

UNIFORM AND PE KITS

A working group of staff, governors, parents and pupils consulted about uniform and it has been agreed that the current uniform remains unchanged. However, we are introducing an Upper Key Stage 2 PE shirt which will be available through Aubyn Davis. This will be great for PE and when pupils take part in competitions and fixtures outside of school. (Thanks to Phoebe for modelling the new shirt!)



I'm excited I'm staying at the school and everything is going to be brand new!

We helped choose some of the things in the new building!

OTHER INFORMATION

- ❖ Pupils will receive a new planner designed by staff and pupils
- ❖ Year 5 pupils who currently attend the Pelicans Breakfast Club and wish to continue will be guaranteed a place
- ❖ The range of jobs and responsibilities that pupils have in school will be expanded for older pupils i.e. Peer Mentors, Librarians, Sports Leaders etc
- ❖ There are plans for a Healthy Tuck shop run by pupils for pupils
- ❖ A new Upper Key Stage 2 reward/points system will be set up
- ❖ School policies will be updated to reflect the older age range of pupils
- ❖ Midday Supervisors employed to supervise the additional pupils
- ❖ Fencing, gates and security code systems will ensure the new building is secure at all times

The New Building

The new building will be ready for occupation at the start of the new term. We have been busy ordering new furniture and all the resources needed to make the building a great place for the children to learn in. Colour schemes have been devised by a team of interior designers. New technology will include touch screen interactive whiteboards in every classroom and a set of iPads and tablet PCs. The additional studio space will be used for lunches, clubs, assemblies, performances, PE sessions, dance and drama.

A shared area for toilets is standard fit for all school new build projects. The examples below show fully self contained, full height cubicles. There will be six cubicles clearly designated for girls and boys and an additional accessibility toilet. We have visited other schools where these have been in place for 2 years and feedback from staff has been very positive. They report that the shared areas with sinks and hand driers are much easier to monitor and supervise and because they are a shared facility pupils take great pride in keeping them neat and tidy.

NB - These are not the actual colours.

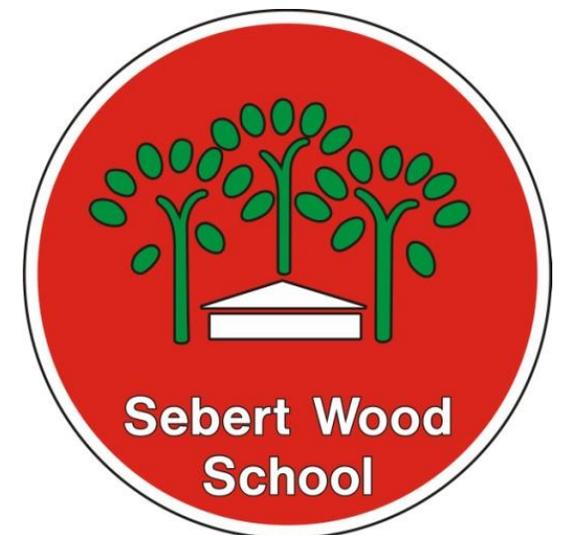


There will be aspects of life in Upper Key Stage 2 and use of the new building that develop and evolve over time, once the building is fully occupied and we use the spaces and facilities on a day to day basis.

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MOVING INTO YEAR 5 AT SEBERT WOOD

Our current Year 4 pupils have the exciting prospect of being the first ever Year 5 group (and then Year 6) here at Sebert Wood. This leaflet gives you information about plans for the coming academic year and the years ahead. If after reading this leaflet you or your child have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



Curriculum Overview

The National Curriculum was updated in September 2014 and all schools have been adapting their curriculum to take account of it. We have been busy designing our curriculum for Year 5 and below is a summary of what the children will be learning.

The curriculum will be constantly developed, updated and adapted to suit the specific needs of our learners.

Humanities, Art and Design Technology

The Victorians - life in Victorian times, the development of transport such as railways and canals and Victorian artists. **Catalonia** - Spain as a focused area in geography and the work of Gaudi. **The Mayans** - their ancient civilisation, Chile and Mayan art.

