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# Sebert Wood News

## Harvest Festival

The Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Harvest services at Christ Church Moreton Hall were both very well attended by parents, grandparents and friends. The children enjoyed performing a range of songs and poems with a harvest and food theme and there were lots of proud parents commenting on the beautiful singing and speaking. Many of the classes wrote their own unique poems and performed them with great confidence. Our thanks to all of you who came along and supported the event and donated food for the local Food Bank. Reverend Ford also passes on his thanks for the food which has now been delivered to local charities who distribute it to local needy people. On the same day, parents of Key Stage 1 children were invited into class to take part in some fun Harvest activities. It was great to see so many parents in school and many of them commented on what an enjoyable afternoon they had.



## THE PAST COMES ALIVE AGAIN!

On 6 and 7 of October, Years 3 and 4 were treated to a visit by Steve and Jo Parrish who run Past Alive History. Following the great success of last years visit, Mrs Ryan asked them to return to school to work with the staff and children on the topics of The Romans and The Egyptians. Both days were fantastic events for the children and were once again very thought provoking and fascinating. Steve is a very charismatic character who is highly skilled and experienced at working with schools and in partnership with his wife, they literally bring the past to life! His collection of historical artefacts is extensive and the children were able to have a very 'hands on' experience, which as you can see from the quotes from Year 3 and 4 pupils below, they thoroughly enjoyed.

*"We learnt a lot of new things about the Romans that you couldn't learn in a History book, it was fantastic"*

*"I really liked it when Past Alive came to the school. I got a chance to lie in a Roman bed, it was very comfy"*

*"The best bit was when I had to dress up as the Queen of Ancient Egypt, it was interesting and fun. I loved learning facts about the Egyptians"*

*"I liked it when we went outside and Steve showed us how to make fire with a flint, it was really exciting and fun"*

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

Samuel Everett has been awarded the Chief Scout Bronze Award. This is the highest award you can achieve whilst in Beavers. He will be moving up to Cubs at half term. Well done Samuel and good luck in Cubs!

Olivia Barber, Lauren Atkins and Lewis Costin represented Bury St Edmunds in the Suffolk U10's hockey league. Well done to all three of you! The photo shows them in their kit ready to play, including some interesting mouth wear!



If you have a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school please let Mr Dewhurst or the school office know about it and get a mention in this 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.

**KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM**

HALF TERM BREAK 25 October – 2 November

**November 2014**

- Mon 3—Fri 7 Bonfire Night classroom craft activities for Reception class parents—2.00—3.30 pm each day
- Thurs 13 Class 8 - Bring someone to lunch (details to follow)
- Thurs 13 KS2 Maths problem solving with parents (details to follow)
- Fri 14 **Children in Need and Fitness Friday Super heroes themed day—see details above**
- Fri 14 4.30—7.30 FOSWS Movie Mania Evening
- Mon 17 Parenting Adviser drop in sessions—Community Room—9.00 am.
- Thurs 20 Meeting for prospective Reception parents for September 2015—school hall—7.00—8.30 pm.
- Thurs 27 Parents Forum meeting 5.00—6.00 pm. (postponed from October)

**December 2014**

- Sat 6 2.00—4.00 pm—FOSWS Christmas 'Messy' activity afternoon
- Sun 7 Concert Band Christmas fundraiser – Christ Church Moreton Hall (details to follow)
- Mon 8 Reception performance in school 2.15 pm
- Tues 9 Reception performance in school 9.40 am  
Y4 performance in school 1.40 pm
- Wed 10 Y2 performance at church 9.40 am  
Y1 performance in school 1.40 pm  
Y4 evening performance in school 7.00pm
- Thurs 11 Y1 performance in school 9.40 am  
Y3 performance in school 1.40 pm
- Fri 12 Y3 performance in school 9.40 am
- Tues 16 Christmas Lunch
- Fri 19 Last day of term
- HOLIDAY 20 December – 4 Jan, Staff training day 5 Jan

**January 2015**

- Tues 6 Pupils first day back at school
- Weds 14 Class 7 Bring someone to lunch
- Fri 16 FOSWS KS2 disco (Years 3 & 4) 6.00—7.00 pm
- Fri 30 FOSWS Tots disco (Nursery and Reception) 3.45—4.45 pm
- Fri 30 FOSWS KS1 (Years 1 & 2) disco 5.30—6.30 pm

**February 2015**

- Thurs 12 Class 6 Bring someone to lunch

HALF TERM BREAK 14 February—22 February

**March 2015**

- Weds 11 Class 5 Bring someone to lunch

**Children In Need & Fitness Friday Superhero themed day**



On 14 November we will be supporting Children in Need and combining it with our Fitness Friday. This years theme is Superheroes and we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite superhero or heroine for a small donation. Please bear in mind it is a Fitness Friday, so outfits must also be suitable for outside PE! We look forward to lots of parents joining us for Huff and Puff on the playground at 9.15am, weather permitting. Parent Superhero costumes optional! If the weather is too wet or cold we will run two Huff and Puff sessions in the hall as follows—Years 3 and 4 from 9.15—9.30. Years 1 and 2 from 9.30—9.45. During break time, Key Stage 1 and 2 children will also take part in bean bag pick up relay races, organised by Mrs Banns. Please note that Nursery and Reception children will be doing their own activities during the normal school day so they do not join the 'huff and puff' sessions. Children should hand any donations of money to their class teacher. Thank you in advance for your support.

**SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL 2014**

Your child has received a leaflet about this charity appeal. If you would like your child to take part in this worthwhile activity, the deadline for completion is Wednesday 12 November. Full details about the process are in the leaflet. Thank you.



**Christ Church Cake Sale**

I would like to say thank you to the school and parents for their support for the Bake Sale in aid of Tearfund No Child Taken campaign. Most of the cakes were made by parents and children from Sebert Wood so a BIG THANK YOU. Tesco Express also supported the event, donating 20 muffins to support community causes. We raised £259 in total, with the last few cakes going at the Sebert Wood football sessions on Saturday. It was great to be sold out! Many thanks again. Ruth Baxter (and the amazing team of mums who got behind me on it).

**Bring Someone to Lunch**

Our monthly 'Bring Someone to Lunch' events are proving very popular and it is great to see mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and even older brothers enjoying a school meal and play-time in school! Each child in every class gets a chance to invite up to 2 people of their choice across the academic year. In November it is Class 8's turn and then in January it is Class 7's turn and so on. We don't have one in December as it is such a busy month and we have our school Christmas Lunch.

**Social Networking and e-safety**

Please look out for a letter about Social Networking and e-safety via Parentmail from Mr Graham Balaam, our Chairman of Governors.

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 \* **MORE BURY IN BLOOM AWARDS** \*  
 \* Following our Silver Award for Key Stage 1 and 2, we are pleased to \*  
 \* announce that the school also received an award for the Early Years \*  
 \* age group. On Friday 26 September, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Matthews \*  
 \* and some Year 1 children were invited to the Moreton Hall Social \*  
 \* Club for the presentation of their Bury in Bloom certificate, £10 gar- \*  
 \* dening vouchers and food and drink! Theo and Ella Bennett, Jack \*  
 \* Sadler, William Dilks and Thomas Albrow represented the school and \*  
 \* got to plant a bulb to take home. Well done everyone! \*  
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*The last word.....Have a great half term break.....Pete Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!*