

Bawdsey CEVCP School Newsletter

'We have got God's world in our hands'

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Stars and Sports award winner of the week

Stars of the week:

Willow class: Leo- For his great teamwork when completing a puzzle with friends.

Chestnut class: Brogan- For his beautiful writing in English.

Oak class: Evelyn- For challenging herself in SPAG (spelling, punctuation, and Grammar) and her beautiful writing in English.

Hazel class: Mikey- For always doing the right thing.

Sports award: George S well done on your resilience in Swimming.

Good Samaritan: Caera and Lily for sorting out the class reading books and being very helpful.

If any children have a recent award, belt, medal or certificate given to them outside of school, please let us know so we can celebrate this in school too! (For beaver, cub, scout, rainbows, brownie and guide patches)

Parent/ Carer meetings

On Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October next week we have Parent and Carer meetings with class teachers. These appointments are for us all to share how the children have settled into school and for anything else that has arisen since the start of term. Please sign up for a slot via the clipboards the teachers have with them at the end of the school day, or please ring the office for us to book you an appointment. Working as a partnership between home and school really helps the children flourish and we appreciate your time.

Reading rewards and a family reading challenge

We hope you can help us promote the love for reading in our school. Becoming fluent in reading and enjoying it is crucial for all children, in the last year we have upped the number of sessions the children have in school to do just this. Reading is one of the core homework tasks we ask all children to do, it really makes the difference in their education and understanding in each subject. Going forwards there will be rewards to collect for all children who read or share a book five times a week with a home adult, or with an older sibling - when it is signed in their reading record book (this needs to come in every day to school please for in school reading and rewards will be presented in Monday assemblies). If they achieve this for six weeks there is an additional reward for each child. These rewards will run throughout the year.

We running a family reading challenge, if you would like to take part, we are asking you to submit a photograph of your whole family reading with a caption that tells us what your family loves about reading. The prize will go to the family who is reading in the most unusual/ fun location, or the most unusual/fun way and who have told us about what they love about reading- remember you can read magazines and comics too! The closing date for entries will be 30th November, please submit via the admin email, or via class dojo or Tapestry. Please let us know two things when you do submit your photo and caption, whether you mind your entry being shared with other families via dojo or Tapestry, and whether we can share it on our website too. *Reading top tip: Turning subtitles on while people watch television helps them develop their reading skills and fluency in reading.*

Macmillan coffee afternoon- Thank you

Thank you to everyone who, cooked for us, came to, and supported the Macmillan coffee afternoon- so far, we have raised £180+. We were also very proud of the year 5 and 6 pupils, serving the refreshments and conducting tours. A quote from the afternoon,

"We were most impressed, had a lovely cuppa and cake and a couple of boys gave us the tour... they were so confident and engaging and took us everywhere... the boys were a credit to the school and their parents. We all really enjoyed the school visit."

Poetry day menu

Next Thursday 5th is National Poetry day, the children will be enjoying poems at different times in the day and there is a special poetry day menu too, which I am sure the children will enjoy! Breaded chicken strips or vegetable fingers, a selection of dips with potato wedges, sweetcorn and baked beans. With a warm chocolate brownie and ice cream for dessert.

Dyslexia update- a very proud moment

I am proud of the children and our school every day and I mentioned last week about the children who underwent the dyslexia assessments being a credit to us. I now have permission to share why I said this with you- an assessor from Indigo House who assesses a vast amount of people and with a large number of schools said this...

"Can I just say how lovely all the children I saw were. Even though I was making them complete very challenging assessments in a strange environment they did everything I asked of them with determination and good humour, even those with obvious additional needs. Some who had quite severe difficulties with literacy were also attacking the tasks with a base level of phonics skills that shows interventions have taken place and are helping. In my experience this willingness to try and fail at very difficult tasks shows a nurturing learning environment."

Gold Healthy School Award and a reminder

We have received our Gold Healthy School award from Onelife Suffolk for all our hard work, so we are again very proud to be in receipt of our certificate. All of our awards for this year are up in the entrance hall at school, do take a look when you visit. Please could we remind families that fresh fruit or vegetables are provided from the BSA (Parent association) at breaktime for all children. If you wish to provide something from home, please can you only provide fresh fruit or vegetables too. (There are a lot of hidden sugars in cereal bars, dried and jelly-fied fruit.) Please can the children only have water in their bottles too. Thank you for your support with this and with ensuring healthier choices for the children's home packed lunches too.

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.

- 4th October pm: Under 11s Football tournament at Whitton sports centre for selected pupils.
- 4th and 5th October: Parents/ Carers evening about settling into classes.
- **5th October: National Poetry Day with special menu!**
- 1st or 2nd October TBC: Big sing workshop in school for Hazel class.
- 6th November 2.30: Hazel sharing worship and book sharing session with Parents and Carers invited.
- 17th November: Hazel class (yrs 5/ 6) Big Sing at Snape. Details TBC.
- 17th November 2.30: (yrs 4/ 3) Oak sharing worship and book sharing session with Parents and Carers invited.
- 24th November 2.30: (yrs 1/ 2) Chestnuts sharing worship and book sharing session with Parents and Carers invited.
- **30th November: Closing date for the family reading challenge, please submit a family photo and caption.**
- 1st December pm: Decoration workshops.
- Week beginning 4th December: Phone call slots to book for parents/ carers with class teachers.
- 20th December 2.30: Carols around the tree with Parents and Carers invited.