



# SEBERT WOOD NEWS



## SCHOOL GAMES GOLD AWARD

Fantastic news! Sebert Wood has achieved the national School Games Gold Mark! This is the highest level for this Government scheme which recognises and rewards schools for their commitment to the development of sport and competition. The Games Mark is used as part of the schools inspection framework and also as a development tool for staff. We received the award due to the participation levels of our pupils in the school PE curriculum, the work of our new Sports Leaders, by ensuring there is high quality extra curricular sport, providing opportunities for boys and girls to take part in regular inter school competitions and having close links with local sports clubs. We receive a pendant and certificate from our local School Games Organiser in the coming weeks. Our congratulations to everyone in school for their hard work in achieving this award, in particular to Mr Brooks for his enthusiasm and commitment as PE subject leader, and to all the children who work so hard in PE lessons throughout the year and who enjoy taking part in all the opportunities available to them.



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

Edward Bradshaw (Class 12) recently entered the 2016 Suffolk Young Poets Competition. Of the 1312 entries, 40 poems were Commended by the judges and Edward's poem *The Noise*, was one of them. Edward has been invited to attend the presentation ceremony at The Cut Arts Centre in Halesworth. Congratulations Edward and enjoy the ceremony!

Chloe Gilbert (Class 14) has been having horse riding lessons for a year and during the summer holidays she had the opportunity to enter her first horse agility competition, whilst staying with her Auntie and Uncle on the Isle of Skye. They competed against agility club members from 12 other countries and Chloe came second with an impressive score of 92 out of a possible 100 marks. Chloe is very proud to have won her first blue rosette! A fantastic achievement Chloe!



Ella Nobbs (Class 12) completed the EACH Colour Dash at Nowton Park. She beat her time from last year by 5 minutes and is already aiming to beat it by 10 next year! Well done Ella!

Yasmin Johnson (Class 13) recently entered a swimming gala at Abbeycroft Leisure Centre competing in 5 different races, representing West Suffolk Swimming Club. She came 1st in two races, 2nd in two and 3rd in one. A fantastic achievement Yasmin, well done!



Melanie Austin (Class 7) recently passed her Pre-Primary Ballet exam. She attends the Hazelwood Dance Studio. Congratulations Melanie!

Charlotte-Ella Roe (Class 11) who also attends Hazelwood, passed her Grade 1 Ballet exam with Distinction. She proudly showed her certificate in assembly last week. A great achievement!

Daisy Hopwood (Class 13) was recently featured in the Bury Mercury, demonstrating her great Karate skills. Daisy has featured in this newsletter many times for her ongoing Karate achievements.

*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.*

### Harvest Festival

For Harvest again this year, *Years 3 and 4* will be celebrating at Christ Church Moreton Hall on *Wednesday 5 October between 9.30 and 10.30 am*. Parents are very welcome to attend the event. *Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2)* will be celebrating Harvest with a range of in school activities and parents are invited in to see what the children have been working on *after school on Friday 7 October between 3.30 and 4.00 pm*. Years 5 and 6 will also be working in school and will be having a special assembly led by a charity, to celebrate Harvest. This year again we will be 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 3 October*. Please ensure that the food has a 'best before' date a minimum of 6 months. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## Other Information

### REMINDERS ABOUT THE START AND END OF SCHOOL DAY

- Please note that unless children are attending breakfast club or Nursery, they should not be on site before 8.40 am. The classroom doors open at 8.50 am and shut again at 9.00 a.m. After this time, access to the school is via the main front office entrance. If arriving late, parents sign the 'late book', explaining the reason for their child being late.
- Ball games are not permitted before or after school and children are not permitted on climbing equipment at this time.
- We have been enjoying the relatively warm weather and the school field has been available most days, however, as the weather changes, the school field will not always be accessible. A red or green sign in the Year 3 class window indicates to pupils if the field is available or not.
- At the end of the school day Years 5 & 6 may leave the school and make their own way home independently. All other year groups are collected by a parent or guardian. However, if you would like a younger child to walk or cycle home independently you must complete a permission form, available from the school office.
- It is essential that if you make any changes to your normal pupil collection arrangements that you phone the school office or send a note via the class teacher. Thank you.

### DATA COLLECTION

We have had to update a lot of school records and information on our system this term. Thank you to those of you who have completed, signed and returned the recent packs. We appreciate that this is a lot of information but it is essential to ensure our school systems meet government data requirements.

### PARENTS EVENINGS

We look forward to seeing parents in school for the Autumn Term Parent consultations which take place on Thursday 6 and Monday 10 October. These are initial meetings to find out how your child has settled into their new class and share their academic targets. If you haven't already done so, please complete and return the booking form as soon as possible.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY, SO FAR.....

##### SEPTEMBER 2016

Fri 23, 1:30—3.00 pm	Y4 Duxford Workshop
Mon 26, 7.30—8.30 pm	FOSWS committee meeting
Tues 27, 6.00—7.00 pm	Sybil Andrews presentation for Year 6 parents

##### OCTOBER 2016

Week beginning Mon 3	Harvest donations to office please
Tues 4	Y6 'Handling the Past' workshops
Weds 5, 9.30—11.00 am	Harvest Festival for Y3 & Y4 at the Church
Weds 5, 3.30—5.00 pm	FOSWS Brickology night for Y3, 4, 5 & 6
Thurs 6	KS2 Cross Country Competition
Thu 6, 5:00 - 7:30 pm	Parents Evening 1
Fri 7, 3.30—4.00 pm	KS1 Parents drop in to see Harvest work
Mon 10, 3:45 - 6:15 pm	Parents Evening 2
Weds 12	Individual pupil photos
Thurs 13	Fit <b>Thursday!</b> —details to follow
Week beg Mon 17	Year 5 Bikeability
Thurs 20	Last day of half term for pupils
Fri 21	STAFF TRAINING DAY

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY—last day of half term—Thurs 20**  
**Pupils return on Mon 31 October**

#### LETTER FROM HER MAJESTY

Before the school summer holiday Class 5 wrote letters to the queen wishing her a happy birthday and telling her about the activities that took place here and in the community to celebrate her 90th birthday. This week they received a reply from the Queen thanking them. The children from Class 5 (now Class 8) were really excited to see the letter, as was Mr Winch! Please see our Twitter account for more info.



#### Student Support Centre

On Monday you will be receiving a letter from the Student Support Centre, an educational home learning service which you may be of interest. Student Support Centre are an independent private company which operate completely outside of Sebert Wood Primary School and we do not officially endorse the company, we simply distribute the letter on their behalf. However, for each reply slip returned to school we receive a donation of money from the company, even if your response is a NO! The money we receive is used for resources which benefit all the children. So please return the form to school, EVEN IF YOUR RESPONSE IS A NO! Thank you.

*Have a great weekend.....from everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!*