



SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

Manners and Respect Week

We were impressed by how well the pupils responded to the extra focus on manners and respect around school this week. Today, I presented certificates in every class to celebrate children who showed impeccable manners and respect to all.

Of course, this is always a focus in school but it has been good to reinforce this essential part of everyday life.

We're very pleased to announce one of our TA's Ms Felicity Deuchars had a baby boy Arlo, who arrived at 7.34 last Monday, weighing 7lbs 10oz. Mother and baby are both doing well. Congratulations from us all here at Sebert Wood!

Have a good weekend

Peter Dewhurst & everyone at Sebert Wood

Please note: Communications from school that appear in your inbox from 9352925@capita-intouch.co.uk are for *outgoing messages only* to parents, so please *do not reply* directly back to this email address as it is not regularly monitored.

If you need to contact us, please only use admin@sebertwood.co.uk. This is also the best way to let us know of anything, rather than leaving messages on the class doors, thank you!

CATCH UP...Last week we wrote to you about some of the 'Catch Up' work taking place in school. The Government have allocated this funding up to the end of this academic year (we don't know if it will be renewed in Autumn 2021) and part of the programme includes tutoring for disadvantaged pupils. Staff and Governors at Sebert Wood took a conscious decision to use existing school staff to deliver this work, as they are well known to the children and we know exactly their strengths and skills in teaching. Teachers have identified pupils based on specific criteria and using their professional judgement.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER PLEASE..

A reminder that the Sebert Wood School Uniform is a red sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper with grey trousers/skirt.

During Covid we have allowed pupils to wear an additional layer consisting of a plain fleece or jumper, due to the additional ventilation necessary in classes. However, this should not replace the red sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan.

A reminder that trainers should not be worn to school, apart from on PE days.

PE Kit is a white vest or t-shirt (red school PE top for Year 5&6) with black tracksuit bottoms or shorts for outdoor PE with a dark fleece/hoodie. Fashionwear should not be worn please.

PARKING SAFELY & CONSIDERATELY...

Unfortunately we are still receiving complaints about parking from local residents, particularly around the Raedwald Drive area and Sebert Road. May we please ask you to always park safely and considerately and do not leave your engines running! You should consider the safety aspect when parking close to driveways and junctions please and do not park on the pavements. This is for everyone's safety as well as a courtesy to our local residents, thank you.

Pyjamarama Day next Friday 14th May!

Next Friday 14th May pupils (and staff!) are invited to come to school wearing their Pyjamas! Please ensure your child also has extra layers of warm clothing during this changeable weather. We are supporting BookTrust's Pyjamarama day. BookTrust do a fantastic job of giving children access to books - they provide several free books for all children in the country before they reach the age of 5.

Children at Sebert Wood are fortunate in the range of literature they have access to - we want to do something to support children less lucky than ourselves.

We are asking for a donation of £1 for BookTrust Pyjamarama, which will be collected in classrooms on the day. All classes will finish the day with a bedtime story. We hope the children enjoy the day.

Shout out for bottle tops please! We still need lots more!

Can everyone keep saving their bottle tops please for a whole school art project later in the summer term. A range of colours are needed alongside the usual blue and green milk plastic bottle lids.

We will put a big blue box outside the main reception office entrance every day for them to be placed in. If we collect enough, a fabulous piece of art will be created! Thank you so much for your support.

HEROES Royal Mail Stamp Design Competition

Some children may have come home today with a 'Heroes Stamp Design Competition' sheet to honour the key worker & volunteer heroes of the Coronavirus pandemic. If your child would like to enter, *please return their finished design to school, clearly named by the deadline, Friday 21st May*

SEN UPDATE

Please find here some useful website links that may provide additional support, particularly if your child is showing traits or has a diagnosis for autism or ADHD.

The Curly Hair Project is a social enterprise that supports people on the autistic spectrum and the people around them, founded by autistic author Alison Rowe. <https://thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk/>

Autism & ADHD offers high quality and personalised support and guidance for those who need it. It's that simple. We're one big community here, and that includes you. <https://www.autismandadhd.org/about>

Welcome to Autism & ADHD I just want to start by saying a huge welcome to our website page! In response to the current global coronavirus situation, Autism & ADHD are still working to do our best to support as many of you as we can during what is a challenging time for everyone. <https://www.autismandadhd.org/>

If you would like to discuss anything further, please email admin@sebertwood.co.uk for the attention of our SENDCO and Inclusion Lead, Mrs Sharon Dade.

We are pleased to tell you about Suffolk Libraries launching a new digital story sharing service!

Suffolk Libraries has teamed up with Featherbed Tales to provide a new way for people to share stories with children or loved ones. Suffolk Libraries is the first library service to work with Featherbed Tales who make it possible to read, record and share one of their special children's stories using your own voice. The service is ideal for those who are not able to meet up with other family members and can help to boost children's reading and listening skills.

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Anyone with a Suffolk Libraries account can log into the Featherbed Tales website, read and record one of the six short stories and then share a link by email. It also works both ways and your child can also read the story to provide a great present for a grandparent who hasn't seen them during lockdown.

You can read, record and share all the stories and they can be enjoyed over and over again. You can also share the storytelling with others and be as creative as you like, adding sounds and different voices. It's easy to record the story page by page so you don't have to start again if you make a mistake.

You can access Featherbed Tales via suffolklibraries.co.uk/featherbed. All you need to get started is your library card number. There are clear instructions on how to get started along with a [YouTube tutorial](#).

The stories have some themes which are important for young children to learn about. They help to teach children about friendship, sadness, and the beauty of the natural world, featuring many fascinating creatures from around the world. The stories are written to engage children and adults, with many opportunities to count, make noises and join in with the actions such as stomping elephants or jumping jerboas!!

