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NEW BUILDING WORKS!

Following a pre-start site meeting on Monday, which I attended with Graham Balaam our Chair of Governors, I can confirm that building work for the new Year 5 and 6 block will begin on the 26th of January. Safety barriers, a secure site area and works entrance from Raedwald Drive will be set up in the next few weeks and all health and safety procedures and risk assessments will be carried out prior to commencement to ensure the children, parents/guardians, staff and local residents are kept safe and secure at all times. Such an exciting project will no doubt be fascinating for everyone in school and we will be working with the contractors, SEH French, to explore exciting pupil learning opportunities relating to the project, where feasible.

The work will last approximately 6 months and the building will be ready for the current Year 4 pupils to move into in September, when they become the first ever group of Year 5 pupils at Sebert Wood Primary! Having visited schools from the previous phase of SOR and seen the quality of the buildings first hand, we are very confident that a high quality building will be delivered for the pupils at our school, in which we can deliver a vibrant and high quality curriculum and prepare children for a successful future at secondary school and beyond. Having discussed the project with the children, they are very excited about staying at Sebert Wood with all their friends to continue their Key Stage 2 education through to the end of Year 6, as pupils do in full primary schools up and down the country.

Being accountable for seeing our children through to the end of the primary phase and ensuring they really are 'secondary ready' is something we look forward to. This will include not just academic achievements but also the social and emotional well being of the children and we are confident that the nurturing environment here at Sebert Wood will continue through Upper Key Stage 2. Working in close partnership with the new secondary school and with existing secondary schools, we think that having just a single point of school transition will also be extremely beneficial for our children.

A working group of parents, governors and staff are undertaking further planning to ensure the building, facilities and resources are of the highest quality for the pupils and staff are in place to teach the Upper Key Stage 2 curriculum. The journey from Year 4 to Upper Key Stage 2 will be a smooth process. The teachers here are already trained to teach pupils up to age 11 and know all our children well so will 'hit the ground running' in terms of knowing their achievement, progress, skills and ability.

Current Year 3 and 4 pupils will be involved in this process and have already suggested the following ideas which will be carefully considered during our planning:

- a short outdoor and adventurous residential in Year 5, followed by a longer one in Year 6
- an upper key stage 2 fleece as part of the uniform
- a special planner/homework diary
- eating their lunch in the new studio block
- a set of iPADS or tablet computers just for the new block
- touch screen whiteboards in every classroom
- their own Key Stage 2 entrance and bike racks
- lockers instead of trays for their work and bags etc
- special jobs and responsibilities around school like running a tuck shop!

As you can imagine there are busy times ahead at the school and we will keep you informed as the project develops. If at any time you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. In the meantime thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and cooperation throughout the project.

Have a great weekend
Peter Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Thank you to everyone who has returned their Parent Survey responses. The official closing date is today, but if you have not filled yours in yet, please return it to the school office early next week. We will soon be collating the responses and undertaking an analysis and publishing a summary in the next few weeks.
- **PARKING AND TRAFFIC**—There are still concerns in the local community about the impact the new building may have on traffic and parking in the vicinity and we have worked hard to improve the parking locally. However, a number of residents have complained that despite white H bars outside their driveways, some parents are still parking across these and restricting their access. As part of the new building project there will be changes and improvements to the local roads, pavements and cycle paths, including a 20 mph speed limit, but in the interests of good relationships with local residents please be considerate when parking. We appreciate that some parents park away from the vicinity and walk the last part to school. This is really helpful and we encourage all drivers to do this. The Community Police team will also be making visits before and after school and they will be checking that traffic violations such as parking on junctions, on the zigzag lines, or on pavements are not taking place.
- Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Matthew Bartley in Class 8 recently competed in the 'Off the Wall' International Squash Championships at Martlesham Leisure Health and Fitness Club. He came 4th overall in the boys under 11 category, a very impressive achievement for a 9 year old. Congratulations Matthew!



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 next newsletter to be published. You can send a note in via your child's class outlining the key information or send an email to the admin email address.

KEY DATES FOR 2015

Please note that some of the dates below may be subject to change as the new building work progresses. Further dates and information may also be added to the list.

January 2015

Fri 16 FOSWS KS2 disco (Years 3 & 4) 6.00—7.00 pm
 Fri 30 FOSWS Tots disco (Nursery and R) 3.45—4.45 pm
 and KS1 disco (Years 1 & 2) 5.30—6.30 pm

February 2015

Mon 2 3.45 - 6.15 pm – Parent consultation evenings
 Thurs 5 5.00 - 7.30 pm – Parent consultation evenings
 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

Week beg 2 Curriculum Week (incl. World Book Day, Thurs 5
 March & book character dress up day on Fri 6—
 further details to follow)
 Week beg 9 Reception mums to tea afternoons' (details TBC)
 Tues 10 Phonics meetings for Year 1 parents—2.30—3.20
 & 6.00—6.50
 Weds 11 Class 5 Bring someone to lunch
 Mon 16 Year 4 Maths Roadshow event

EASTER HOLIDAYS 30 March—14 April

April 2015

Mon 13 Staff training day—no pupils
 Tues 14 Pupils return to school

May 2015

Mon 1 Deadline for Nursery applications
 Mon 4 Bank Holiday
 Fri 22 Staff training day—no pupils

HALF TERM 23 May – 30 May

June 2015

Mon 8 New Reception parents meeting 7.30 pm
 Thurs 11 New Reception parents meeting 4.30 pm
 Mon 22 Reception outdoor sports activities 10.00—
 11.00 am
 Tues 23 KS1 sports 9.30—11.30 am
 Weds 24 KS2 sports 9.30 – 11.30 am
 Thurs 25 Nursery outdoor sports activities 10.00—11.00 am &
 2.00—3.00 pm
 Mon 29 Reception Reserve sports (same time)
 Tues 30 KS1 Reserve sports (same time)
 Thurs 25 Nursery induction meeting for parents 5.00 pm

July 2015

Weds 1 KS2 reserve sports (same time)
 Thurs 2 Nursery reserve sports (same times)
 Fri 3 **ANNUAL PUPIL REPORTS GO OUT**
 Mon 6 Whole school open evening 3.45 – 6.00 pm

Weds 22 END OF SUMMER TERM