

SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

It has been another busy week in school, with the children getting very excited, planning for Christmas with various activities and having fun recording their Christmas videos in the marquee! Year 4's Roman day was full of activity, making and designing mosaics, working with Roman artefacts, and finishing off with a Roman v Celts battle on the playground!

As you will appreciate, unfortunately we have been unable to have a Pantomime performance this year by a touring company or the usual nativity performances by children.

However, we are very fortunate that FOSWS have kindly funded an online version of Cinderella which will be watched and enjoyed by all year groups during next week, a huge thank you!

Finally, a reminder that next Friday is the last day of term, Christmas lunch day and non-uniform. We'd love to see you in your favourite Christmas top/jumper if you wish!

Have a good weekend everyone,

Mr Peter Dewhurst & all the team at Sebert Wood



Thank you once again for your wonderful donations for the Christmas Hampers! As you can see, they look fantastic and thank you to staff here who have spent time putting them all together ready for the prize draw. Thanks to the FOSWS team for folding all the raffle tickets and they will be announcing the lucky winners later today!

Please look out for details being sent out to you next week regarding a **colouring competition and Quiz** to be held over the Christmas holidays. This in collaboration with the Suffolk West Branch of the **NHS Retirement Fellowship** who help to support retired NHS and social care staff and their partners. It is now in its eighth year comprising of many retired nurses and staff from the West Suffolk Hospital, GP surgeries and other NHS professions.

Year 6 Another productive week in Year 6 and the children have been looking at coordinates in Maths which will be continued next week with a Christmas twist! In English, the children have looked at the 2013 John Lewis Advert, 'The Bear and the Hare'. Using this as inspiration, the children have planned their own narrative. We look forward to reading the final product next week.

All children will have received their scale scores achieved from the mock test they sat last week. They were extremely positive, with the year group results, as a whole, showing improvement across the board.

Furthermore, we were very impressed to see that many of the children have clearly been practising the Year 5/6 spellings at home: the results from the test this week were great and I'm sure in a couple of months' time we shall see some further improvement. Please continue to encourage your child to practise these spellings regularly – this can be done through Spelling Shed.

Thank-you to those taking part for bringing in their Secret Santa gift by the deadline – the children are very excited to open them on the final day of the term!

Have a lovely weekend,
The Year 6 Team

Year 5 The children performed their Christmas songs brilliantly on Thursday to be recorded, we hope you enjoy them? They have also done a great job with their watercolour Christmas cards – well done Year 5! We said a temporary goodbye to Miss Ballam last week, who will be joining us again in the summer term to continue her training. We wish her luck in her next placement. We welcome Ms Deuchers to Year 5 as a TA. Next week we will be finishing our English text 'Cogheart' and completing a Christmas Maths challenge 'The Mystery of the Christmas Present' which is an overview of Maths taught this term. We will also be watching a streamed version of the pantomime 'Cinderella' and looking forward to our Christmas dinner on Friday, when the children can wear their Christmas jumpers. There will be no new Mathematics homework set until after Christmas. This is a great opportunity for children to catch up on any unfinished tasks. Have a great weekend,
Year 5 team

Year 4 Hurrah! For all the children who took part in the Young Writers Poetry Competition, we have now heard back and everyone has been selected to be published! Huge congratulations! However, parents/carers MUST give permission. The quickest way to do this is to follow the online instructions. Please note the deadline has now been extended to 1st January. It has been a great week with our Mosaic Art Day followed by Roman Day. We hope the children have been coming home and telling you lots about what they have done and learnt. Next week will see us finishing topics and having Maths and English lessons with a twist of Christmas! Have a lovely weekend
Year 4 Team

Year 3 This week, the children have made good progress with their magnetic games. They are looking superb! Next week, they will play with them and evaluate their effectiveness. The children are really getting in the mood for Christmas! Next week, we will be making Christmas cards, watching an online pantomime and doing Christmas related Maths and English activities. Have a good weekend.
The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 A couple of notices this week:

- We will not be doing PE on Tuesday 15th December or Tuesday 5th January, so children should come to school in uniform as normal please.
- On the last day of term, Year 2 will be having a later Christmas lunch (1:30pm) – please make sure your child has a substantial snack to eat during the morning.
- Year 2 will not be swimming during this academic year.
- In addition to our requests for cardboard tubes, we would appreciate any empty kitchen roll tubes!
- Next week we will be sending home Times Table rockstars logins, in reading records. Please take the time to help your child get started on this – they will enjoy choosing their avatar!

Thank you for your support, have a good weekend
The Year 2 Team

Year 1 It has been another busy week in Year 1 with lots of Christmas fun thrown in too! The children have written their own version of the Nativity Story and we were very impressed with how much progress they have made with their writing this term. In Maths we have introduced the terms 'tens and ones' and the children have enjoyed using base 10 equipment to make a variety of numbers. On Thursday we recorded our Christmas song and are so looking forward to you seeing it! Both classes have filled their marble jar and our treat is decorating special Christmas biscuits that the children will be bringing home with them, and we have even made a special box to transport them in! Class 3 have their treat on Monday afternoon and Class 4 on Tuesday afternoon. On the last day of term we have the school Christmas lunch. We will be making hats in the morning in preparation for this. Children can wear a Christmas/special jumper to school. Have a lovely weekend,
Year 1 Team.

Reception This week we have been learning Christmas songs and making Christmas cards. In our classrooms we have created Christmas shops, selling tinsel, baubles, Santa stories and Christmas hats. Some of the children have tried wrapping presents, at home have a try at wrapping an old cereal box and hide something inside as a surprise! Next week we are making and decorating Christmas tree decorations.

We are starting to collect all the Book Club books and will send home fresh ones in January. Just a polite reminder a few children have brought in lip balm. This should be given to an adult to store safely, it should be named and not flavoured. On Friday the 18th (last day of term) please send in a named carrier bag to put any items we make in, rather than squash them in a book bag, thank you!

Have a lovely weekend

Reception Team

Nursery We have had another fantastic week making lots of Christmas crafts and they look fabulous in Nursery! We will be sending them home next week. We have turned our Christmas shop into Santa's grotto where the children have been to visit Santa and had fun being 'helpful Elves' wrapping presents. We are so proud of the children at how amazing they all were visiting the marquee to sing our Christmas songs. They were brilliant! Outside we have been enjoying the 'Reindeer Pokey' and 'What's the time Father Christmas'.

Next week we are looking forward to making some special snow playdough, icing Christmas biscuits, Christmas lunch and lots of Christmas party games!

We hope you have a lovely restful weekend

The Nursery Team