and dances! Next week we will be continuing our focus on polar lands, doing lots of counting and developing our scissor skills. We will put lots of photos on Tapestry showing all the wonderful things we have been doing over the last two weeks.

* * Leicester Tigers School Offer* *

Please find the attached offer from Leicester Tigers offering special prices for families to experience the thrill of a live Gallagher Premiership match at Welford Road on Saturday, 15th February, 3pm kick-off!