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|  **Bawdsey CEVCP School Newsletter** We have got God’s world in our hands |
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| **20th September 2022** |
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| **Awards of the week** |
| Starfish class- Nursery: Thomas for being kind and helpful.  - Reception: Eden for working hard on her phonics. Seahorse class: Erin for fantastic reading with expression. Dolphin class: Mia for super effort with her reading and learning her times tables. Turtle class: Rares for trying really hard and concentrating during whole class reading and reading for pleasure time, he has read a lot since he has come back to school. Good Samaritan award: Lily for taking the time to get to know the younger pupils and being a friend to everyone. |
| **Settling in- additional staffing** |
| Starfish and Nursery class are settling in well, they have additional adults to help them this year. We knew there were changes in the principal teaching staff for this September, with this in mind, we have ensured that the children already know five members of the team to ease their transition into a new school year. This has ensured continuity this term and by keeping the same structures, and routines they had before has also ensured consistency for the pupils. This has paid dividends as the children are enjoying the class, and love having their two new members of staff too. Seahorses have hit the ground running with Mrs Simoes moving to the class, as some had her last year too and they are enjoying the split with the two teachers as the other children already had Mrs Rankin. This class has settled in well with their additional class adults too. Dolphins class has moved up to split Turtles class in the morning, as that is the biggest class this year and this has allowed the teaching to keep being as personalised for the children’s needs. Again, additional class adults have helped them all settle in. Thank you to the Governors agreeing to us putting additional funds into the staffing this year, and we have used the DFE academic mentor programme to increase our staffing provision still further. This means all children have a lot more adult support for their learning, even with the school numbers having risen. If you have any questions, do please ask us. *We are still looking for additional staff to fill our last remaining posts, more information to follow on our website.*  |
| **Remembering Queen Elizabeth II** |
| We are visiting the church on Tuesday 20th September to leave our school’s Remembrance book and to share some memories and prayers for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.  |
| **Changes to our reading in school** |
| We worked with the Myland English hub school last term and this term we are able to start their recommendations. All schools have been advised to now use a phonic system from the DFE’s chosen schemes, so we have chosen and have started to use the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds resources which most closely matched what we were teaching before. (There will be a parent/ carer information session about this soon.) With this change in phonics the staff kindly all completed a day of training in the holidays to make sure we could teach it from the start of the term. With the change in system, we have had to reassess all of the children’s knowledge of phonics, we have had to change a vast swathe of our books throughout the school to new ones and plot where the children should start their reading levels from. This has taken a little time, lots of the books only arriving in the first week of term- hence sending books home has taken more time than usual - thank you for your patience with this. As a general explanation any child still needing phonic teaching (up to phase 5 phonic teaching) will be given as close a match as possible with a school phonic levelled reading book- this may not be an exact match so please read to your child if they do not know the phonics yet for the book that they have taken home. The Myland hub were clear in that books shared with the children are just as powerful as those they can read themselves; we would like home shared reading time to be recorded in their reading record books too please, they will still accrue rewards with sharing a book. After phase 5 the children will be able to choose their books without the banded system we had before. The staff will always try to ensure they can read their chosen book adequately first and that the content is age appropriate. With the children having their own choice of books and without capping this choice it should ensure their interests and love of reading is developed. Within school we have more sessions for reading so the children increase their reading fluency, stamina and enjoyment of reading. We also have whole class reading sessions to aid in the vital teaching of comprehension – we are doing work on VIPERS during these sessions (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explaining, Retrieval, Sequence/Summaries). We hope by overhauling our approach to reading the benefits will be twofold; other subjects will become easier for the children as their ability to read increases and their love of reading will also increase. Please be assured all the other subjects are still very present and important to us, as well as new opportunities offered like woodland and beach studies and cooking. For further clarification about the reading changes please talk to your class teacher and we hope you can join us when we hold the information session too.This link will provide you with lots of information and tutorials about how you can help at home: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>The following link also provides an overview of the Learning to Read Journey for those children in Reception and Year 1: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2021/12/ProgrammeOverview_Reception-and-Year-1-1.pdf> |
| **Sharing assemblies** |
| We would like to invite parents/ carers to our sharing assemblies. The first will be on Friday 30th September with Turtles and Dolphins class sharing at 10.30 am. On a Friday assembly we give out our weekly awards and then the class will stand up and briefly share something they have learnt to the school and any visitors, it may be a piece of writing, a song or a picture. The next session will be on Friday 14th October at 10.30 am for Seahorse class children. The Starfish class will have their session on Friday 11th of November at 10.45 am this will be part of the Remembrance Day assembly.  |
