

Bawdsey CEVC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by welcoming everyone back to school. I am looking forward to having pupils return to Class 4! This year we have Miss Emma joining us in Class 4, she will be there to support the children and provide afternoon interventions. Mrs Lincoln will also be teaching in Class 4 on Wednesdays. Mrs Berkel and Mrs Cave are also returning to Class 4 to support learning.

The PE days this term are **Wednesday** (Swimming) and **Thursday** (PE lesson taught by Xtratime Sport). Please can the children bring their swimming kit on **Wednesday** and come to school in full kit on **Thursday**.

As you know, at swimming it is a pool rule that the children need a permission letter to wear goggles, all children will need a new letter for the new academic year. All children will need a swimming hat and tight-fitting swimwear. Please can all jewellery/watches be left at home on **Wednesdays** to avoid misplacing them.

This term the children will be continuing clarinet lessons. Please remember to bring instruments on **Thursday**.

Children do not need to bring a pencil case or any other stationary they will be provided with everything they need for lessons. Please do not bring other items from home such as fiddle toys and teddies.

During the Autumn term our topic is WW2. In History we will be finding out about evacuees, rationing, the home front, women's roles and how people kept themselves safe during 'The Blitz'. In English this term, we are reading Anne Frank by Josephine Poole and Letter's from the Lighthouse by Philip Pullman. We are also learning all about Bawdsey's involvement in WW2 during our local study in geography. We also have some exciting WW2 projects to undertake in art and DT. In science we are looking at extreme environments and how communities have adapted to live in challenging conditions. In maths we will be focusing on place value and the four operations.

Class 4 will be cooking this term and will be bringing lots of tasty treats home. Last year, we planted lots of veggies in our garden with Mrs Rankin and will be cooking with our produce.

We have lots of exciting activities to look forward to this half term such as The Big Sing at Snape Maltings, the McMillan Coffee afternoon and Bike Ability for year 5 (more information to come soon).

We will continue to send spellings home at the start of a half term and testing on Fridays. It would be great to see the children's attempts at their spellings. Uploading a picture to Clasdojo or bringing them in is ideal. We are encouraging all the children to read at home and get their records signed by a grown-up 5x a week. We will be checking the records on Fridays but would like them in school each day so we can record when we hear the children read. Children will also be set MyMaths homework weekly. As always, there are lots of jars of stars up for grabs for those who complete their homework on time!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon and having another fantastic year.

Best wishes,

Miss Mee