



SEBERT WOOD NEWS



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

We have seen some wonderful Christmas performances at school and at the Church this year. Children from Reception to Year 6 have sung, spoken, danced and acted brilliantly in a range of events. The children really enjoyed performing for family and friends and judging by the laughter, smiles and very proud faces in the audiences you too have enjoyed them! The children and staff have worked incredibly hard to convey the message of Christmas in an entertaining and enjoyable way. This year the Year 5's and 6's took part in a carol concert at the church at which they read and sang beautifully, including some very impressive solo singing.

Year 5 got to play 'Jingle Bells' on their brass instruments in public for the first time, which they thoroughly enjoyed. They were joined by our Year 6 Brass ensemble group who have continued to learn brass as part of the 'Play On' programme. They too played really well and our thanks to Mrs Blyth who teaches both the Year 6 and 5 groups each week. Many of you commented on how good the events were, including comments such as "beautiful", "every one I've seen was unique", "so lovely, I had a tear in my eye", "a fantastic show....great fun" and "every child did so well". Our sincere thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard writing shows, making costumes, practicing, rehearsing and preparing the children and to the office staff who arranged the tickets and refreshments as parents queued! Our thanks to Tina Smith and the office staff who did a great job taking photos and organising the sale of them, from which we also raised £381 which will also go towards the costs of productions. Thank you to those of you who purchased these. This year we made the decision not to charge for tickets, instead we asked for voluntary donations at each event and we raised £602. At the church on Wednesday the proceeds were divided between two nominated charities—the Year 5 pupils chose Age UK and Christ Church use the money to support elderly members of the local community. Thanks to your generosity each of these very worthy causes received £80. Finally of course, a massive 'well done' to all the children.....they were brilliant! (You may have seen a feature in the East Anglian Daily Times, featuring Christmas scenes from schools across Suffolk, including Sebert Wood!)



SEBERT SINGERS & BURY ST EDMUNDS CONCERT BAND

On Sunday 11th we held a Christmas Concert at Christ Church Moreton Hall, involving the Sebert Singers and Bury St Edmunds Concert Band. The event was organised, produced and directed by Mrs Ryan and Mr Head (Director of Music for the band) and the Sebert Singers rehearsed with Mrs Gilbert at her club throughout the term. The event proved to be very atmospheric and the children really enjoyed performing a range of songs and carols. The quality of the performance was very high and the audience were clearly very proud and impressed. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Ryan, Mrs Gilbert, Mr Head, the members of the concert band, all the staff who helped and to all of you who supported the event. Through the ticket sales, refreshments and collection, we raised £600 which will be shared between the school, the band and the church, in support of a range of worthy causes. Well done Sebert Singers!

THANK YOU FROM FOSWS

The FOSWS team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported this term's events. The Brickology session, Movie Mania night and the Christmas Fayre were all a great success and we hope that you enjoyed them as much as we did. At the Christmas Fayre it was lovely to see the children, parents and teachers have a social event together, as well as raise money for the school. Everyone helped to make it a warm, happy, festive occasion, and we are pleased to announce that your amazing support helped raise an impressive £1800 to add to our funds. The funds will go towards further improvements to the playground and outdoor areas for all the children to enjoy. Look out for news on future FOSWS events via Parentmail or posters around the school and if you have any ideas for new activities that we could run please let us know. If anyone would like find out more about volunteering to help FOSWS please contact us via the school office – we always like to welcome new faces!

On behalf of the school I'd like to thank everyone from FOSWS for all their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm.





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

On Sunday 4 December Poppy Hunt (Class 3) performed to a sell out crowd at the Apex, as a member of the Voice Squad 'Snowstoppers' Christmas show. This is the first time Poppy has been involved in such an event and she really enjoyed taking part. A great start to your potential singing career, well done Poppy!

Every Saturday Ava and Lyssa Clarke go to the Water Polo Club at Abbey Leisure Centre pool. Last week Ava won Player of the Week for scoring 3 goals. She brought her impressive trophy into school to show us last week. Congratulations Ava! Well done to both Ava and Lyssa!



Last weekend, Alfie Campbell (Class 12) competed in the Youngstarz 2016 Cadet Go-karting Championships at Red Lodge Karting. He came second overall, which is a brilliant achievement. Well done Alfie!



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 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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We held our Christmas lunch today! Just under 400 children and staff had a delicious Christmas meal prepared by Vertas (EATs), our catering team, ably assisted by many of our staff and midday supervisors. Staff joined each table for the meal and we had Christmas music playing throughout. As you can imagine it was a very lively and enjoyable event. Nursery pupils who attend the Catkins Lunch Club also enjoyed a **Christmas meal. We'd like to thank Claire Evans** our Head of kitchen and her team, for a fantastic job cooking such a tasty meal for such a huge number of people and for providing the crackers! I heard lots of children and staff comment on the quality of the food and I really enjoyed my delicious Christmas meal, even if I didn't eat my Brussels sprouts!

IN ADDITION TO THIS NEWSLETTER MAKE SURE YOU READ THE *SPORTS AND PE NEWSLETTER* WHICH WENT OUT VIA PARENTMAIL LAST WEEK

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017...SO FAR

JANUARY 2017

Wed 4	Staff training day
Thurs 5	Pupils return to school
Mon 16	Year 6 ONLY parent meetings 3.45—6.30 pm (online booking system—details to follow)
Thurs 19	Year 6 ONLY parent meetings 4.30—7.30 pm (online booking system—details to follow)

FEBRUARY 2017

Mon 6	Parent consultation meetings 3.45—6.30 pm Nursery to Year 5
Tues 7	Safer Internet Day
Thurs 9	Parent consultation meetings 4.30—7.30 pm Nursery to Year 5
Fri 10	Last day of half term
Half term holiday—week beginning 13 February Pupils return to school Monday 20 February	

MARCH 2017

Wk beg 13	British Science Week activities—details to follow
Mon 13	Y4 Sutton Hoo trip
Fri 24	Red Nose Day Fit Friday (including 'Huff n Puff')
EASTER HOLIDAYS—Fri 31 March to Tuesday 18 April Staff training day Tuesday 18 April <u>PUPILS RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL</u>	

MAY 2017

Weds 3—Fri 5	Year 5 Kingswood residential trip
Wk beg 8	Year 6 SATs testing week
Half term holiday—week beginning 29 May Pupils return to school Monday 5 June	

JUNE 2017

Wk beg 12	Year 6 Eaton Vale residential trip (Monday to Friday)
LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM 2017—Friday 21 July	

SEBERT WOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

A full update of results and fixtures for the school football teams will follow in 2017 but in the meantime we'd like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the coaches who give up their own time to coach the teams week in week out. Their dedication and commitment is very much appreciated. At the weekend all the teams enjoyed a well deserved Christmas party! Well done to all the teams and to the parents who cheer them on every week!



STAFFING UPDATE

We welcomed back Mrs Cass from her maternity leave last week. She returns to teach Class 7 on Monday to Thursday, with Mr Crew continuing to teach the class on a Friday. We are fortunate to be able to keep Mr Crew at Sebert Wood for the Spring Term where he will be undertaking a variety of teaching across the school. He will be supporting Year 6 as part of their preparation for SATs and will be team teaching with Mrs Shutler and Mr Brooks for most of the English and Maths sessions each week.

The last word.....thank you from the whole team for all the cards and gifts we have received.....they're very much appreciated.....we have a great stock of chocolates and biscuits to keep us going in the new year!!!
Have a safe, enjoyable and restful Christmas..... from everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!