| **Queries** |
| All of your queries are important to us and we will endeavour to answer them as quickly as possible. If you have any queries or concerns about anything happening in school, please address them in the first instance to the class teacher as they know the most detail about what is happening in class. This can be done by asking to speak to them at the end of the day (you will need to wait until the other children have been dismissed to ensure everyone gets to their adult safely first), you can phone and ask them to call back if they are in class or meetings, or you are welcome to email via the admin@bawdsey.suffolk.sch.uk and ask for it to be directed to the member of staff you wish to speak to. If your concern is not class based then please use the same avenues to direct the query to myself as Headteacher, or to Miss Mee our newly appointed Senior Teacher, or to Mrs Rankin our other Senior Teacher (please be aware Mrs Rankin is now part time and unavailable Monday- Wednesday). If it is a safeguarding concern then please direct your concern to me, as Designated Safeguarding Leader or to one of the Alternate DSLs who are all trained to the same level: Miss Mee, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Darke or Mrs Simoes. If your concern is to do with a child with additional needs and the class teacher cannot help you first, please direct your concern to Mrs Darke the SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) again to get in contact with any of these people please use the three ways suggested above on the door at the end of the day, via the phone or through the admin email address. If you do have any worries please contact us, we are always available to answer questions or concerns.  |
| **Sponsored Walk** |
| The sponsored walk is now re-planned to be on Tuesday 27th September. This is the postponed event from last term when the date planned was excessively hot. It will raise money for the Bawdsey School Association (BSA- our school’s Parent Teacher Association), they will use the funds for the benefit of the pupils.  |
| **Open afternoon and Macmillan Coffee afternoon** |
| On Friday 30th September, from 1.30pm we are having an open afternoon and coffee afternoon which is raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We would love it if every family could make or donate a cake, biscuits or buns again and hand them in on the day with a list of ingredients, please. The children can conduct tours of the building for anyone interested too and we hope you, your families and all your friends can come to support us and raise money for this worthwhile charity! |
| **Phone lines the saga continues** |
| Our phone lines are now running but the lines can be crackly. We hope this is the end of the issues but if you cannot hear us, or us you, please email your concerns, or phone Orford school 01394450281 and they will privately message us with urgent messages. In an attempt to remedy this continuing problem our system is being overhauled with a new one going in on Wednesday 5th October, we will not be able to use the phones on that day until the works have been finished. We are sorry for the inconvenience; the phone company is trying to sort it out for us.  |
| **Congratulations and the Senior Leadership team** |
| Congratulations to Miss Mee for being successful at interview for the Senior Teacher role. Miss Mee is Senior Teacher and in charge in my absence, although I can also be contacted at Orford school on the days I am not at Bawdsey on 01394450281. My days in Bawdsey this half term are Tuesdays and Fridays and alternate Wednesdays. Mrs Rankin is in school to support on Thursdays and Fridays this term too.  |
| **Girl Guides held at Rock Barracks** |
| The 1st Sutton Heath Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, based at Rock Barracks, Sutton Heath have asked us to pass on that they currently have spaces for:Rainbows aged 4 - 7 (Years EYFS to 2)Brownies aged 7 - 10 (Years 3 - 5)Guides aged 10 - 14 (Years 6 - 9)The contact details are as follows **1stsuttonheathgirlguiding@gmail.com** |
| **Monday**  | **Tuesday**  |
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|  | Premier sports club Yrs 2-6 3.15-4.15 |
| **Wednesday**  | **Thursday**  |
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| **Friday**  |  |
| Chess club Yrs 2-6 (please sign up on Parent pay) |  |
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| **Future Dates**  |
| Changed or new dates will be in Red - we will try not to change the dates below but when planning so far in advance sometimes we may have to adjust them as we go through the term.   19-9-22 (Mon) Bank holiday school closed. 26-9-22 (Mon) European day of languages. 27-9-22 (Tues) Sponsored walk organised by the BSA (Bawdsey School Association – PTA)30-9-22 (Fri) Sharing assembly parents/ carers welcome. Turtles and Dolphin class 10.30 am.30-9-22 (Fri) Open afternoon and Macmillan coffee afternoon 1.30 pm start.4-10-22 (Tues) Football competition with selected pupils at Whitton.5-10-22 (Wed) New phone lines being installed in school- emails for communication please. 14-10-22 (Fri) Sharing assembly parents/ carers welcome. Seahorse class 10.30 am.21-10-22 (Fri) PD Day. School not open to pupils- staff training day. 24-10-22 – 30-10-22: October half term break. School not open to pupils.11-11-22 (Fri) Remembrance Day. Sharing assembly parents/ carers welcome. Starfish class 10.45 am.14-11-22 (All week) Anti bullying week.15-11-22 (Tues) Flu vaccinations in school- more information to follow.16-11-22 (Wed) Bowling competition with selected pupils.19-11-22 (Fri) Tag rugby competition with selected pupils. 1-12-22 (Thurs) Christmas craft afternoon in school. 2-12-22 (Fri) Flu vaccines in school- more information to follow. 6-12-22 (Tues) Nativity performance for families by Starfish class (including Nursery).7-12-22 (Wed) Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner day and whole school beach walk.16-12-22 (Fri) Christmas Carols around the tree (pm time to be confirmed). Last day of term. 17-12-22 – 3-1-23 Christmas holidays.4-1-23 (Wed) Children in school to start the Spring term.  |

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