



# Sebert Wood News

## New building

The building is almost finished and on schedule for handover on 21 August. During the holidays, staff will be busy preparing new furniture, resources and facilities ready for the new term. We have been impressed by how smoothly the project has run, with minimal disruption to the school and local community. The current Year 4 children (new Year 5's) have already been inside the building to take a look around and they are very excited about their new classrooms, group room and studio.

## Entry and exit arrangements to school in September

- We expect the majority of Year 5 pupils to walk or cycle to school independently, as they would if they went to Middle School. If you wish an older sibling to escort a younger brother or sister to school, please inform the school office in writing. *We do not recommend this for pupils below Year 3.*
- At the start of the school day, Year 5 pupils will enter school independently and make their way to the classroom external doors (they have been shown them) from 8.50, ready for registration at 9.00 am. This is similar to the way all children enter school, but to ensure Upper Key Stage 2 pupils develop their independence we do not expect parents to wait with them.
- The same applies at the end of the school day—Year 5 pupils will leave school at 3.30 pm and make their way out independently. It will be up to Year 5 pupils to make their way home independently, to collect/meet siblings, or agree where to meet their parent/carer if they are not walking or cycling home independently.
- All other year groups enter and exit school as they currently do.
- Pupils who cycle or scooter to school will be able to use both the existing bike park at the main entrance and a new smaller bike park area which will be positioned where our 'Loggy' climbing frame currently stands.

## New Car Parking Restrictions

As part of the planning process for the new building, restrictions on parking in the local area have been consulted upon. The new restrictions are part of a Suffolk County Council Highways project and changes will be advertised in the press and on public notices. The implementation of restrictions and new road markings, including double yellow lines cannot happen until the legal order is sealed but it is likely they will come into force by the start of the new term. Other minor highway works around the school have been provisionally programmed as follows:

- Minor layout changes to footway adjacent to school access – Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> August
- 20 mph speed limit signage in Sebert Road – Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> August
- Cycle direction signs to the school at various nearby locations – Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> August
- Dropped kerb crossing point in Raedwald Drive – Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> August

We hope that these changes will make the area much safer for children when making their way to and from school. We also expect parents who have to drive to school to park away from the vicinity, in local car parks, including the Heldhaw Road car park and walk the last part of the journey.

## More building works!

Please don't be alarmed when you arrive at school in September and see more scaffolding on the edge of the main building! We are fortunate to be having solar panels fixed to the roof. Most of the work will be completed towards the end of the school holidays but the scaffolding may still be on site for part of the first week back. All normal entrances and exits will be available to the pupils so disruption will be minimal. The benefits of the solar panels will mean that our electricity bills are reduced and we will be able to use the savings elsewhere to benefit the school.

## Summer Fair Success

The FOSWS summer fair was a great success and people came out in force to support the event and enjoyed a wide range of stalls, events, activities and refreshments. FOSWS raised an impressive £3000 with an additional £1000 'match fund' amount from Barclays Bank. The money will be going towards designing and building new play equipment within the school grounds to benefit all age groups — more details to follow. Our sincere thanks to everyone who was involved in organising and setting up such a great Fair. Special thanks to Debbie Campbell (Chair of FOSWS) and the whole team of parents, governors and staff who helped on the day. Special thanks also to Graham and Lisa Balaam who have been running the BBQ for the last 10 years and who are finally hanging up their tongs! Without the time and dedication of a core group of people, great community events like this could not take place. Every parent is automatically a member of FOSWS but at the current time we only have a core group of 7 dedicated members who plan and run events. At the summer fair there were only 10 people to set up and clear such a major event. The chairperson steps down in September and without a chairperson and committee FOSWS cannot run. If you would like to contribute to the planning and running of any events and have new ideas or suggestions FOSWS needs you! Look out for the date for the first general meeting of FOSWS in September and come along and show your support. If you would like to Join FOSWS in September then please email: [foswsteam@gmail.com](mailto:foswsteam@gmail.com) or come and talk to Debbie in the playground.



Mr Brooks gets a good sponging in this new and very popular event !



Sebert Singers launch the Fair with three great songs.

### YEAR 4 CONCERT

The majority of our Year 4 pupils are staying on at school this year, to become our first ever Year 5's. As a one off event the staff wanted to give parents a taste of what the Year 4's have been doing in music this year and concerts took place Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening last week. Year 4 did a fantastic job and their singing and playing was beautiful. Performances included the whole of Year 4, members of our Rock Orchestra Club and the Sebert Singers Club. Parents and friends commented on an enjoyable and varied concert and with drinks and cakes for sale during the interval we raised £160 for the Doxa Project in Kenya and £95 for the Bury St Edmunds Concert Band. Thank you to everyone for their baking, generosity and support for the whole event. Our thanks to Mrs Ryan and the whole staff team, Mrs Gilbert who runs the Sebert Singers at lunchtimes, Mr Wiggins one of our parents who has given up his spare time to run the Rock Orchestra and to all the volunteers who manned the refreshments. *We would also like to take this opportunity to say farewell to those Year 4 pupils who are not staying on in Year 5 at Sebert Wood. Best wishes to Isaac Chase, Ollie Roberts and Sophie Boardman who all move onto Westley Middle School. Good Luck for the future from everyone at Sebert Wood!*

