

SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

We are excited to be supporting the **Keep Moving Suffolk Walking Challenge!**

You will find an activity book in your child's bag this week with a different activity for them to complete each day.

We will have reward stickers, certificates and a classroom wallchart to track the classroom participation.

We do hope you enjoy Walking week next **Monday 5th October through to Friday 9th October** which also incorporates Clean Air Day.



With the current restrictions on our usual group assemblies, we are still keen to **celebrate the children's great work** throughout the school. We appreciate how much the children enjoy receiving these awards and putting them up on the fridge at home! Each week Mr Dewhurst presents two pupils from every class with a

***STAR* PUPIL award**, KS2 with their **GOOD CITIZEN award**, YR6 have individual **POSTCARD awards** posted home and Mr Dewhurst also presents his individual **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**. There have been many wonderful examples of super working and a good start to the term. Well done everyone!

As we approach half term we have been considering the best ways to update parents on how their child has settled into school given the current situation. We have decided that the best way to do this is via a short phone conversation to discuss your child and how they have settled both academically and pastorally. Next week we will be sending you further details of how this will work.

Thank you once again for your ongoing understanding and cooperation during the current situation. Although levels of **COVID nationally** are rising, here in West Suffolk we are fortunate that the rates are still very low. However, we are constantly reviewing our systems here in school, following government guidance and watching the local situation closely. Enabling 400 plus pupils to get into school is a huge logistical task and we rely on parents to follow **social distancing**. A reminder that current government guidance does not require parents to wear masks outside when on the school premises. However, it is entirely up to you if you wish to wear a mask. Some staff will be wearing masks and/or visors when they are greeting pupils at the classroom doors.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS will be taken this **WEDNESDAY 7th October** (within COVID guidelines). Please note these are individual photos only as no sibling pairs/group photos can be taken at this time.

Works on site - we are aware that the area by the field gate has been churned up by works vehicles and we will soon be putting down matting to create a footpath. Given the current situation and the works on site it is important that you do not arrive on site too early for your drop off time and please be cautious and supervise your child/children closely.

With half term approaching you may find of interest some clubs taking place over the October break—with Clarke Coaching offering a **Football Camp** at Westgate Primary and **SchoolsOutActivities** with camps at South Lee. Attached are their relevant flyers and COVID 19 safety guidance. Please contact them directly for all enquiries and bookings.

And, don't forget **Moreton Hall's Pumpkin Trail** on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October!

Year 6

This week we have focussed around the more complex grammatical elements of the curriculum; in particular, we have looked at compound and complex sentences, as well as active and passive voice. The songs and raps we used to help us learn about these topics are extremely catchy – why not ask your child to share them with you!

Maths has been a recap on addition and subtraction, consolidating our understanding of the formal written methods for these. Next week, we will begin to look at formal methods of multiplication. To support this, please continue to encourage your child to access 'Times table Rockstars' at home – we will be looking on Monday to see who has been practising over the weekend!

In preparation for our learning next week about 'The battle of Marathon', the children learnt about the Ancient Greek city states, in particular Athens and Sparta and the difference between them.

Have a great weekend,

The Year 6 Team

Year 5 We have had another great week in Y5. The highlight this week was the Science lesson using Jaffa Cakes to learn about the phases of the moon! See what your child can remember.

Next week we will be beginning a unit of work in Maths on statistics. Maybe you and your child could look for examples of tables, graphs and charts in newspapers and magazines. We will focus on diary writing in English. In Science, we will be asking the children to plan an investigation, focusing on the vocabulary and organisation needed for this. Our History lesson will examine the work of Lord Shaftesbury and Dr Barnado in improving the plight of poor Victorian children. In French the vocabulary taught will be about what characteristics people have and don't have. The theme of online friends will be explored in Computing and we will continue to learn about Hindu mandirs in RE. Our philosophy discussion will be based on whether animals should be used in space trials or not.

Football skills will continue to be taught in PE. As the weather has changed, can we politely remind you to provide your child with a change of shoes for outdoor PE and a carrier bag to put the muddy ones in?

