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## SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES



#### Dear Parent and Carers.

It has been a week of great contrasts, with the unfortunate closure of a bubble in school compared to the excitement of England winning the big match on Tuesday! This only goes to underline the huge variations in society, with 45,000 spectators at Wembley, whereas in school we continue to be advised to close bubbles. With all the talk in the media about changing the rules on bubbles this has created some confusion and understandably some resentment. Although mainly a very mild illness amongst children, we are told that cases are rising very rapidly and we are urged to take a cautious approach. The Prime Minister himself has asked for patience until a full analysis of testing compared to isolation has been completed.

We do not underestimate the disruption closing a bubble may cause and no one wants to have to send children home from school, but since closing the bubble here at Sebert Wood the Suffolk Covid Response team have told us – "your swift and cautious approach is likely to have prevented a wider outbreak".

Following several queries from parents/carers this week, please find below a link to the Government website clarifying the usage of lateral flow tests (LFT) and PCR COVID-19 test kits: A positive result from a LFT test kit must then be followed-up by a PCR test.

LFT : https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests PCR : https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

I sincerely hope we have no more cases in the two weeks to the end of term. It seems that schools have become caught in the middle of the debate and we now wait to see if the guidance on bubbles is changed.

As we move closer towards the end of term, we are mindful that it has been a very strange time for our Year 6 leavers and we hope they continue to enjoy some fun activities over the next couple of weeks as they prepare for their transition days at their new schools. We are all looking forward to our Sports days next week and hoping for fine weather for the children to enjoy their events. We will post photos on twitter for you to see, and once again we are very sorry that parents are unable to watch this year.

Have a great weekend

Peter Dewhurst & everyone at Sebert Wood

### SPORTS DAYS....NEXT WEEK

Your child should come in to school wearing their PE KIT and with a sun hat/sun cream for their Sports Day :-

Mon 5th July	-	Y
Tuesday 6th July	-	Y
Wednesday 7th July	-	Y
Thursday 8th July	-	Y
Friday 9th July	-	Y

/ear 6 & Reception 'ear1 & Year2

'ear 4 & Nursery

'ear 5

- 'ear 3
  - **SEBERT WOOD SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP**

Commencing Monday 19th July through to Friday 27th August for Reception—YR6 A fun packed mixture of activities on the school field and also using the UKS2 studio

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 9am—3pm Rugbytots, Multi-Sports Activity Camp

Every Friday 9am-3pm Reece Coaching, Football, Dodgeball and Rounders, Multi-Sports Camp

Please see full details attached and booking information **BOOK NOW .....SPACES FILLING FAST!** 

The Summer Reading Challenge is back in 2021! More important than ever, it gets children reading over the long summer, while having fun. **The challenge opens on 17 July. To sign up, just visit <u>your library</u>.** This year's theme is Wild World Heroes – a group of friends making their town even better for the people and animals that live there. The challenge is open to all children – once you sign up, **read six books over the summer holidays** and collect a prize for each one from the library. If you complete the challenge, you'll collect a certificate. For further information please follow the link <u>https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/annual-events/summer-reading-challenge-2021</u>

# Please note, due to the YR4 bubble closure this week we have extended the deadline for return of BIKEABILITY consent forms to next Wednesday, 7th July 2021.

### PARKING COMPLAINTS....

Sadly, we are still receiving some serious complaints regarding Parent parking from local residents, both around the Sebert Road main entrance and Raedwald Drive area. May we reiterate the following:

- Please do not double park on both sides of the road, blocking the road for emergency vehicle access
- Always consider the safety aspect when parking close to a resident's driveway
- Do not park on zig zag or double yellow lines
- Do not park on pavements
- Do not obstruct the view of any residents trying to enter or leave their driveways

This is for the safety of everyone, as well as a courtesy and respect to our local residents, thank you.

Please find the digital link for my Raring2go! Summer Magazine: <u>https://bit.ly/3qB6yakR2GWESTSUFFOLK</u> The magazine is full of great ideas for the summer holidays, featuring holiday camps, days outs and activities for all the family to enjoy.

