

SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES



Well, we have definitely ended the week with some very excited, happy children (and staff) with the surprise snowfall this morning!

The atmosphere in school is very festive with the children enjoying rehearsing their Christmas songs, Christmas topics and decorating their classrooms.

We do apologise for any inconvenience with closing the field gate today due to additional urgent drainage adjustment works.

Please do all be aware that we are moving to a new communications email system from Monday next week. *Further details are below.*

We have had a fantastic response to our Christmas Hamper raffle, thank you all for your support.

This will be drawn next Friday 11th December, so that the lucky winners can receive their hampers in good time for Christmas.

Finally, Jayden M is featured with Sebert Wood on page 4 of this week's Bury Free Press—well done Jayden on your 100 mile charity run and walk over the last 6 weeks!

Thank you for your continued understanding with social distancing, have a lovely weekend

Peter Dewhurst & all the team at Sebert Wood

WHAT CHILDREN DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL!

We are very pleased to share with you that Aaliyah in Class 10 has walked an impressive 25km circuit of Bury St Edmunds in November to raise money for the 'MyWish' Charity and the Children's Ward at West Suffolk Hospital. She raised a fantastic £387.50.

Well done Aaliyah, what a wonderful achievement!

IMPORTANT NOTE - Parent Email Communication:

Just to make you all aware that we are moving over to a new communications system called SIMS 'InTouch' from Monday 7th December 2020. From Monday, ALL Emails sent from the school will appear in your mail box as 9352925@capitaintouch.co.uk. Please add this to your trusted email senders and you may wish to check your spam in case some items may appear in there initially.

Please note School communications will only be sent to contacts of the pupil who are Priority 1 or 2 and hold Parental Responsibility on your child's school record. Please email admin@sebertwood.co.uk if you have any queries.

Many thanks, SCHOOL OFFICE

Year 6 The children have worked extremely hard this week, particularly when completing their mock SATs tests. It has been great to see how much many of them have improved since the last mock test. Those children taking part in Secret Santa have been given the name of who they will be buying for. A reminder that gifts can be brought in from Monday 7th and must be in school by Friday 11th of December. As part of their Christmas video, Year 6 children have the option to bring in a Christmas jumper and/or any other festive attire, which they can put on before filming on Thursday 10th December. Finally, a reminder that the Year 5/6 spelling test that the children should have been preparing for over the last few weeks, will be carried out next week.
Have an enjoyable weekend,
The Year 6 team

Year 5 We can't believe it's December already! The children are continuing to work hard and impressing us with their Victorian homework models.

Next week, our Science lesson will involve using our knowledge of forces to design a machine. In History, the children will be given a character to debate whether the expanding railways in the Victorian era had a positive or negative impact on their lives. In French we will learn the vocabulary of which school subjects the children like or dislike. Our RE lesson will focus on the Humanist equivalent of the Ten Commandments. In Art we will use our watercolour skills to paint winter foliage in readiness for making a Christmas card.

We will be recording our Christmas songs on Thursday 10th December. From Monday onwards the children may bring in a named Christmas hat or hairband to wear for this recording.

Just a reminder that Mathletics homework is set weekly. This week it is on area and perimeter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Year 5 team

Year 4 We have a different sort of week coming up. On Monday, we will be having an Art day. We will focus on Roman mosaic designs. Tuesday is our Roman day, for which the children may come in dressed as Romans if they would like to. Please remember though, that we will still be going outside for break times, so coats and sensible shoes are necessary. Also, the classrooms are quite cold with the windows open for ventilation, so layer underneath costumes and a jumper to go on top may be needed!

We have been practising our Christmas songs and learning the Makaton signs to go with them. Please help your child practise at home. We will be recording our performances on Thursday, with our last rehearsal on Wednesday, so please send in hats and headbands etc asap to keep in school.

Have a great weekend

Year 4 Team

Year 3 Thank you for your contributions to the Christmas Hamper. It's really full & we're all hoping we win it! This week, the children have risen well to the challenge of the end of term assessments. They have all tried their best. Many of the children have also learnt the Christmas song they will be singing very well and lots of them don't even need the words anymore.

Next week, the children will be looking at Christmas adverts as a stimulus for writing. They will continue to design and make their magnetic game in Science. In French, the children will learn Christmas vocabulary. In Art, they will be making pictures which require them to practise using a ruler carefully. In Geography, we will conclude the unit on Egypt by learning about desert animals.

Have a good weekend

The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 In English this week we have been thinking about diaries. We looked at Samuel Pepys' diary and are now trying to write our own versions! We are trying to use conjunctions (and, because, so, but, then) to make our sentences more exciting.

In Maths we are looking at the early stages of multiplication. We start with repeated addition (ie $5 + 5 + 5 + 5$) then link this to 4 lots of 5 or 4×5 . The children have also been drawing arrays to demonstrate multiplication – if you've never heard of this before, ask your child to demonstrate!

We are now moving away from the Great Fire and focussing on Science. We are learning about the properties of materials like wood, glass, plastic and metal.

A final request – in the New Year we need lots of *long cardboard tubes like the ones in rolls of wrapping paper*. Please don't get rid of any you have – please send them in and we'll put them in quarantine!

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 1 We are very excited now that Christmas is approaching! We are having a wonderful time making and writing a fantastic range of seasonal things!

Next week in English we will be focusing on the nativity with the children writing their own version of the story. In maths we are investigating place value in numbers up to 20.

The song rehearsals are going well and we are looking forward to you seeing our performance! Christmas lunch is on the last day of term, Friday 18th December. This is also a non uniform day, when your child can wear a Christmas jumper. Please make sure this is suitable for outdoor play. We will also be having a party in the afternoon!

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 1 Team

Reception This week we have read the story 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson and put up wanted posters.

We also talked about how Christians go to Church and looked at some photos of local ones. We learnt about activities that happen in a Church and that special stories are told. We read the story of Jesus birth and played with nativity characters to retell it in our own words.

Next week we are continuing with our festive crafts and practicing our song ready to video for you.

Please add on Tapestry photos of how you are preparing for Christmas, putting up a tree, making cards, wrapping presents or going out and looking at the lights. The children love sharing their experiences with their friends.

We hope you have a great weekend
Reception Team

Nursery Christmas has well and truly begun in Nursery this week! We have started making Christmas decorations, reading Christmas stories and finding out about the Nativity story. We have been buying [lots](#) of decorations from our Christmas shop to put on our tree in our role-play area too. We have made a fantastic Christmas tree and the children have all decorated a bauble with a special Christmas message for everyone, it looks amazing! We also took advantage of the snow, by building a snowman outside and using the powder paints in the melted snow. Everyone had such a great time!

Next week we will continue lots of Christmas fun!
We hope you have a great weekend
The Nursery Team