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| **Bawdsey CEVCP School Newsletter**  We have got God’s world in our hands |
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| **31st March 2023** |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Stars and Good Samaritan of the week** | | | **Stars of the week**  Starfish: Toby for being such a help to Mrs Butler in class.  Seahorse: Eli for his effort in Literacy with such a good long writing task.  Turtles: Marley for working hard in reading lessons. Adi for always having a positive attitude towards school work and peers.  **Good Samaritan**  Gabriel for always staying to help clear the hall with his older friends at lunchtime.  **Personal safety swimming awards** went to Rares, Sebastian, Rupert, Ella, Reuben, Maxwell, James, Hector, Lily and Kayden. | | | **Mrs Rankin retiring from class teaching** | | | It was a tricky day for us all last Friday as it was Mrs Rankin’s last day as a class teacher at Bawdsey school. She has been one of the kindest and best teachers that we have had the privilege to work with. Mrs Rankin as you all know puts the children and everyone else always before herself, which she did for Bawdsey again in the Autumn term last year. She stepped in so we could have consistency for the children when we could not hire someone of her calibre, and she was looking to retire as class teacher then. It is now Mrs Rankin’s time to retire from this role and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude for being Bawdsey School’s humble ‘Miss Honey’ *(From Matilda by Roald Dahl).* She is truly a teacher who has touched everyone’s hearts and thank you is not big enough but THANK YOU FROM EVERYONE AT BAWDSEY SCHOOL PAST AND PRESENT, MRS RANKIN. (Thank goodness we will still see you for Forest School!) | | | **Changes to Forest School, Beach School and cooking rotation next term** | | | In the Summer term the classes are changing to a different rotation of Forest/Beach School or cooking.  On Wednesday Starfish class will be doing Beach School led by a Suffolk Wildlife trust leader and please can they bring in any additional clothing or wellies in a bag that they will need on a Wednesday.  On Thursday Turtle class will be using the teaching kitchen. Seahorse class will be doing Forest School, and please can they bring in any additional clothing or wellies in a bag that they will need on a Thursday. | | | **Changes to PE days next term** | | | Children in Seahorse and Turtle class (years 2-6) will be swimming on a Wednesday in the Summer term. They will have a PE session with Premier sport on a Tuesday afternoon and will need to come in with their PE kit on for Tuesdays please.  Starfish class (years Rec and Year 1- with afternoon Nursery) will have PE sessions on a Monday and Friday afternoon, please can they come in with their kit on for those days, thank you. | | | **School uniform** | | | As the weather starts to warm up and children grow out of their present school footwear, please can you ensure you buy the correct school uniform for them going forward, in the right shade of blue and for footwear only shoes (sandals for the summer) are on the uniform list. Thank you in advance. For the list see below.  <https://www.bawdseyprimary.com/page/?title=School+uniform&pid=80> If we can help with second hand uniform please let us know as the BSA had some stocks that could be purchased very reasonably. | | | **Staff/ volunteer clubs for the Summer term** | | | We will not be starting staff/ volunteer led clubs until the second week back after Easter- we will send out signing up information shortly. Breakfast club and After School Care will be running straight away but please book in for the latter in advance of the start of next term, thank you. | | | **Environment sculpture- bottles needed please** | | | We have been working towards an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty grant this year, we have been developing the children’s love and care of the beach at East Lane. We have been doing this with four main foci; Beach School sessions and weekly litter picks at the beach with the Eco-council have been our ongoing commitments. The amount of rubbish collected is to be shown on a new sign on the outside of the school fence for visitors passing to go to the beach, so they can see the problem the beach has with litter. The last two elements are underway, one is designing information boards for visitors to the beach to inform them about litter and the environment they would be harming if they leave it. The last promise for the grant was to design and make an outside sculpture; the children in Turtles class were asked to come up with designs to signify the impact of rubbish on the environment at East Lane. Caera in year 5 had her design chosen. It has a normal octopus’ body, but tentacles made of plastic waste to show how the environment is affected by people. Mr Mann has kindly sourced and carved the start of the octopus sculpture ready for completion by the children. It is outside the wooden clad classrooms, so people can see it as they go down to East Lane. The Octopus sculpture now needs some smaller and larger plastic bottles to thread onto the tentacles. If you have any bottles you use this holiday, please can you wash them and send them in after Easter, thank you. A big thank you to Mr Mann for gifting the resources and using all his time and talent to make the Octopus for us, also well done for an excellent design Caera! | | | **BSA – Bawdsey School Association (PTA)- Spring fundraiser** | | | The BSA Spring fundraiser and Easter hamper raffles have raised an amazing amount and it is still coming in. Thank you so much for all your efforts! | | | **Changes to school meal prices- Free school meal check** | | | After Easter our school meal provider has increased the children and adult meal prices. The children’s meals will be increased to £2.53 a meal for the Summer term. As money gets tighter for many families, please follow the link below and see if your family is eligible. Children eligible for Free School Meals are not aware of this within school, the only thing that happens is that your child would receive free meals and the school can then offer some other ways to support your child; vouchers for food shopping over the holidays, help with the cost of school trips for example. It also brings in a higher revenue to the school to help the children still further. Are you eligible, please have a look. <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals> | | | **Vacancies at Bawdsey School** | | | Following the budget setting we currently have four vacancies (two are new):   * EYFS level 3 practitioner. Due to an error in the advertising this will now be closing on 19th April 2023. * MDSA. * Teaching assistant. *New role.* * Caretaker. *New role.*   Please contact the school office for more information or all the paperwork you will need to join our happy and professional staff team. These forms will also be on our website shortly. | | | **Head of Kitchen vacancy** | | | If you know anyone who would like to apply for the role of school cook, please let them know this role is available. Thank you for your support. **Head of Kitchen - Vertas Group Limited. £10.55 per hour. Monday - Friday ; 09:30am - 13:30pm.** <https://uk.indeed.com/jobs?q=Head+Kitchen&l=Bawdsey&vjk=7a8efd6c0db34073> | | |  | **Tuesday** | |  |  | |  |  | | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | |  |  | | **Friday** |  | |  |  | |  |  | | **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.    3-4-23 - 16-4-23 Easter break.  17-4-23 PD Day, teacher training day- no children in school.  18-4-23 Children start back at school.  May 2023 KS1, year 2 SATs tests are administered.  9-5-23 – 12-5-23 (Tues-Fri) KS2- year 6 SATs week.  29-5-23 – 4-2-23 Half term break.  5-6-23 Children start back at school.  12-6-23 – 16-6-23 (through the week) Year 1 phonic checks.  14-6-23 – 16-6-23 PGL trip for Turtle class.  21-7-23 Last day of Summer term. | | |