**Newsletter No. 35 Summer 2021**

Well, what a year we have had at Barningham CEVC Primary School. From a new Headteacher, to a COVID lockdown, from remote learning, to bubbles, hand sanitiser and regular handwashing, it certainly has been a year of change and uncertainty. As we come to the end of the school year, I reflect on my first two terms as the Headteacher at Barningham school and I am proud of all we have achieved despite the challenges and barriers that COVID has presented. I would like to personally thank the staff, children, governors and parents who have welcomed me into the Barningham family and supported the school at a time of uncertainty. As the weather warms up and we head into Summer break, there is a sign of some light at the end of the tunnel as the world gets ready to return to some form of normality where schools can return to the new ‘normal’.

**Teaching Teams for September**

Below is a summary of teachers and teaching assistants working with pupils from next academic year.

**Reception Rabbit team:** Mrs Price, Mrs Duncan supported by Mrs Morris

**Y1/2 Squirrel team:** Miss Garland, Mrs Smithson supported by Mrs Shelton & Mrs Dear

**Y3/4 Badger team:** Mrs Fairlie supported by Miss Lowe, Mrs Yarrow & Miss Walker

**Y5/6 Owl team:** Mr Rolfe supported by Miss Orton & Mrs Mewse

Mrs Jackson will be supporting children across different classes and will also be covering teaching in some classes to support teachers.

Mrs Shelton will also be supporting children across different classes with their emotional literacy and mental health.



**COVID arrangements in September**

The DfE have now published information for schools for September. As the country moves to Step 4 of the roadmap, the government will continue to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. This marks a new phase in the government’s response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now a focus on reducing the disruption to children and young people’s education. Therefore, from September, there will **no longer be a requirement for schools to remain in bubbles** or maintain social distancing. Instead, **the focus will be now on maintaining handwashing, good hygiene, ventilation and an enhanced cleaning schedule**. We will be updating our risk assessment accordingly ready for September. Please note the following from September 2021:

* We will keep the drop off arrangement to support with parking. Parents are to drop their children to the Bardwell Road entrance anytime between 8.40am and 8.50am. Children will go into class on their own as they have this year.
* Pick up time will now go back to 3.20pm. Parents are to arrive via the Bardwell Road entrance and wait on the playground for their child’s class to be brought out. Exit via Bardwell Road.
* Parents will no longer be expected to wear face coverings on the playground. This will become optional.
* We still want to encourage children to bring their own pencil cases to school to help build with independence. Please see attached equipment list for the recommended items for pencil cases.
* Children will still come to school in their PE kits on their PE days next year

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**Subsidence work on Badger Classroom**

Parents should have all received a letter on Wednesday around the arrangements for subsidence work. This will mean for the first half term, Badger class will be in the hall with a temporary wall installed. There will also be a marquee installed on the playground for school lunches. Please look out for the letter and let us know if you have any questions.



 **We are recruiting Midday Supervisors for September**

 We will be advertising for 2 enthusiastic candidates to support with supervising children during the lunch break. This will be a casual contract for between 2 – 3 lunchtimes per week. Advert will be coming out soon but if you are interested in joining our team, please drop an email to the office so we can make sure you get an application pack!

**Uniform**

A reminder that the **new uniform policy will start in September 2021 and will come fully into place in September 2022.** This will allow families to have the year to move from navy to black and to purchase new uniform when their child grows out of their old uniform. This will also mean for children in Y6 next year, they won't need to buy new uniform for only the one year.

**Suffolk Libraries – Summer Reading Challenge**

Take part in the six book “Wild World Heroes” reading challenge over the summer and make a difference to the environment. The Summer Reading Challenge is back in 2021! More important than ever, it gets children reading over the long summer, while having fun. This year’s theme is Wild World Heroes – a group of friends making their town even better for the people and animals that live there. You can find out how to sign up and to find out more by clicking on this link: <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/annual-events/summer-reading-challenge-2021>

**Breakfast Club**, which opens at 7.45 every morning and costs just £4 per session, **payable when you drop off** please.

 **After School Club** is open for five nights a week until 4:30 and it is £4 a session. We provide a snack, games and friendship – all from the safe distance of our class bubbles - and I’d love to see you there! Please book in advance through the school office. **Please note that there will be no sports after school clubs for the first half term while building work is happening. After school club and breakfast club will continue with Paige as normal.** Breakfast club and after school club can use the main entrance (via Church Road) as normal during the building work



**House Points: Blue 4,373 Yellow 4,255 Red 3,836**

**I can now confirm the overall winner for this year is Blue Team! Well done!**

RABBITS

For working really hard on his writing.

For her excellent effort in PE with learning bat and ball skills.

SQUIRRELS

For being an excellent role model on transition day.

For being kind and helpful on transition day.

BADGERS

For being a wonderful example in transition day to our new year 3!

For providing excellent vocabulary choices during poetry writing.

OWLS

A whole class award for going out of their comfort zones at Kingswood and having a great time.

**Key Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 16th July:** Last day of school for the summer term

**Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th July:** PD Days for staff

**Wednesday 1st September – Thursday 2nd September:** PD Days for staff

**Friday 3rd September:** First day back for children.



**A note from the Governors:** As we reflect on this last academic year we would like to thank our Head Teacher, teachers, teaching support staff, administrative staff, midday supervisors, our school cook and cleaners, for their outstanding work in continuing to inspire the children and dedicate themselves to the safety, wellbeing and educational progress of each and every child at our school. COVID restrictions have placed incredible challenges to us all, and we congratulate the children for responding so positively to new ways of working in order to continue with progress in their education, and we thank all parents and carers involved in supporting their child(ren)'s education during the lockdown which resulted in virtual classes at home. As governors we are very proud to be involved in this school community; we wish all our Year 6 children the very best as they embark on their new adventures at high school in September, and we wish you all a very happy summer break. Keep safe.

Julie Surridge, Chair of Governors (contact: barninghamgovernors+julie@gmail.com)

**Twitter**

Come and have a look at some of the great work happening at school by clicking on this link <https://twitter.com/BarninghamCEVCP> . Also, **You can follow us on @BarninghamCEVCP.** If you can ‘like’ or ‘retweet’ our tweets, it helps to get the school some positive attention.

Our Class Pages are up and running and you can find them here:

@BCEVCPOwls <https://mobile.twitter.com/BCEVCPOwls>

@BCEVCPBadgers <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcpbadgers>

@BCEVCPSquirrels <https://mobile.twitter.com/BCEVCPSquirrels>

@BCEVCPRabbits <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcprabbits>

If you haven’t got a twitter account, you can follow instructions here <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Twitter-Account> . Then once you have an account, you can follow us on @BarninghamCEVCP or your child’s class as above (or both!).

We have now also linked our Twitter feed to our school website class pages, which you can see here:

Rabbits <https://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk/category/rabbits/>

Squirrels <https://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk/category/squirrels/>

Badgers <https://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk/category/badgers/>

Owls <https://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk/category/owls/>

Why not look on our **school website** ([www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk) ) for more information, newsletters and policies.

Stephany Hunter

Head Teacher

 **To learn, aspire, believe and hope through our Christian faith.**

Barningham CEVC Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Hunter, the Alternate Designated Person is Mrs Pipe and the Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is Rev Cathy Bladen.

The Online Safety Lead is Mrs Smithson and the Governor with Responsibility for Online Safety is Rev Cathy Bladen.

    

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