

Bawdsey CEVCP School Newsletter

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

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Awards of the week

Stars of the week-

Willow class: Theo L for super scissor control when he made a rocket.

Chestnut class: Brogan for working hard in phonics and oracy.

Oak class: Rupert for using constructive criticism positively to improve his writing.

Hazel class: James for doing lots of work at home to prepare for SATs.

Sports award winner: Mia and Wyatt for facing their fears in swimming and swimming lots of lengths which went into the deep end.

Good Samaritan of the week: Otis for doing lots of extra jobs at lunchtime without being asked to.

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!

Tilian Partnership update

Our investigations into Tilian and them of us are progressing. The parent/ carer meetings went very well and the questions sent were answered in the meeting. I have attached the powerpoint which was used to this email, we hope it is useful for anyone who was not able to attend.

The questions that were asked from the online forms and were answered at the meeting:

Which other schools are part of Tilian? Wilby, Orford, Old Newton, Rougham, Crawfords, Gislingham, Kersey, Bardwell, Ixworth and Palgrave C of E schools.

You have told us advantages in the letter but I wondered what disadvantages you would anticipate from this? There is a 1% difference to what comes out of the school budget, compared to what comes out from us to go to the LA at the moment. Once the decision has been made to join a MAT, there would be no backward step for the school to re-join the LA in the future.

The questions that were asked at the meeting and the answers:

What happens to the ethos of the school? The MAT is sensitive to the ethos and identity of the school and it is part of the scheme of delegation, that we will continue to have our own Governing body and they will ensure this is maintained so it is right for Bawdsey. (The Bawdsey vision and Tilian's vision is based on the same story from the Bible, of 'The good Samaritan', making lots of similarities with the two.)

What will the composition be for the local school's governing body? The same as now.

Do complaints go to the MAT or the school? The complaints go the same way through the school's complaints policy. Tilian help if the complaint is about the Headteacher, or the school asks for assistance.

What happens to policies if we join Tilian? Statutory ones Tilian creates for all the schools, policies affecting the school are still decided on by the school. For example, the anti-bullying, behaviour and homework policy will still be produced and decided on by the school and the school Governors.

Can the school still liaise with the local schools? Yes, and they are encouraged to. Tilian wants the best for the children and the transition opportunities we can set up locally.

Are there any high schools within Tilian? No as it would then be a high school led MAT and Tilian was made for and is led by primary schools; smaller, church of England ones in particular.

Does Ofsted still happen? Yes, but a lot of additional Tilian support is given to the school staff when this happens.

What advantages are there with Tilian? They have been running for seven years and have been successful in supporting their schools. The school maintains autonomy of the school and Tilian supports them to be successful. Tilian has a good school improvement offer and additional support to offer.

Is there autonomy in the back office (finance etc)? Through the scheme of delegation, the local governors control the budget, no budget or savings are taken from the school except the customary % we give to the LA and a further 1%. When the budget is set by the school and local governors, then Tilian will check the budget and reasoning behind the decisions.

A few other things that people who attended found reassuring:

- ✓ Tilian have stated that they 'make decisions based on what is best for all our children in the long term.'
- ✓ They pride themselves on their integrity and honesty and 'what you see is what you get'.
- ✓ Tilian's ethos and pillars for working are below:

To Inspire to Achieve and Aspire to Excel we work:

***Through Autonomy
With Integrity
In Partnership***

We will keep you updated as we proceed further through our due diligence checks.

SATs week

We have got our SATs week for year 6 pupils next week, we will need them all in on time, well rested and ready for the day ahead. They have worked incredibly hard and we wish them well during the week. Regardless of what results they end up getting we could not be prouder of them for all they have achieved throughout their time with us already.

Diary dates

New dates added or anything changed will be added in red:

13th May- 17th May: KS2 SATs week.

20th May a.m: Chestnut bookable telephone slots for parents and carers.

21st May p.m: Willow and Hazel bookable telephone slots for parents and carers.

23rd May p.m: Oak bookable telephone slots for parents and carers.

24th May 2.30 p.m.: Hazel class sharing worship and book sharing session.

27th May- 2nd June: Half term week.

3rd June 9-11: Multiply Suffolk Parent/ Carer and children math workshop. Booking essential.

5th June: Suffolk School Swimming gala at Deben pool in Woodbridge for selected pupils.

7th June 2.30 p.m.: Willow class sharing worship and book sharing session.

10th June for a week: Yr 1 phonic screening week.

13th June: Yr 5 Taskmaster event with IP12 schools. (Details TBC).

14th June: Fathers' day or significant person event- details coming out soon.

14th June 2.30 p.m.: Oak class sharing worship and book sharing session.

18th June: WCET festival for Hazel class.

21st June 2.30 p.m.: Chestnut class sharing worship and book sharing session.

2nd July 10-1: Sports day followed by a family picnic on the field.

5th July 10-1: Back up Sports day in case weather prevents it on the 2nd.

8th July 2-3.15: KS2 performance of the Tempest.

9th July 5.30-6.45 (children to be back at school for 5): KS2 performance of the Tempest.

15th July 3.15>: Optional parents/ carers evening.

18th July: James Campbell author visit and book sale after school.

19th July: Last day of Summer term.

For all of our term dates for this year and next, please go to our website.