

Bawdeswell Primary School

Newsletter Spring 1

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to see all the children return happy and well after the Christmas holidays (though there was a little confusion over which day was the first day of the new term!). The term dates for the next school year are included with this letter.

The Spring Term is always a bit shorter than the others, but I always feel that it is the time where the children can make great strides in their learning. Read Write Inc. is now established across the school and the children are making excellent progress with their reading, spelling and writing skills. We will be having parents evenings just before the Easter holidays so that you can meet with your child's teacher and discuss their learning. Prior to that we will also have another afterschool drop-in evening on 20th March so that you can look round the classrooms and see you child's latest work.

Finally from me, just a reminder that the next Friends of Bawdeswell School meeting takes place on Tuesday 16th January, 6pm at the village hall. The Friends really need some fresh faces to join the group if it is to continue to function and the funds are needed if we are to replace our tired library. Many thanks to those parents who have expressed an interest, but the more people who can join, the better it will be. Some people have said that the day/time is a problem – if this is the case please let me know as future meetings can be arranged to get the best attendance.

Best Wishes
Richard Lord

Music Lessons

We currently employ Music Services to teach the Violin and Guitar. Membership levels have recently fallen and the need arises to boost the numbers participating to continue to provide this service. Music Services have recently introduced a 50% discount for lessons and free instrument hire for any child who is entitled to Free School Meals. (This unfortunately does not include Universal Free School Meals) If your child is interested in commencing lessons after the Spring Half Term break please inform the school office. Free School Meal application forms and criteria details are available also. May I remind all families the school gains extra funding (Pupil Premium funding) for each FSM pupil but families do need to apply, this is not an automatic fund.

Clubs and visits

We have many visits in planning stages and will send more details home as dates approach. We are very excited to be visiting the Royal Norfolk Show this year while our youngest class enjoy a day at Gressenhall Farm and Workshop.

The Choir, Multi Skills and Football after school clubs are scheduled. We are also introducing a Monday after school **Revision Club for our Year 6's**. This will be led by Mr Lord and Mrs Matthews commencing on Monday 22nd Jan until 4.15pm and will run until SATS week (Mon 14th – Thu 17th May). Details will come home shortly, please make every effort to support this club as we approach May. We will also hopefully support the breakfast club again this year which settled the children every test morning. More details will follow nearer the time. For now clear bedtime

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routines to ensure we have children arriving at school on time, well rested and ready to learn please.

Forest School

This half term we are taking part in the RSPB's Big School Bird watch in our Forest School sessions – identifying birds and making bird feeders. We have started a photo board in the school foyer so you can see some of the activities the children have been involved in. We are short of volunteers on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons – any offers of help would be gratefully received.

We are currently looking at improving our outdoor learning space at school and will currently be running a pond design competition in school. We are also looking at some different funding options to help build up our outdoor resources and facilities with options including beginning a gardening club, wildlife pond and an outdoor shelter.

Donations – could you help please?

We would be very grateful for any donations of the following:

Old binoculars to help with the bird watch project.

Kitchen roll cardboard tubes to help make feeders.

Unwanted gardening tools.

Any spring bulbs which we could plant out in the woodland.

DIARY DATES:

January

Tue 23rd - Year 2 visit to Mayfields Farm

Mon 29th Swimming Gala – details to follow

February

Mon 5th - Pixie Class parents and carers are invited to a stay and read session at 2.30pm – please meet in the school reception.

HALF TERM – Mon 12th to Fri 16th – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thu 22nd – Tempest Class Photographs

Wed 28th – Cross Country Finals at Holkham Hall – GOOD LUCK to Maddie!

March

Mon 5th – Road safety events in school

Thu 8th – Crucial Crew visit for Y6 – details to follow

Tue 13th – Year 2 visit to Mayfields Farm

Tue 20th – 3.30-5pm - Parents drop in evening

Mon 26th - 3.30-5.30pm – Parent evening

Tue 27th – 5-7pm – Parent evening

Thu 29th March – WE ARE OPEN!!!!!!!!!!

EASTER BREAK – Fri 30th March to Fri 13th April – SCHOOL CLOSED

2018/19 Academic Calendar attached – Please keep for future reference. PLEASE NOTE: The dates differ from the Norfolk County Council dates.

Calendar paper copies are available in the school foyer, thank you.