



# SEBERT WOOD NEWS



## Bury Schools Partnership Spelling Bee

Children from years 5 and 6 across the partnership recently took part in a Spelling Bee competition. School heats were held and the top 2 children from years 5 and 6 were then entered to compete against other schools. We are very proud to announce that Jayden Murphy won the overall Year 5 competition and Daisy Hopwood came second in the Year 6 competition, a very impressive achievement! A huge well done to Jayden and Daisy and to all our children who worked really hard on their spellings and who received certificates in assembly today. Jayden also received a £20 Waterstones book voucher!



## Governors in school

Last Wednesday a team of School Governors spent the day seeing the school in action. They check that the school is implementing the policies and improvement plans that they sign off and to see for themselves how the vision and plans for the school are working in practice. They visited all the classrooms and undertook a 'Learning Walk' which involved observing teaching, looking at pupils books and talking to pupils and staff. While it is helpful to see classes at work, Governors are not Inspectors and they don't directly assess the quality or methods of teaching but they do need to know the school well and their regular visits enables them to do this. We're pleased to say that they were very impressed by what they saw, and our thanks go to Mr Balaam, Mrs Berry, Mr Gaskin, Mrs Edgar and Mr Attwell for giving up their own time to come in and support the school on a voluntary basis.

## Parent Consultations

It was great to see parents in school during the recent parents evenings. At the evenings we were also joined by School Governors who served tea, coffee and biscuits and were there to answer any questions. Many parents appreciated the chance of refreshments and a chat. Our thanks to the school governors, Jamie Gaskin, Richard Attwell, Marie MacInnes and Andrew Southwood. We hope you received all the information you required about your child. If however you still have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask the class teacher, email or phone the school office. Please note that Miss Watt's parent meetings will be rescheduled.

## Fitness Friday

Last week we held our Fitness Friday, linked to the 'Be Bright Be Seen' theme, which our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) planned. The children took part in a range of sports events, linked to the theme and also wore brightly coloured clothes. Fitness Fridays are a long standing tradition at Sebert Wood and as the school has grown and developed so too have Fitness Fridays. We often combine the event with other activities such as Children in Need and the day usually starts with a warm up for children from Reception up to Year 4, known as 'Huff n Puff', to which parents are often invited. Nursery, Year 5 and Year 6 do their own separate warm up activities. Unfortunately due to staff illness we had to cancel the 'Huff n Puff' for Reception to Year 4 this time but the children certainly did plenty of exercise throughout the day! Nursery class did their own activities linked to the theme and were joined by parents for their own 'Huff n Puff'!



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

As well as a keen rugby player, Harry Barnes (Class 10) also swims for West Suffolk, training at Abbeycroft Leisure Centre. He recently competed in their annual Club Championships where he was **runner up in the Under 8's category and in January he received his trophy at the annual awards ceremony.** Another fantastic achievement Harry!

Zachary Grove (Class 6) attends the Bury St Edmunds Junior Park Running Club, based at the 10 Acre Field. Zach has just become the first ever Junior Park Runner to achieve the Half Marathon Milestone and was recently awarded a wristband by his club to recognise this excellent achievement. Well done Zach!



Charlotte Holmes (Class 11) has won another Tennis Tournament! As you may know, Charlotte plays tennis at a high level for Culford Tennis Centre. She recently took part in a Grade 4 tournament at Culford against children from across East Anglia. She got to the final and beat one her closest rivals 4-2 to win overall. Another excellent achievement Charlotte!

*If you have a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school please let Mr Dewhurst, the class teacher or a member of the school office team 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.*



## Important information

WORLD BOOK DAY -Thursday 20th March. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of World Book Day the whole school are invited to dress up as a book character of their choice. More details to follow.

NUT ALLERGIES—we have a number of pupils in school with severe nut allergies. If your child brings a packed lunch from home or class birthday treats into school, please ensure that you avoid any products containing nuts or traces of nuts. Thank you.

### PARKING REMINDER

- Unless absolutely necessary please park at the Community Centre or Heldhall Road car parks and walk the last part of your journey.
- If you do have to park close to school, a reminder to be considerate of local residents. Please do not park over driveways or on the white H markings.
- A recent visit by the police resulted in some parking tickets being given out so please do not park on the zig-zag lines or double yellow lines.
- Only parents with an official school pass can park in the driveway. These are available for parents of pupils with a disability or for other exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the school.
- Please no turning in the driveway—the verge is becoming churned up and muddy and we have received complaints from people who use the woodland paths.
- Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...SO FAR....

FEBRUARY 2017	
Mon 20	PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
MARCH 2017	
Thurs 2	World Book Day
	FOSWS DISCOS: Reception: 3.45—4.45pm Years 1 & 2: 5.00—6.00,pm Years 3 & 4: 6.30—7.30 pm
Fri 3	
Mon13	Year 4 trip to Sutton Hoo
Fri 24	Red Nose Day & Fitness Friday
Fri 31	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
APRIL 2017	
EASTER HOLIDAYS—Mon 3 to Tues 18 April <i>Note: Staff training day Tuesday 18 April</i>	
Wed 19	PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Fri 28	International Dance Day—details to follow
MAY 2017	
Wed 3—Fri 5: Year 5 Kingswood residential trip	
Mon 8—Fri 12: Year 6 SATs week	
HALF TERM WEEK — w/c Mon 29th May	
JUNE 2017	
Wed 19	PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Mon 12—Fri 16: Year 6 Eaton Vale residential trip	
JULY 2017	
Fri 14	FOSWS Summer Fayre
Last day at Sebert Wood for Year 6 pupils: Friday 14 July	
Last day of summer term for Nursery—Y5: Friday 21 July	
SUMMER HOLIDAYS— Pupils return to school on Weds 6 September <i>(staff training days—Mon 4 and Tues 5 September)</i>	

## Sybil Andrews Academy

The new secondary school is now up and running and a number of our ex pupils attend the school. Feedback we have received from them and their parents is very positive and we continue to work very closely with the team at Sybil Andrews. A formal transition process for pupils moving there in September 2017 is in place and members of staff from both schools will be working together. Geography, Science and French specialists from both schools have been working together on curricular activities which we hope will enhance the work the pupils do at both schools. In addition a number of events are planned for our Year 6 pupils and for other year groups at Sebert Wood. These include an Arts Day, Science activities, dance activities and a Languages Day, to start with. Watch this space for further details about the work we are doing with Sybil Andrews.

The last word.....have a safe and enjoyable half term holiday.....  
from everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!