



SEBERT WOOD NEWS



We've had an exciting and very busy start to the new term, with the pupils settling in not only to being back at school after the long summer break, but a new building to use and many other changes around school. After some minor delays at the end of the project, which meant that the builders were still on site at the beginning of term, we are now fully functioning and all that remains is some seeding and planting, which takes place in the autumn when the weather is more suitable to planting. A replacement millennium oak tree will be planted in November with a new commemorative plaque. The millennium time capsule which was put together with pupils back in 2000 and buried underground has been recovered and despite being rather squashed, battered and very smelly, will be transferred to a new more robust container and reburied, this time for longer than 15 years we hope!

Other information

Morning bell

On Monday the school bell will be rung at 8.50 am to indicate the start of the school day. The classroom doors will then remain open until 9.00 am as normal.

Parents evenings

Parent consultations this term take place on Thursday 8 and Monday 12 October. These are initial meetings to find out how your child has settled into their new class and share their academic targets. Please look out for a separate letter with booking form soon.

DATA COLLECTION

We are updating a lot of records and information on our system, so please look out for an important pack of paperwork you will be receiving shortly. This pack includes important data collection and agreements for you to sign. We are conscious of the amount of letters that are being sent out and where possible we will endeavour to include these all in one pack on one day where possible.

URGENT MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS OF SEBERT WOOD

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A letter was sent out inviting all parents to the Annual General Meeting of FOSWS at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 15 September. Unfortunately not one new person turned up to the meeting. It is therefore with sadness that I write to inform you that without new members FOSWS will have to fold. Because we have charitable status, the rules state that without a new chairperson, treasurer and secretary we cannot operate and we lose our charity status, which also means we cannot receive the £1,000 from Barclays which they have kindly donated for the past two years. If FOSWS does fold this will mean the children will undoubtedly lose out. There will be no more discos, movie nights, Christmas or Summer Fairs, Easter Bingo and all the other subsidised events, trips and activities in school. We want to avoid this happening and are therefore holding an **Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 29th September 7.00pm at school**, in the hope that some new people come forward. If we can't fill the above roles and get the extra help FOSWS will no longer operate and it will be our children that miss out. We need your help, or even a family member to come along and join FOSWS, as we really don't want it to fold.

Debbie Campbell

For anyone willing to take on the FOSWS roles, the rewards are great. The children in school really benefit from the funds raised but above all else, the events are great school community events and are enjoyed by everyone. Please come forward and help. It's not just parents who can help, if there are any other extended family members that are keen to help, then they are very welcome. Please come along to the Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 29th September at 7.00pm to ensure we can maintain a Friends of the school.

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

If you have a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school, in any field, please let Mr Dewhurst or the school office know about it and you may get a mention in the newsletter. You can send a note in via your child's class outlining the key information or send an email via the admin email address.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY, SO FAR....

SEPTEMBER 2015

Bikelife Dr Bike Gate Duty	Thu 24, 8:30 am onwards
Harvest Festival for Y3 & Y4 at Church	Wed 30, 9:30—10.30 am

OCTOBER 2015

Harvest themed lunch	Thu 1
KS1 Parents drop in to see Harvest work	Fri 2, 3:30—4.15 pm
Samuel Ward Academy Trust—parent presentations about the new high school, here at Sebert Wood	Tue 6, 4.00— 7.30 pm
Bikelife Dr Bike Gate Duty	Thu 8, 8:30 am onwards
Parents Evening 1	Thu 8, 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Parents Evening 2	Mon 12, 3:45 - 6:15 pm
Individual school Photographs	Wed 14
Y5 cycle training	Thu 15
Y5 Cross Country	Wed 21
Tag Rugby Festival Y5	Fri 23
Bikelife Dr Bike Gate Duty	Thu 22, 8:30 am onwards

HALF TERM HOLIDAY—last day of half term—Fri 23

Pupils return on Mon 2 November

NOVEMBER 2015

Bikelife Dr Bike Gate Duty	Thu 12, 8:30 am onwards
Children in Need & Fitness Friday—wear a silly hat!	Fri 13
Y5 trip to London—details to follow	Wed 18
4v4 Football (KS1)	Mon 23
Bikelife Dr Bike Gate Duty	Thu 26, 8:30 am onwards

DECEMBER 2015

Reception Performance—in school	Tue 8, 9:40 am
Year 3 Xmas Performance—in school	Tue 8, 1:40 pm
Year 3 Xmas Performance—in school	Wed 9, 9:40 am
Year 4 Xmas Performance—in school	Wed 9, 1:40 pm
Bikelife Dr Bike Gate Duty	Thu 10, 8:30 am onwards
Year 4 Xmas Performance—in school	Thu 10, 9:40 am
Year 2 Xmas Performance—in school	Thu 10, 1:40 pm
Year 2 Xmas Performance—in school	Fri 11, 9:40 am
Year 1 Xmas Performance—Church	Tue 15, 9:45 am
Year 5 Xmas Carols and Readings—Church	Wed 16, 7:00 pm
Christmas Lunch	Thu 17

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—last day of term—Fri 19—Pupils return on Tue 5 Jan 2016 (staff training day Mon 4 Jan 2016)

School Uniform

We would like to remind parents of the importance of labelling ALL items of clothing. Iron on/sew on name tags are readily available from shops such as Marks and Spencer. Please use a permanent pen as names can soon wash out. Alternatively, companies such as easy2name sell all types of labels online. Lost items of clothing are difficult to track down and reunite with their owner without a name in them!

Looking ahead to Harvest Festival and Christmas

With the school growing in size, we have had to review and adapt some aspects of these events. For Harvest this year, only Years 3 and 4 will be at the church. Parents are invited to attend the celebration at Christ Church Moreton Hall on Wednesday 30 September between 9.30 and 10.30 am. Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) will be celebrating Harvest in school with a range of activities. Parents are invited in to see what the children have been working on after school on Friday 2 October between 3.30 and 4.15 pm. Year 5 will also be working in school and will be having a special assembly led by the Storehouse Ministry to celebrate Harvest. This year we are again asking parents to kindly donate non perishable goods for the Storehouse charity which will then be distributed in the local area. Please bring items to the school office from *Monday 28 September*. Please also ensure that the food has a 'best before' date of a minimum 6 months. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

On Thursday 1 October we have a Harvest themed lunch. If you would like your child to have this school lunch please ask your child to request a school lunch on the day in the usual way—there is no need to book in advance.

At Christmas the performances by year groups will be very similar to normal, with Year 1 chosen to perform at the church this year. In addition, our Year 5 pupils will be taking part in a Christmas Carol service at Christ Church Moreton Hall on Wednesday 16 December at 7.00 pm, to which parents are invited. Please see the full list of days/times in the list of school diary dates.

The last word.....by now we're finally getting used to the routine of being back at school.....I did see a Reception pupil looking very tired and sleepy..... when I asked if he was okay he replied "I'm saving my energy up for home time"!

Have a great weekend.....Pete Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!