



WELCOME BACK!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school from everyone at Sebert Wood, especially to our new children and their parents as they join the Sebert Wood community. We wish you all a very happy and successful time at our school.

We also welcome new staff to the team here at Sebert Wood. Tanya Jay as a Teaching Assistant, Julie Clark and Harriet Grime as members of our Facilities team, Shannon Bugg and Vicki Cole as MDSAs and Georgie Lee who is working in Year 2 as a Student teacher.

We have been busy over the holidays preparing for the new academic year, including a major project to install a new boiler system which should prove to be much more efficient in heating the school. You may have also seen that we have a new outside group room next to the UKS2 block, which will be used as an additional learning area and provide much needed space for additional small group work and meetings etc. We also have new carpets and decoration in some classrooms as part of our rolling programme and new projectors, meaning that every class has a bright and clear screen and we no longer need to turn off the lights to see them!

The full weekly updates for each year group start next week and we hope they give you all the information you need, but if you have any questions at any time don't hesitate to contact us. Teachers are very busy at the start of the school day and it is not always possible to catch them, so if you have any urgent queries please write a note, phone or email the school office. For parents of those Year 5 and 6 pupils who make their way to school independently, all messages are passed on directly to the Year 5 and 6 staff team, so they can respond as soon as possible.

It has been great to see the children so keen and happy to be back at school and thank you, as always, for your efforts in ensuring that they look so smart and in full school uniform and black shoes. In assembly we have been talking to the children about our school values which are **Resilience, Respect, Independence, Collaboration, Creativity and Aspiration**. Each week we will focus on one of them, exploring their meaning and celebrating those children who show excellent examples of them around school.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for the forthcoming term and academic year.

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

Ava Mitcham (Class 11) attends the Platinum Dance Academy in Bury St Edmunds and is part of the Under 12 Intermediate Street Dance team "Rubix". They qualified for the UDO Street Dance World Championships held in Blackpool this summer. On 23 August, Rubix, comprising Ava and 5 others, got through to the finals and on 25 August they came an impressive 5th in the Under 12 intermediate group Street Dance section. Our congratulations to Ava who performed on stage in front of thousands. A very impressive achievement.

You may be aware that we have some very talented singers in Sebert Wood and before the summer break, Soupranika Binu Nair (Class 11) performed at a range of prestigious concerts including the Musica Nova Academy at Saint Stephens Church, London, the Framlingham Castle Gala Fest and the Milton Fest, raising money for East Anglia Children's Hospice. Sou was presented with a certificate in assembly to acknowledge her participation, and she continues to perform regularly to a very high level. Well done Sou!

If your child has a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school, in any field, please let the school office know about it and you may get a mention in this 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 from the office

Communications at Sebert Wood— Please note that we have replaced ParentMail with the School Gateway system which is part of the same system we use for payments and club bookings, and which has proved very successful. We will also be rolling out this system to contact parents/carers relating to attendance matters over the next few weeks. All emails will continue to be delivered directly to your email inbox, using the information we have on record relating to your child. Please ensure that email addresses and mobile numbers are kept up to date with the school office and that you have registered with the School Gateway at www.schoolgateway.com. The School Gateway can be accessed either online or by using the mobile App, which is free to download. If you are using the App please make sure that notifications are switched on. If you have any queries please contact to the school office on 01284 755211 or admin@sebertwood.co.uk. **Medical issues**—we would like to politely remind you that if your child needs medication to be stored in school (e.g. inhalers/Epi-pens) that they should be brought into the school office as soon as possible. Please ensure they are named, in the original packaging and in date.

Pupil absence—Please ensure that pupil absences are reported to the school office on the same day of absence, including the specific reason for the absence. If no reason is given then the absence is recorded as unauthorised.