Appropriate outdoor clothing will also be needed. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 Team

Year 4 Firstly, apologies for the very short update last week; for some reason the entirety of the document didn't save correctly, so you only received the initial paragraph! Oops!

All children have now been given new login details for Spelling Shed, Times Table Rock Stars and Mathletics. You will find them all in the front of their reading logs.

Next week will be looking at how heating and cooling affect the states of matter in Science. Our Geography lesson will continue to focus on volcanoes in Italy. As we are trying to avoid singing in school, this week in Music, we started to learn a song using a basic version of sign language known as Makaton. The children all did really well remembering the different signs and we are aiming to finish learning the rest of the song next week. In Maths, we have been re-capping on our knowledge of place value from Year 3 and focussing on building this further to incorporate problems involving thousands. Our English lessons are going to focus on the author David Walliams.

Please note that as the weather is deteriorating, the children's PE lesson on the field will begin to result in lots of muddy footwear. Please ensure your child has a spare pair of trainers or shoes, plus socks to change into after PE to prevent the classrooms from getting mucky!

At times, members of Y4 staff may need to be outside before the official start of the school day. Whilst it may be tempting to ask them a quick question or pass a message on, please wait until a member of staff opens the Year 4 entrance door at 8:50. Thank you.

Have a good weekend,

Year 4 Team

Year 3 This week, the children really enjoyed investigating which materials were opaque, translucent and transparent. In Art, they were all very engaged whilst designing their scarab beetle amulets. Their finished designs look amazing.

Next week, the children will be learning about who the pharaohs were and why they were important. In Science, they will be testing reflective materials and will design a reflective item. In French, the children will learn the numbers from one to ten and will play games to reinforce this. In RE, the children will be looking at The Lord's Prayer and finding out how it is about forgiveness. In Computing, they will be continuing to learn about how to stay safe online.

Have a great weekend.

The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 In our topic work this week we experimented to see which objects sink and which ones float. We then put our knowledge to the test by designing rafts using trays, pots, boxes and other materials. We are looking forward to testing them out next week!

In English next week we will focus on reading comprehension skills and spelling. In Maths we will look at subtraction – we will do this by drawing tens and ones and crossing out the ones we're subtracting.

We will send home Spelling Shed logins next week – look out for these in the front of your child's reading log. Later in the year when we look at multiplication skills we will give out Times Table Rockstar logins.

Have a lovely weekend

Year 2 Team

Year 1 We have had another busy week! The children are now becoming familiar with our routines and have settled well into life in Year One! We are continuing to work with our transition timetable and the children are responding well to this, enjoying the mixture of adult led, independent and their own choice of activity.

In Science next week, we will continue work on our five senses, focussing on our sense of smell.

In Literacy next week we are beginning our work on traditional tales starting with the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We will also be thinking about Harvest and saying "Thank You". In Maths we are continuing our focus on the vocabulary of greater than, less than and equal to and will be comparing both numbers and objects.

Thank you for support in hearing your children read at home. It really does help with their development and fluency. Please continue to record your child's reading in their log book as usual so that they can change their books.

Please can you ensure that your child has a raincoat in school as the weather is a little damp at the moment! Thank you. Have a lovely weekend.

The Year One Team

Reception

This week we have been thinking about things that make us feel happy. The children have drawn pictures of either their favourite, food, people, places or toys.

Next week we are going to begin looking at how the leaves are changing. We are going to make some bird feeders to send home so that you can hang them in your gardens!

Just some reminders please of things you can do to help in the mornings:

Please don't put water bottles in the book bags, as they can sometimes leak on the books.

The book club, books can be kept at home for a whole week. Please return Rainbow class books on Wednesday and Sunshine books on a Friday.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Reception Team

Nursery This week we have continued with our Gruffalo theme. We have particularly enjoyed getting our hands messy making Gruffalo crumble; we hope you enjoyed eating it! We made some fantastic versions of the Gruffalo story. In some versions the mouse was eaten!

Next week we will have a different creature hiding in our forest cave. We will be going on a bear hunt. Look out for the bear foot prints on your way into nursery!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend

The Nursery Team