### Also attached are details of Stage Coach Summer Camps for children.

FREE CYCLING SESSIONS from Suffolk Highways, Cyclist Training:-

Suffolk Highways are now delivering sessions for families who want to cycle more regularly, whether to keep fit, to commute to work or school, or to go and visit friends!

Based on the National Standards for Cycling, and appropriate content from the Bikeability scheme, their fully qualified National Standard Cyclist Trainers will:

- show you how to ride with your children so that you can help them gain confidence;
- teach you a simple system for remembering how to deal with different road scenarios;
- work with you to improve your safety at any junctions you use;
- guide you in using your road position to control other road users and enhance your safety.

**Priority will initially be given to families who want to cycle with their children**, but whatever you require they will endeavour to make it happen!

To book your free session, please email <u>CyclistTraining@suffolkhighways.org</u>, and John Showell - Road Safety Officer (Bikeability) - will arrange for a trainer to contact you.

For more information please visit - Family cycling sessions

### YEAR GROUP WEEKLY UPDATES

**Year 6** The children have had a very productive week working collaboratively on their story sacks. We are so impressed with what they have been able to achieve and the high levels of independence and initiative that have been shown. We hope to have all story sacks completed by the beginning of next week, ready to pass on to the younger year groups.

As we begin to approach the end of the school year, it is time to begin sending home lots of the fantastic work which the children have completed over the year. Each child MUST bring in a bag of sufficient size to bring their workbooks and models etc home in.

The Bury Free Press popped in this week to take a leavers photo of our Year 6's for their supplement which will feature in the BFP on Friday 16th July.

Have a lovely weekend, The Year 6 Team

**Year 5** As we race towards the end of term, we have had another busy week. The children in Class 12 really enjoyed erupting their volcanoes on the playground! Both classes made life cycle games to play, reinforcing their learning in Science this term.

Next week we will be learning about the climate and features of a desert. The children will complete the websites they have been making. Sports morning for Year 5 is on Thursday, so the children should come to school in their PE kit as usual and they will have PE in the afternoon.

In the last week of term as well as two transition days, we will be having three Harry Potter themed days. One of these will involve the children making a chocolate frog from melted chocolate and a flavour and texture they have chosen. We are aware of allergies in the year group, but the children will not be eating the chocolate in school, they will be taking them home so you can choose who eats them and when!

Please see a separate email from Mrs Blythe the brass teacher. This includes a piece of music for the children to practise at home. Enjoy!

Next Wednesday (7<sup>th</sup> July) will be the last day for handing in homework this academic year and the last spelling tests. Thank you for all of your support with these over the last year.

We hope that you enjoy reading the report letters, outlining the successes of your child in Year 5.

Finally, we say goodbye to Miss Ballam, our student teacher in Class 12. The children have loved her lessons and she has done a great job. We wish her well in her new job at Norton Primary School.

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 Team

**Year 4** Well what a week! We'd like to start by thanking all children and parents for acting swiftly first thing on Monday morning. Many of you settled back in to Remote Learning quickly, we think us teachers were the ones who struggled to remember what we needed to do! Also, get well soon to anyone that is feeling poorly. Some parents have emailed us to say that their child's PCR test is clear, if you haven't, please could you let the office know. Monday's Remote Learning will be on Google Classroom but then on Tuesday our bubble will be back open! In Maths next week, we will be recapping on some areas that children didn't do quite so well with in the recent assessments. In English, we will be asking the children to help create 'A Guide to Year 4' for the Year 3's moving up, sharing all their thoughts on being a Year 4 pupil. The history will focus on runes work and we'd love you to bring in what you accomplish to see if the rest of the class will be able to decipher your message. Please also remember to bring in your Viking long ship sketch so that you will have a head start with creating your collage. Wednesday is all about being active! We will be having sports day in the morning and then continuing with our cricket sessions in the afternoon with Mr Sturgeon. Water bottles, hats and waterproofs are a must! You never can tell what you'll need with our British weather!

Keep safe this weekend and we'll see you next week. Year 4 Team **Year 3** The children really enjoyed learning about soil horizons. They took care to think about different textures to represent the layers in their collages.

