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Sebert Wood News

Parents in school

In the first week of this month, Reception parents joined their child for an afternoon of Bonfire Night craft activities. On the 13 November, Key Stage 2 parents also joined their children for an afternoon of Maths Problem Solving activities. We received many positive comments from parents and grandparents and it was great to see so many of you in school enjoying the opportunity to work with your child. The photos below capture a few of the moments. For more photos, check the gallery page on our website.



SPORTS COMPETITIONS

On the 23 October a team of Sebert Wood boys and girls attended the Bury Schools Cross Country competition at Howard Middle School. All the children involved competed really well in what was a challenging run. Our children came in from 6th place to 65th place, which was a fantastic effort competing against over 100 children in each of the boys and girls races. On 26 November a mixed team of boys and girls took part in the Bury Schools Basketball Competition, also at Howard Middle. Our team played really well and reached the final, only to be narrowly beaten by Hardwick Primary. Well done to everyone who took part in the competitions and our thanks to Mrs Banns and to the parents who transported children to and from the tournaments and for their enthusiasm and support throughout.



Charity and Fundraising News

Mr Winch, Mr Brooks and I have been growing a moustache during the month of November to raise money for the Movember Foundation. Thank you to everyone who has donated in school and on line for this worthwhile charity which supports men's mental and physical health. So far we have raised an impressive £270. We are all looking forward to the weekend when we can finally shave!

Due to the wet weather our 'huff and puff' superhero sessions were in the hall. Mrs Banns and her team of dancers did a fantastic job and both sessions were very well supported. We were also joined by Pusdey Bear! Combined with the proceeds from the cake sale we raised an excellent £360. The school DVD of

the Beach Boys song God Only Knows, starring pupils and staff is currently being produced, further details of which will follow. On the same evening as Children In Need, FOSWS held their Movie Mania Evening which was also very well attended. The children watched Frozen, Monsters University or the Lego Movie and the event raised £200.



Thank you to everyone who contributed a shoebox for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal. Sebert Wood donated an impressive 67 boxes, an increase on last year, and Reverend Ford would like to pass his sincere thanks to everyone who took part.

Thank you for your generosity!



GENERAL INFORMATION

- A reminder that the main school doors open at 8.50 am and children should not be at school before this time. Before and after the official school day, pupils are the responsibility of parents/guardian and should be supervised at all times. Please also note that ball games or use of the climbing equipment is not permitted before or after school. During the winter months pupils should stay off the school field.
- *From time to time, children lose or muddle up items of clothing so it is very important that all clothing is clearly labelled. If you find that your child has someone else's clothing, please return to the school office or the lost property store in the atrium so they can be returned to their owner.*

ROAD SAFETY AND TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

Our Junior Road Safety Officers, Amelia Castle, Daniel Kirk, and Daisy Hopwood were out and about on Thursday morning with Safety Sherbet, undertaking a survey. It was great to see so many children walking to school and we have been very impressed with how the children have taken on board the advice about being bright and being seen and it has been wonderful to see them arriving at school wearing bright jackets and bags, reflective bibs and reflectors. The number of children with reflectors has increased from 47 in the initial survey to 114 on Thursday. Well done everyone! The hard work of the JRSOs and enthusiasm of the pupils has had an immediate and visible impact around school and the JRSOs have done a brilliant job organising a Road Safety Competition all about being bright and being seen. They launched the competition at a very informative assembly, with help from Mrs Pyle, Mrs Banns and an appearance by Safety Sherbet! The closing date for the competition is 3 December and the JRSOs are looking forward to presenting prizes to the winners. In addition to the JRSO work, the children are also taking part in a competition to see which class does the most walking to school. The competition has been organised by the School Council and the class that does the most will receive a brand new Walk to School trophy. *Thank you to all the children and parents for supporting these worthwhile initiatives to encourage more children to walk to school.*



Parking and traffic - thank you to those parents who are parking considerably outside of school and to those who now park in the local car parks and walk the last part of the journey, this really helps alleviate congestion outside school. As you will be aware spaces in the school driveway are very limited. Please note that the driveway is reserved for parents of children with a disability who have registered with the school for a parking permit. In exceptional circumstances parking permits may be given out to other disabled users but this must be done via the school office. If your child is collected by someone other than yourself, please make them aware of this school policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

KEY DATES

December 2014

- Sat 6 2.00—4.00 pm—FOSWS Christmas Fayre/Messy' craft afternoon
 Sun 7 Concert Band Christmas fundraiser – Christ Church Moreton Hall—4pm

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

- 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 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
 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

- Weds 11 Year 4 Destination Democracy Day (details to follow)
 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

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

Evie Lambert in Class 10 passed the improvers roller skating class at Curve Motion and will now go on to the full Skate Club! Well done Evie!

Matthew Bartley in Class 8 received a very exciting email from England Squash to say that he has been selected for the East Region (Suffolk, Essex, Cambs, Beds, Herts and Norfolk) in the boys Under 11 age group. Matthew has been working very hard and only the top players from the region are selected. He is still only 8 years so this is a brilliant achievement!



Owen Wiggins in Class 9 recently took part in the Thurston Community College PE challenge and earned the Top 10 Sports Activity Award for coming in the top 10. Well done Owen!

Albie Dixon in Class 4 was recently awarded Player of the Week at Bury Rugby Club for good teamwork, good listening, and some awesome tries! Fantastic achievement Albie!

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

The last word.....there are some very exciting developments to look forward to at Sebert Wood Primary and throughout Bury St Edmunds.....please see the SOR update newsletter which went out by Parentmail with this one. Have a great weekend.....Pete Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!