

# SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES



Please look out in your child's bag(s) next week as we will be sending home a brown envelope with details regarding voting and papers for the 2 new positions available for Parent Governors.

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## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL....

Maja (Year 5) has just passed her grade 1 tap dance exam with distinction! Well done Maja, and... 'keep dancing!'

DATE	EVENT & TIME
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

## Wow! What a fabulous and inspirational Fit Friday we have had today!

There was a high level of excitement and enthusiasm from all the children today with motivation from our guest GB Gymnast, Kristian Thomas who visited us in collaboration with the Sports for Schools 'Inspire Kids' initiative. The children had great fun as they all attempted 4 circuits of exercises of 1 minute each. Kristian also gave a wonderful demonstration of his skills afterwards, walking on his hands, doing forward rolls over groups of children and teachers and an amazing backward somersault! It was a delight to watch the excitement from all the children, our thanks to everyone who took part and for the PE Team, with Ian Miller and Henrietta Selby from Sports for Schools who added additional support! Thank you to those of you who have returned your sponsorship forms. Can all sponsorship forms and monies please be returned NO LATER than next Wednesday, 5th February, in a sealed enveloped, marked sponsorship, thank you.

**Year 6** A fantastic end to the week with our Fit Friday visitor! The children have worked hard this week on writing their narrative piece in English, ensuring that they have some fantastic descriptions and are beginning to think about how they can create atmosphere within. In Maths, the focus has continued on Fractions, with Mr Crew's group sharing their knowledge on multiplying fractions with the other children, giving them a head start ready for next weeks learning! We look forward to a visit next Wednesday from drama students of WSC, who will be performing a Shakespeare piece and sharing tips and tricks!

### Homework

Maths: Arithmetic book – pages 12-19

Due: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Reading: Fiction – Holiday on Hill Farm

Due: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Spelling Shed

Due: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Year 5** The children enjoyed making sandwiches in our French lessons whilst narrating the instructions in French. They did a great job! Next week the children will be expressing opinions about sandwiches and ice creams in French. Dance continues for indoor PE and Tag Rugby for outdoor PE. In Geography we will be learning about the human geography of the UK and comparing it with the human geography of Russia we studied this week. Our Science lesson will investigating dissolving with variables. The Art lesson will continue with decorating the art work of the Russian dolls. In RE the children will be comparing Humanist naming and wedding ceremonies with religious equivalents.

A polite request...please can children *only bring their phone* to school if they walk to or from school alone. Lots of children are bringing in phones unnecessarily and we don't have much room to store them safely. They have no access to them during the school day, so they do not need a phone at all if they are being picked up and dropped off, thank you for your support.

**Year 4** The children are really enjoying learning about life in the Polar Regions. Next week, they will continue to develop their knowledge of the Antarctic. In Science, the children will continue to make a range of electrical circuits using buzzers, switches and motors. In French, the children will play a game and sing a song whilst learning vocabulary relating to instructions.

In PSHE, the children will take part in activities which develop communication skills. In Music, they will consolidate simple tunes using the note G.

**Year 3** Next week starts with a visit from the Dental Nurse in our Science lesson on Monday afternoon. She will be explaining all about dental hygiene and how to look after our teeth. Toothpaste and toothbrushes will be needed when she returns again on Monday 10th February please.

Now that we have discussed people's similarities and differences in PSHE, we will begin to look at how we can respect differences. The children should have fun and some exercise whilst they continue to work on naming body parts in French. In Computing, the children have planned their iMovies, so this week will see the start of the recording.

**Year 2** In our topic this week we looked at the lives of people living in Greenland including their diets, transport, homes hobbies and clothes. In Science we revisited food chains – the children remembered key vocabulary about predators, carnivores and herbivores and applied this to creatures in the Arctic. In PSHE this half-term we are focussing on managing money. This week the children thought about why we have jobs, why we need money, and the differences between cash and cards.

The children are getting on brilliantly at swimming – please make sure your child brings a swimming hat each week. Although we have a few spare ones there aren't always enough to go around!

**Year 1** What a fun morning the children had today for Fit Friday, they were very excited seeing an Olympic gymnast! Our traditional tale next week is 'Little Red Riding Hood' and we will be working on this in Literacy together with handwriting and letter formation. Next week in maths we are working on length and height and will be measuring things in centimetres and cubes, while practising vocabulary such as '*longer than and shorter than*'. You may want to practise this at home?

As always, please continue to read with your child as much as possible and record this in their reading record and do visit the phonics play website if you can.

**Reception** We have been busy this week in our Polar Research Station looking for hidden animals! We have also had a couple of children celebrate Chinese New Year at home. Next week we would love to teach the Reception children more about this. If you have family photos of you celebrating the New Year please share them with us on Tapestry.

Just a reminder, when you read at home please write a comment or sign the reading log book. We also want to say well done to those children who have learnt to do their coat up independently.

**Nursery** The children have been making Chinese dragons this week and had fun practising a Chinese dragon dance in celebration of the Chinese New Year! We have loved watching the birds from our quiet reading corner window and the children were excited to see blackbirds, blue tits and a very naughty squirrel eating an apple! Next week we will be focussing on the Gruffalo's Child book.

Have a lovely weekend.