

# Bawdeswell Primary School

## Newsletter Autumn 1

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Dear Parents

### New Starts

We are now about three weeks into the new school year and I would like to start by thanking parents and children for making me feel so welcome on my return to the school.

Everyone has settled in very well; not just the children but our two new teachers, Miss Love and Mrs Matthews as well. Both have made an excellent start with their classes and I am sure they will both have a very successful first year with us.

Another 'new' thing to the school this term is **Read, Write Inc.** This is the new approach to teaching and learning the skills of phonics, reading, grammar and writing that has been introduced across the school. This is a highly effective system for ensuring that all the children develop really strong basic literacy skills that will support them throughout their education. I have seen first-hand what a difference it can make and am confident that it will really help the children here at Bawdeswell.

### Attendance

In order for the children to do as well as they can, children need to be in school as much as possible. Our school target for attendance is 97%, but I would like as many children as possible to achieve 100%. Each term there will be an award for the children who are here every day: bronze stars for the Autumn term, silver stars for Autumn and Spring term and gold stars if they achieve the whole year.

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, please can you ensure that you contact the school office by 9.15am.

### Drop in Evening

We would really like to give you the opportunity to come in and see your children's work this half term,

so on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October we will be having a drop in evening. From 3.20-5pm the classrooms will be open for you to come browse the books with your children. Teachers will be about to chat informally and share your child's successes.

### Harvest Celebration

On Friday afternoon 20<sup>th</sup> October we will be taking all the children down to All Saints Church for 1.30pm for our Harvest Celebration and parents and friends will be very welcome to join us. We will also be holding a food collection which will then be donated to local charities.

### Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November (3.30-5.30pm) and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November (5-7pm). We will inform you nearer the time when to start making bookings.

### DIARY DATES:

#### October

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – How Hill information meeting at 3.15pm for Y5 and 6 parents, carers and pupils

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> – Unicorn Class visit to Gressenhall Farm and Workshop

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> - 'Drop in' evening until 5pm

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival at All Saints Church at 1.30 pm

#### HALF TERM 23<sup>rd</sup> OCT to 27<sup>th</sup> OCT

#### November

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Sport Partnership Cross Country Event (more details to follow)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> to Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – How Hill Residential for Y5 and 6

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> – Parents evening (3.30 to 5.30pm)

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents evening (5 to 7pm)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need

#### CHRISTMAS BREAK 20<sup>th</sup> DEC to 2<sup>nd</sup> JAN 2018

#### SCHOOL OPENS on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> JAN 2018

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