Year 6 Despite our working week being slightly shorter, the children have still been extremely productive. This week, the children continued with their WW2 inspired artwork, focussing on producing a sunset background, ready for their silhouettes of a London skyline next week. In English, they have written their 'Hot task' persuasive letter; we look forward to reading them and seeing the improvements made since writing their 'Cold task'. We have been super impressed with how most of the children have been completing their homework in a timely manner; please ensure that your child continues to do so as it is having a positive impact on their learning.

Homework this week:

Reading Non Fiction – Holiday on Hill Farm - pg 12-21– due Monday 10th May

Maths – Arithmetic pg 38 – 44 due Wednesday 12th May

Reasoning pg 33 – 37 due Wednesday 12th May

Additionally, over the next week, we would like the children to make a model to represent how the respiratory system works; *there are many examples online which the children could follow.*

Due: Friday 14th May

Finally, an Email was sent out earlier this week with all the information regarding the option to order your child a Leavers Hoody. Please keep in mind that the deadline for ordering is Friday 14th May. Here is the link to the online shop: <https://www.hartlandhoodies.com/school-leavers-hoodies/sebert-wood-primary>

Have a good weekend

Year 6 Team

Year 5 We have been focusing on respect and manners this week; we hope this is paying off at home too. The llamas are coming along nicely and have colourful woven saddles! The children have really grasped the computing programme Sketch Up and have produced some excellent designs of the UKS2 building – some budding architects in the making!

Next week we will be learning about the life cycle of an amphibian in Science. Our History focus will be on the exploration and discovery of Mayan culture and civilisation by two key figures. In French we will learn the vocabulary of direction and we will continue learning about the Eucharist in RE.

Please remember a change of shoes on Thursdays for PE, especially now the weather has become wet. It would be beneficial for the children to practise their musical instruments at home as their lesson time in school is relatively short. Thank you!

Have a good weekend

Year 5 Team

Year 4 What an enjoyable week the children have had exploring shapes and angles and writing their 'published' articles whilst being polite and respectful! In maths next week, we are continuing with different types of angles and comparing them. In English we will spend the week looking at and creating Kennings. We started our new Science topic on electricity this week, next week the children will be looking at what different types of appliances use electricity as well as investigating how circuits work. History will revolve around researching Anglo Saxon daily lives. The children are doing really well in their French lessons and we hope they are able to use some of their speaking skills at home?

We know that many of the children read for pleasure at home which is great, but please do try to write in their books so we know that they have been listened to and to see any of our comments.

Fingers crossed for sunshine this weekend! Take care.

Year 4 Team

Year 3 This week has been Manners and Respect Week and we have seen lots of door-holding and thank you's. We hope you have been noticing this at home.

In Art next week, the children will design and make their own Stone Age jewellery from clay. In History, the children will learn about the mysteries of Stonehenge. In Science, the children will carry out their planned investigations into the properties of different types of rock. In PSHE, the children will learn about how they can make choices for a healthy lifestyle. In French, the children will learn the vocabulary for basic prepositions.

Have a good weekend.

Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 In Maths this week we have looked at different types of patterns, including shapes, turns and symmetry. We've been impressed by what the children can remember! In English we have learned a new way of using apostrophes: to show something belongs to someone (*ie Mr Winch's jumper*). Why not ask your child to show you? On Wednesday we went on a minibeast hunt, exploring different areas of the school's outdoor environment. We found many types of minibeasts and used tally charts to record our findings. Next week we will learn a little more about their microhabitats.

In Computing this term we are learning some basic programming skills. We use an app called Scratch Jr for this – children can drag buttons to create algorithms for short animations and games. This is available on app stores and many parents have downloaded this in the past so that children can practice at home. The children really enjoy using it and learn a lot from it. More details are available at www.scratchjr.org.

Both Mr Tottie and Mr Dewhurst have commented on how good Year 2's manners have been this week – well done children!

Finally, we have enough egg boxes now so no more please!

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 1 We have had great fun writing dinosaur poetry this week. For the next two weeks we will be basing our literacy around the story 'Meerkat Mail'. This will start with a non-fiction week finding out all about Meerkats.

In Maths we are starting to look at fractions of objects and a practical element of this is making sandwiches and then dividing them into halves and quarters. The children will be making their own jam sandwiches using white bread and jam, if this is not suitable for your child could you please provide an alternative, thank you.

We will be doing our last lesson on plants in Science so your child will be bringing their bean home with them next week ready to plant in the garden.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year One Team

Reception This week we read the story of Zog by Julia Donaldson. In the book, Zog wanted a gold star for his learning and worked very hard to get this. We spoke about what we have achieved that made us feel proud.

Throughout the school it has been Manners and Respect week. The classes have spoken about what the word respect means and how this is when you treat others, how you would like to be treated. The children have been extra good with their manners, ensuring that they are using please, thank you, and excuse me when appropriate. This has been noticed by staff and Reception are very lucky to have received Good Manners certificates from Mr Dewhurst that recognise this.

Next week marks the end of Ramadan with the festival of Eid. We will be learning about this religious festival and what happens during this time. The children are going to think of good deeds, as this is an important aspect of Ramadan for Muslim families.

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Reception Team

Nursery We have had a lovely week in Nursery. The children were so excited to see the caterpillars that Tara and her family brought in for us. We have been noticing little changes daily and have been surprised at how quickly they have grown! We are looking forward to watching their transformation in to Butterflies. We have continued our focus on the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and as the children are loving it as much as we are we will continue focusing our activities on Minibeasts next week.

Next Friday is Pyjamarama and everyone can come into school in their pyjamas!

Please can you put the title of your child's favourite book on Tapestry so we can share them throughout the week. We have lots of books so please don't bring them into Nursery.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team