Science

We will cover units of work on *Earth & Space, Forces, Properties & Changes of Materials, Animals including Humans, Living Things & Their Habitats* (including life cycles of plants, insects, birds, amphibians, mammals) and *Human Development from Birth to Old Age*.

Modern Foreign Languages

We will continue to develop our skills in **French**.

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We continue to follow the Suffolk Agreed Syllabus studying *Teachings and Authority* (Christianity, Islam & Hinduism), *Encountering Teachings and Authority* (Judaism & Humanism) and *Worship, Pilgrimage & Sacred Places* (Christianity).

PE - Dance, Gymnastics, Outdoor and Adventurous Activities, Athletics and a variety of sports will be taught in PE lessons. Some children will have the opportunity to establish secure water safety skills by attending some additional swimming lessons in the Autumn Term.

Computing

There will be sessions that will include specific teaching on Coding and using a variety of software. We will also ensure the use of technology is embedded across subject areas.

PSHE (including Citizenship and Philosophy)

We will continue to support pupils in developing personal, social and health skills and to prepare them for life in an ever changing world. Sex and Relationship Education will be delivered in an age appropriate and sensitive manner, following the guidance given by the Government. There will be opportunities for parents

and carers to find out about these sessions prior to them, and they can then make informed decisions about their child's level of involvement.

Music

As part of the National Plan for Music Education (a key government strategy) in partnership with Arts Council England, every pupil in Year 5 will have the chance to learn mixed brass instruments through whole class ensemble teaching for 1 hour per week. This will be taught by specialist music teachers alongside the class teacher. Each child will receive a loan instrument for the year and at the end of the year they can decide if they wish to continue playing. If they choose to continue, then in Year 6 they will receive one to one/small group tuition through the Suffolk 'Play On' scheme. Both schemes are heavily subsidised and we will be asking parents for a contribution of £30 for the academic year (less than £1 per week) towards the cost of tuition and instrument rental. Further details to follow.

Assessment

Teachers will follow the same assessment systems used across the school. In addition, Year 6 children take national tests and from 2016 these will be a new format based on the new curriculum, so they will be a new experience for all schools! At the moment we have only seen draft samples, but the tests include maths, reading comprehension and spelling, punctuation & grammar. These tests will be used to judge whether pupils are 'secondary ready'.

The staff team

The staff team for Year 5 consists of Miss Woods who is new to the school and a job share of Miss Bradburn and Miss Bridgeman who are both very experienced teachers at Sebert Wood. All three teachers have been instrumental in designing the new curriculum and have been closely involved in planning for the new building. They will be supported by Mrs Rutter and Mrs Banns, both very experienced teaching support staff.

Pastoral Issues

The children are well known to the staffing team and the range of experience in the team will mean that the children are well supported with any issues that may arise.

Secondary School

We are confident that the new school on Moreton Hall will be ready in time and we have already formed close links with the sponsors of the new school. Our pupils move onto secondary school in September 2017 and staff from Sebert Wood will be part of the group organising transition activities prior to our pupils moving on. We will also continue to maintain close links with King Edward VI Upper School.

Sport and extra-curricular activities

Sport and clubs will be an important part of life in Upper Key Stage 2. We will continue to take part in a wide range of activities and competitions through the Bury Schools Partnership and we will be working closely with coaching staff at King Edward VI Upper School and the new secondary school and share their facilities from time to time. School clubs will continue to be run by school staff and outside organisations and we are involving Year 4 pupils in discussions about the type of clubs they would like. Our thriving school football teams will continue in the Bury Schools Football League and the great news is that a Year 5 team will be formed to compete with other schools and will be affiliated to the FA.



RESIDENTIAL TRIP

An exciting 3 day (2 night) outdoor and adventurous course booked at the Kingswood Centre on the North Norfolk coast on 27 April 2016. *There will be a meeting about the trip on Tuesday 15 September at 6.00 pm.* For Year 6 we will look for something slightly further afield and for slightly longer!

An important part of being an Upper Key Stage 2 pupil will be developing more independence and we will expect Year 5 and 6 pupils to make their way to and from school independently by cycle or foot, as they do when they go to current middle schools.

Quotes from current Year 4 pupils.....