Based on our walk around Lawson Place, the children have designed a short survey about the area for you to complete. Please look for this in your child's book bag. Next week, in Geography, the children will analyse their survey findings. We know it's short notice but please would you return these by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

In Art, the children will be completing their dragon painting and drawing a detailed sketch of a dragon's eye. In PSHE, the children will look at the components of a healthy diet and design their own healthy meal. In French, the

children will learn the months of the year and how to say when their birthday is. On Thursday, the children will spend the day focusing on our PSHE unit, Managing Relationships. On Friday, it's Sports Morning so please make sure your child has a hat, spare shoes and wears PE kit to school.

Have a good weekend. The Year 3 Teaching Team

**Year 2** This week in Maths we revisited fractions (quarters, halves and thirds) and telling the time. In English we have made books about the topics studied this year and have learned about acrostic poems. They wrote some brilliant examples about castles and knights!

In our topic work we had fun junk modelling – we're sure you were very impressed with the replica castles they brought home! We also thought about how to spell some of the castle-related vocabulary we've learned. We used these words to create our own wordsearches which we challenged each other to complete.

As we have been unable to have a school trip this year we wanted to do something special for the children, so next week Year 2 will become a training school for knights! The children will have to complete a series of tasks in order to progress from 'page' to 'squire' to 'knight'. If successful they will earn a banquet with the King at the end of the week. We haven't told the children any of this yet, so please don't spoil the surprise!

Finally, both classes are finishing reading The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton. This is always a really popular read with Year 2 children. It has two sequels; The Magic Faraway Tree and The Folk of The Faraway Tree if children are interested in reading more.

Have a great weekend, The Year 2 Team

**Year 1** The children really enjoyed their Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday afternoon, we had a busy week writing invitations and designing menus before making our own jam sandwiches, decorating cupcakes and adding popcorn to enjoy at the picnic – it even stopped raining!

Next week we will be having great fun with all things 'Piratey'! We will enjoy activities including designing WANTED posters, writing a message in a bottle, sharing out the treasure in pirate maths, pirate PE, using squared paper to create their own treasure map, pirate orienteering and making hats, eye patches and telescopes! The children are invited to come into school dressed as a pirate on Friday 9th July. Please keep sending in bottles and empty kitchen rolls for the children to use as part of the activities.

We are now very close to the end of term. Thank you for sending a named carrier bag in with your child so that we are able to send all their work from Year One home with them.

Have a lovely weekend, The Year One Team

**Reception** This week we have been making our own Supertato and Evil pea lift the flap books, Next week we are really looking forward to our Sports Day on Monday afternoon, weather permitting we'll do our activities on the school field. The children had a practise of some of the skills we will be using throwing, kicking and balancing. Next week we will read the story Super Worm by Julia Donaldson and in maths we will be measuring things with different lengths of wool, pipe cleaners and straws.

We hope you have a lovely weekend. The Reception Team **Nursery** This week in Nursery we have created an airport and a train station that takes you to the beach for our role-play areas. The children have really enjoyed exploring these and have been packing their suitcases to travel! Mr Dewhurst even visited the airport and went on the plane for a holiday! We will be adding a train café to our train station next week so you can stop for a drink and cake before boarding. We have talked lots about different modes of transport and have explained the importance of road safety by wearing our helmets and seatbelts.

We have been able to practise our cutting skills by cutting out different objects and clothing to pack in our suitcases. We have also played lots of parachute games to help with our good listening skills. We made paper plate boats, shape trains and have enjoyed sponge painting to create trains too. Next week we will carry on with our Transport theme. We will be doing lots of mark making with paint and experimenting with different vehicles. We will also look at the story 'The Train Ride' and will spot what we can see on our journeys.

We look forward to a fun filled Sports Day on Wednesday too!

If you would like to join us, even if it is not your usual day in Nursery, we would love to see you! If you could come to the entrance of the nursery for 1.20pm then you can pick up your child at 2.20pm. We have centred the activities on The Gingerbread Man and will take lots of pictures and videos of the day for you.

Have a wonderful weekend! The Nursery Team