

WHAT DO PUPILS DO WHEN THEY'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?

Justin Clark (Class 7) was one of just 14 boys selected to join the Ipswich Town Academy this September. This means he will be training with professional coaches 3 times per week in addition to Academy matches on Sundays. Justin is looking forward to putting his skills to the test against the likes of Tottenham and Norwich! Congratulations Justin!

Hannah Hatcher, Lucille Lyness, Helena Peachey, Samuel Whitney (all in Class 7) and Daniel Ayling (Class 6) all attend the West Suffolk Wheelers and Triathlon Club and have recently achieved certificates for their cycling. Samuel achieved the Gold Level and Go Ride Skills awards for bike handling, Helena achieved the 100% Attendance and Silver award, Hannah achieved the Silver and Go Ride awards, Lucille the Gold and Go Ride awards and Daniel the Silver level and Go Ride awards. We are all really proud of their achievements and hope they're inspired to go on and get even more awards! Well done all five of you!

Izzy Carter (Class 7) recently raised money for the Beating Bowel Cancer charity. She did this using her own initiative and set up a cake sale with the help of her friend, Shaya Talebpour (Class 7). They raised a fantastic £115.15 for this very worthwhile cause. Well done to Izzy for her great charity work and to Shaya for supporting Izzy!

OTHER NEWS

- Ahoy there! Last Wednesday all the pupils in year 1 took part in an exciting pirate themed day. All the children and staff made a great effort to dress up and they looked fantastic. Thank you to the parents who helped with costumes. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day.
- Fire Engine in school! Last Thursday Reception children received a visit from the local fire service. They brought their engine into school and the children had great fun climbing on it and using the hoses to spray staff cars!
- CAKE STALL IN NURSERY—Megan Edley, Bethan Southwood, Marcie Goodenough and Isabella Albon did a wonderful job of running a cake stall after school last week, to raise money for the Allergy UK charity. They raised an impressive £67.64. Well done to the girls and staff who helped and to everyone who showed their support for the sale.
- **FOOTBALL SEASON SUMMARY**
- This year we have regularly had over 70 boys and girls attending our training sessions on Saturday mornings during term time. We work with the children to develop their individual skills and teach them about teamwork, respect and most of all having fun playing football. Throughout the year each year group has played other local schools in a series of friendly matches and in tournaments. The Year 4 group played in the Bury Primary Schools league and finished 3rd in league 1, and reached the semi final of the League Cup, the Year 3 group were undefeated in their series of matches and the Year 2 group showed excellent progress this year. All the teams have played well this season, but a special mention should go to the Year 1 Group who won the Abbots Green tournament! Last Saturday all Year 4 pupils were invited to a festival at St James to launch the Year 5 league ready for next year. A big thank you to all the coaches for their efforts this year, we are already looking forward to starting training again in September. If your son or daughter would like to get involved in the football club, please contact Justin Stamp at justin.stamp@btinternet.com for more details. Thank you Justin and all the coaches for their hard work with the teams and to all the parents for their ongoing support.
- **After School Club**—Demand for after school childcare has been increasing year on year and with additional pupils staying on at school, the existing provision run solely by Moreton Hall Preschool did not have sufficient places to cater for demand. Therefore, Sebert Wood School and Moreton Hall Preschool have worked together to create extra spaces by using the studio in the new building for after school provision for Key Stage 2 children. This will be run directly by the school. Many parents have booked their child into either of the after school clubs ready for September. We have been working to get out as much information to parents as possible. *If you are still interested in a place please contact the admin team here or see the school website for more details.*
- Year 4 took part in a racquet skills day on Friday 17 July in which the children had expert coaching and skills assessment in three sports at the Moreton Hall Health Club, followed by a competition in which they competed against other classmates. The sports were table tennis, squash and tennis and most children were able to try a sport which they had not played before. Awards and prizes were given out for some of the most sportsmanlike behaviour as well as the best performers as chosen by the staff at the club.

STAFFING NEWS

FAREWELL

Today we said farewell to a number of staff who are leaving the school this summer.

Mrs Heaps has worked in the Nursery since 2001 and is leaving for a change of career and she will be working as a Care Support Worker. Our thanks to Mrs Heaps for her hard work and dedication over the years, from everyone associated with Sebert Wood School. We wish her all the very best for the future and in her new venture. Mrs Garrad the School Business Manager is leaving to take up a new post at Mildenhall College Academy. Mrs Garrad has worked here since 2001 and she too will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in her new job. Mrs Farrant has worked as a Teaching Assistant in Nursery since 2004 and has taken on a new role at Risby Primary where she will be supporting a pupil on a 1:1 basis. Miss Pritchard has worked as a Teaching Assistant at the school for 3 years and is leaving to go travelling and to follow her passion for voluntary work overseas. We will be keeping in touch with her via our charity links with the Doxa Project in Kenya. Finally, Mrs Taylor-Wagenaar is leaving her role as an MDSA. Today we presented all our leavers with gifts and cards and I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best for the future.

WELCOME

We welcome Mrs Maddock who is our new full time Nursery Teacher from September. She is a highly experienced teacher who previously worked at Beaumont Primary School in Hadleigh. I'm sure you will join us in welcoming her to the school. We also have some new staff joining our MDSA team. We welcome Mrs Whitney, Miss McLaren, Mrs Riches and Mrs Ali.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs O'Connell, one of our Learning Support Assistants, recently passed her Foundation Degree in Primary Teaching and Learning from the Open University. Congratulations Mrs O'Connell!

HOLIDAY DATES 2015-2016

SUMMER HOLIDAY—last day of term Wednesday 22 July

Pupils return to school on Monday 7 September

(Wednesday 2, Thursday 3 & Friday 4 September—Staff training days—school closed to pupils)

AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY—last day of term Friday 23 October

Pupils return to school on Monday 30 October (no staff training day)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—last day of term Friday 18 December

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5 January 2016 (Staff training day Monday 4 January)

The last word.....Mr Brooks, Mr Winch and I received a thorough soaking at the Summer Fair.....the children really enjoyed throwing sponges at us and they have been taking their PE very seriously.....they were rather accurate shots.....but it was all for a good cause.....and a great way of keeping cool in the heat!!

Thank you to everyone for your generous gifts, cards and good wishes.....the staff room has been full of chocolate and cakes which have been eaten with great enthusiasm!

Have a safe, enjoyable and restful summer holiday.....Pete Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood School