

Bawdsey CEVCP School Newsletter

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

If you have any queries or you need to contact us, please use the contact details below...

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Awards of the week

Stars of the week:

Willow class: Harley for creating a detailed story map.

Chestnut class: Bella B for working hard to learn the continents of the world.

Oak class: Sophie for her excellent use of vocabulary in her creative writing.

Hazel class: George S for his excellent focus and asking great questions in lessons.

Sports person of the week: Marta for her great effort in gymnastics.

Good Samaritan of the week: Grace for teaching the younger children in After School Care how to knit.

Readers of the week: Harley, Atreus, Nikolaj, Theo L, Isabella R, Bella B, Finley, Patti, India, Shellbee, Brogan, Toby, Evelynn, Grace, Teddy, Archer, Ed, Aurelia, Erin, George M, Noah, Rupert, Kayden, Sebastian, Mariette, Ashtyn and Rares. Well done to Theo P-B and Darcie for receiving their Bronze Bawdsey Bookworm awards and Eli and Bella L-M for receiving their Gold Bawdsey Bookworm awards.

Well done to Bella L-M, Theo P-B, Huw, Freddie and Sebastian for becoming our new Librarians. More information about borrowing library books again will come home soon.

Well done to our Sports leaders who have completed their training with Mrs Stone and will be starting to lead sessions independently at lunchtimes for the other children from next week.

Special addition to our website

Please follow this link to a special addition to our website- a video and song which explains why we love Bawdsey School. <https://bawdsey.ovw10.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=About+Us&pid=25&action=saved>

Changes to After School Care Costs after Easter- Breakfast club and after school club updates

While we will still be subsidising the wraparound care to a huge extent after Easter, with the Governors we have reviewed the costs of Breakfast club and After School Care and sadly for the first time in a large number of years there needs to be price increases passed onto families. As you are aware from previous emails asking about After School Care requirements we put the costs down as far as we could when the cost of living crisis hit. The school has run at a deficit ever since to help families out at a difficult time, resulting with us subsidising the care and sport clubs from our budget. We know times are still difficult but with our staffing costs having risen exponentially throughout the last year, sadly we can no longer subsidise the After-School Care to the same extent. This will lead to a price increase from after the Easter break to £4 an hour- the Governors have still agreed to us partially subsidising this to cover staffing costs so we can keep the service open, especially with less uptake for spaces after 4pm. The Governors have also agreed to the school subsidising Breakfast Club to the same extent as before, so we can support Parents and Carers in getting to work and in ensuring children can have a breakfast if they need one for the very low cost of £2 for the session, which includes breakfast being provided. (Other local schools are charging £6 and £4 an hour for Breakfast Club, and £6 for one hour and £9 for two hours of after school care).

This leads onto a second problem that has arisen with clubs and care, with Parents and Carers arriving late to pick up from care and clubs on a regular basis- we always wait for 5 minutes after clubs for any delays anyway and we do understand the odd tractor delay, but this is more than this and more frequently for

some families. As such we will not charge for three late pick-ups of children from any after school care or club for up to 10 mins after the pick-up time (allowing for tractors, traffic etc), but from the fourth late onwards we will then charge an hour of our after-school care price, as staff are needing to stay behind and be paid to provide care for this.

As always, we have had your families and the difficulties this may cause at the forefront of all our decisions and we hope you understand our need to change our charges. As always, our care costs will be reviewed regularly by the Governors and may be extended in September, but we will try to give as much notice as possible if this is needed and subsidise what we can. Please also remember all our after-school clubs are free to all children at this point, if there are spaces this may help you going forward. They are listed on the Parent Pay site so you can sign up there. You are welcome to come and discuss this further with us at any point.

Pancake day and World Book Day

Thank you for your support with these two occasions, they were great fun. I hope you have seen the photos on class dojo. This year we had our youngest overall winner at the school for the finalists' pancake race- a massive well done to India in year 2!

Sharing assembly and book sharing session

All Willow class Parents and Carers are welcome to come and share in the assembly on Friday 14th March this week. If you come at 2pm you are welcome to have some refreshments before the assembly starts at 2.30pm. (We do ask that you finish any hot drinks before the children come in to the assembly at 2.30 pm, so there are no accidents.) After the assembly you are welcome to share the children's books in their classroom too.

Do you need us?

Even though we have more formal chances for Parents and Carers to see their child's class teacher with Parent and Carer Evenings and Phone call slots each term, please do not hesitate to make contact if you have a something to pass on. It really helps us to know any changes that are happening at home or within your family that may be affecting your children. Or if you have a query or do not understand something about school, or that your child has passed on. Please contact us through class dojo or Tapestry- we aim to answer in working hours, or via the phone, or through the admin email address.

admin@bawdsey.suffolk.sch.uk When the Class Teacher takes the children out at the end of the day also works, as does talking to a Senior Leader on the gate in the morning to pass something on- in summary please contact us if you need us and do not wait until more formal times to meet your child's teacher.

Breaktime snacks

We provide fruit or vegetables for any children wanting a piece during breaktimes. If you decide your child would like something brought from home instead, please can it only be a piece of fruit or vegetables too- in its original form - so not as a fruit strip, sweet shaped fruit concentrate, smoothie etc. Thank you.

Diary dates

14th March, 2.30 pm: Willow Class 1 sharing assembly and book sharing session. (Refreshments from 2pm)

14th March: Swimming event at Crown pools- for selected pupils only.

Week beginning 17th March: Bookable phone call slots for Parents and Carers.

18th March: Dodgeball competition- for selected pupils only.

19th March: Ten pin bowling competition representing South Suffolk Schools- selected pupils only.

21st March: Red nose day- wear something red for comic relief. Donate if possible please. Cake sale in the afternoon.

24th March: African dance workshops for the whole school.

31st March: Yr 6 to FHS to watch their 'Big fish' production.

1st April: pm- sponsored walk- all children.

2nd April: Cross country competition at Holbrook hospital school. Selected pupils only.

4th April: Last day of term.

[For our term dates please look on our website.](#)