**Newsletter No. 1 Autumn 2021**

**Collective Worship:** This half term, we are focusing on our first core value ‘to be ambitious’ as well as the Christian value of ‘Courage’. We have also been looking at the Parable of the Sower.

**Welcome back!**

It has been great to have the children back to school this week and kick-start the school year 2021-2022. They have come back to school ready for their learning and excited about the new school year. There have been lots of changes to the school over the summer from building work, new staff and changes to classrooms and the children have taken these on brilliantly. I look forward to this school year and focusing on growing champions for the future.

**Vision & Values Launch**

Over the last few months, we have been working with staff, pupils and governors about our schools mission, vision and values. This week, we have begun launching this with the children.

**Our Mission:** ***We grow in faith, grow in our learning and grow our future world***

**Our Core Values:** ***To be ambitious****,* ***to be kind*** and ***to give***

This term, we are going to be focusing on being ambitious and understanding our mission. If you would like to find out more, check below for our ‘Meet the Headteacher and Class Teacher events’

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**Meet the Headteacher and Class Teacher Sessions**

Now that restrictions have eased, we can finally welcome parents back into the school! At the end of September, we will be hosting sessions for parents to come and meet school staff. These sessions will take place in your child’s classroom and teachers will go through key information with you and you’ll have the opportunity to ask questions as well. Sessions are as follows:

**Monday 27th September:** Meet Squirrel’s Teacher Miss Garland 2.30pm – 3pm

**Tuesday 28th September:** Meet Owl’s Teacher Mr Rolfe 2.30pm – 3pm

**Wednesday 29th September:** Meet Badger’s Class Teacher Mrs Fairlie 2.30pm – 3pm

**Thursday 30th September:** Meet Rabbit’s Class Teacher Mrs Price 2.30pm – 3pm

**Friday 1st October:** **Meet the new Headteacher Miss Hunter 2.30pm in the Gazebo.** Here I’ll share with parents the overall school vision and values and you’ll have the opportunity to meet me in person finally.

You’ll receive a link to a form to complete so that we can plan for the amount of people planning to attend within the coming week.

**Road Safety during building works**

The school has run relatively smoothly despite the building work that is currently happening at the school. Badger class are settled in their new temporary classroom and the highlight of children’s day is having their lunch in the gazebo or as a picnic in the glorious weather.

However, I understand that this has meant increased traffic of parents and children in the mornings and after school because of the reduced access. The following measures have been put in place to ease the pressure at these times:

* The large gate by the school car park is opened at 8.40am and at 3.15pm to enable larger groups of people to move more easily.
* In the mornings, the gate on Church Road is opened and children can be dropped here so there are two entrances to the school in the mornings.
* Each morning / afternoon, a member of staff will support with road traffic on Bardwell Road to enable safer crossing for pupils and their parents. I have been doing this duty this week and will continue doing so until the building work is complete.
* Please can I ask parents, where possible, to park further away and walk into school to minimise the amount of cars using the road at the same time.

**Marvellous Me**

Some of you will have noticed in the data collection form around whether you give consent for your child’s photo to be used on Marvellous Me. This is a new programme that we haven’t launched yet but will be by the end of September. It is a parent engagement app that you’ll be able to download on your phone and is completely secure so only you or anyone you grant permission to can access it. Teachers can send postcards about children’s learning and badges when your child has done some great work and you’ll receive a notification on your phone. You can find out more here <https://marvellousme.com/our-mission/> and I’ll write to you again in the near future about next steps to get this set up.



**Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival at the church on Thursday 23rd September at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend. If you are able to, please can you support your child by donating non-perishable items on the morning of Harvest Festival for the church foodbank. This links to one of our core values around ‘to give’ to those in need.

**Uniform**

A reminder that the **new uniform policy has now started but will come fully into place in September 2022.** This will allow families to have the year to move from navy trousers/skirts to black and to purchase new uniform when their child grows out of their old uniform. A summary of the main uniform changes are below:

* Children will wear black bottoms (skirts, trousers, shorts, jogging bottoms on PE days)
* Jumper/cardigan remains navy with the school logo
* Ties will no longer be part of the school uniform from September 2022
* School PE kit will have the red PE t-shirt with logo, black jogging bottoms/shorts and plain all black trainers.

Thank you to all the parents for your commitment in ensuring children are dressed smartly to come to school. They are all looking great for their first full week back.

***Please remember to put your children’s names on all items of clothing so that we can return any lost property to their rightful owner.***

**Childminders/After School Care**

Do you know any childminders or companies that offer after school care? We have some families who are looking for some support and we would like to help them with some recommendations. If you have any, please drop an email to the office and we will pass this on to the right people.

**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.



**House Points:** From next week, these will be shared with children in their celebration assembly on Fridays and I will add to the newsletter weekly.

**Key Dates for your diary:**

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**"A note from the Governors:** Welcome to the new school year and a particularly warm welcome to our new children in Rabbit class as you venture into this exciting phase of your lives! We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and made lots of family memories. We have had a brilliant start to the term, with the school getting back to normal as bubbles are removed and children from different classes can mix together again in assemblies, and at playtimes and lunchtimes. When visiting the school earlier this week it was a pleasure to see the children smartly dressed, well behaved and attentive in their classes. The building work on the Victorian building is quietly going on in the background, and staff and children have adapted incredibly well to using the temporary classroom and lunch marquee. As a governing body we have a vacancy for a parent governor as Karl Saggers is stepping down. We thank Karl for his invaluable contribution to the governing body and his support to the school during the last four years. If you have skills you would like to offer to the governing body to fulfil this vacancy, please get in touch with me at**barninghamgovernors+julie@gmail.com** **.**

We wish all the children and staff a happy and productive year. Julie Surridge, Chair of Governors"

**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!).

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

Headteacher

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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 Mrs Kurtz.

The Online Safety Lead is Mrs Smithson and the Governor with Responsibility for Online Safety is Mrs Kurtz

    

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