



# SEBERT WOOD NEWS



## A BUSY START TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

We've had a very busy start to the Autumn term and we're now looking ahead and planning for an even busier second half term, and dare we say it.....to Christmas! The children have been working really hard and you will have seen from the class Weekly Updates, the school website and our Twitter feed [@SebertWood](#) (which is also linked to the website) that there have been lots of great activities going on both inside and outside the classroom and in the local community. Last week we held a Fitness Thursday, as part of a wide range of sports activities and details about all of this will be in our Autumn Sebert Sporting News which goes out today. We've also enjoyed dressing up days, visitors have been into school as part of history work, pupils attended Duxford Museum workshops at Moreton Hall Community Centre and a group of children went to the official unveiling of the Flight of Peace sculpture. We also celebrated Harvest Festival with Years 3 and 4 attending Christ Church Moreton Hall where they were joined by many family and friends to enjoy a range of poems and songs. Key Stage 1 children celebrated Harvest by working on activities all about it in school and their parents came into school at the end of the week to see a slide show of photographs of their children's work. Thank you to everyone who donated food for the food bank. All your bags of food were dropped at Christ Church and these have been passed on via the Storehouse Charity to be distributed in the local area. Reverend Ford called in at school to thank us on their behalf for your kind generosity.

This week our Year 5 children took part in Bikeability training, where children have been trained by a team of qualified Instructors from the Outspoken Cycle Training team from Cambridge. The children were able to enhance their cycling skills and get a chance to practice on local roads. This has been a valuable and important skill for pupils to learn and prepares our Year 5's to cycle independently and safely in the future, including to and from school.

During the half term break we have a number of projects taking place around school, including new drainage being installed across the playground and field, some new surfacing on the playground, a new storage kitchen area in the studio and new fencing to the side of the hall next to the car park. After the half term break, if you are dropping children to Pelicans Breakfast Club, Nursery or Preschool please close the new gate behind you.

*Wishing you a great half term break.....from everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!*

### Staffing news

Today we said farewell to Mrs Banns who leaves the school after 23 years. Mrs Banns will be well known to many of you as she has worked with children from across the school. Mrs Banns was the first ever High Level TA at Sebert Wood and the first ever in Suffolk. She has played an integral part in starting and running our Pelicans Breakfast Club, Lunch Clubs and Nurture groups within the school. She has a keen interest in sport and has played a major role in PE, teaching and organising swimming, taking a variety of clubs and leading Fitness Fridays for many years. Mrs Banns has children and grand children in Australia and she will be travelling there to spend more time with them, as well as pursuing a variety of other interests and hobbies. Staff said goodbye on Wednesday after school and we also presented her with cards and gifts at an assembly on Thursday morning. As a leaving gift to the school Mrs Banns has given two new sports award shields which will be presented annually for exceptional sporting achievement by a boy and a girl. Thank you Mrs Banns. Her enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to the school will be greatly missed and we're sure everyone joins us in wishing her good luck and the very best wishes for the future.



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

Matthew Bartley (Class 11) successfully defended his Suffolk Under 11's squash title at Martlesham Squash Club. As a result Matthew has once again been selected to play for Suffolk in the next age group, under 13 boys in the Inter County Championships. Well done Matthew, another impressive win! Here is a picture of him being presented with his shield.



Grace Bullingham (Class 12) entered the Neat Meet swimming gala over the weekend of Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd October, at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre. Out of the four races she competed in she came away with two golds, one silver and one bronze medal. She also achieved two of the fastest times which means she qualifies for the Suffolk County Championship which will be held in Ipswich in February 2017. A fantastic achievement Grace and good luck in February!

Charlotte Holmes (Class 11) recently competed in the Suffolk Grade 3 Tennis Championship at the David Lloyd Centre Ipswich. Charlotte won the Under 9's tournament, playing for Culford School and Titan Tennis Red Lodge. Another great win Charlotte, congratulations!

Max Lamparski (Class 11) entered the Unit One Gym, kick boxing tournament and won the final bout of the Under 11's blue grade. He proudly showed his medal in assembly. Well done Max!

*If you have a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school, in any field, please let Mr Dewhurst, the class teacher or a member of*

## PARENTS EVENINGS

It was great to see so many parents in school during the two recent parents evenings. At the evenings we were also joined by some of the school governors who served tea, coffee and biscuits and were there to answer any questions. Many parents appreciated the chance of refreshments and a chat. Our thanks to the school governors, Jamie Gaskin, Heidi Berry, Richard Attwell and Graham Balaam. We hope you received all the information you required about your child. If however you still have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask the class teacher, email or phone the school office.

## FOSWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent FOSWS meeting. We now have the following committee members in place and they are busy planning lots of events. Our sincere thanks to them for volunteering for these important positions as without their work FOSWS could not run. Our thanks also to everyone who has offered to help and support FOSWS.

Chairperson—Rachael Smith  
Vice Chair—Debra Peachey  
Treasurer—Kathryn watts  
Secretary—Nina Dallorzo

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**—last day of half term—Thurs 20—(staff training day Fri 21 October) - Pupils return on Mon 31 October

### NOVEMBER 2016

Weds 2	Year 5 trip to Gressenhall Farm Museum
Mon 7	FOSWS meeting 7.30 pm
Thurs 10	Reception pupils hearing and vision drop ins—school nurse
Fri 11	FOSWS Movie Mania, 3.45— 5.45 pm—see separate Parent mail from FOSWS
Fri 18	Children In Need + Fitness Friday (details to follow)
Weds 23	FOSWS Nearly New Sale—8.45—9.30 am
Mon 28	Y6 Eaton Vale—parents meeting—6.00 pm—hall

### DECEMBER 2016

Fri 2	FOSWS Christmas Fair—3.45—5.45 pm (details to follow)
Tues 6	Y1, 2 & 3 flu vaccination programme (details to follow)
Sun 11	Christmas Concert with Bury Concert Band—Christ Church Moreton Hall—4.00 pm (details to follow)
Mon 12	Reception Christmas performance —2.00 pm—hall
Mon 12	Y6 parents information meeting about SATs—6.00 pm
Tues 13	Y3 Christmas performance in Christ Church Moreton Hall—9.45 am
Tues 13	Reception Christmas performance —9.40 am—hall
Tues 13	Y1 Christmas performance—2.00 pm—hall
Weds 14	Y1 Christmas performance—9.40 am—hall
Weds 14	Y5 & 6 Carol Concert—Christ Church Moreton Hall—2.00 pm
Weds 14	Y4 Christmas performance—2.00 pm—hall
Weds 14	Y5 & 6 Carol Concert—Christ Church Moreton Hall—6.30 pm
Thurs 15	Y4 Christmas performance—9.40 am—hall
Thurs 15	Y2 Christmas performance—2.00 pm—hall
Fri 16	Y2 Christmas performance—9.40 am—hall

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**—last day of term—Tues 20 December—Pupils return on Thurs 5 January 2017 (staff training day on 4 Jan 2017)