**Newsletter No. 6 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’.



**Remembrance Day**

This year, we will be taking part in Remembrance Day activities linked with art and with the church. There will be a Remembrance Day **service at the church on Tuesday 2nd November at 9.15am** which parents are invited to attend. As a school during the day, we will be creating community poppies that will go on display at the church ready for November 11th. The children will also be taking part in various art activities on this day to commemorate and understand the importance of remembrance. The children will also be creating a space within the school grounds to be a space of reflection, to help us grow in faith as part of our school mission.

**5p Challenge!**

We are finally starting our fundraising this year thanks to the Friends of Barningham. Save your 5ps and give them to your child to take into school The first class to fill their bottle with the most 5p coins wins! A fun challenge for the whole class to join together and help raise funds for our school.

**Bag2School**

The Friends have organised a **Bag2School collection for Tuesday 7th December** so please keep hold of your unwanted but still good enough to wear items to bring in that day (pleases do not bring in before as we have no place to store it).

**Change in Jubilee Date for School Bank Holiday**

The new date agreed with Suffolk County Council for the additional holiday day for schools for the Platinum Jubilee is going to be on **Friday 18th February 2022. This will mean that school will be closed on this day.**

**COVID-19**

Thank you to the many families and staff who have booked PCR tests where they have been identified as close contacts and it is pleasing to hear so many negative results coming through. We have not had anymore confirmed cases since I wrote to you last week. We continue to ensure an enhanced cleaning schedule, ventilation and regularly handwashing/good hygiene to limit the spread as much as possible; following government guidelines. I will continue to keep you updated, if this situation changes. Please can I ask parents to help in the following way:

* If your child has any of the COVID-19 symptoms (fever, persistent cough, change/loss of sense of smell/taste), **book a PCR test and keep them at home until test results return.**
* Please contact the school if you are awaiting test results as we can send work for your child to complete, if they are feeling well enough.
* If you have received a letter indicating that your child was in close contact with a positive case, book a PCR.
* Continue to test regularly with LFD tests for adults in your household.
* Communicate with the school any concerns or questions you may have.

**Ventilation in school**

In line with our COVID-19 risk assessment, we ensure that the school is well ventilated with open windows and doors and promoting being outside wherever possible e.g. breaks, lunch and PE lessons. As the weather is getting colder, please can you ensure your child is coming to school with a waterproof jacket/coat and on colder days, wears appropriate clothing and footwear to keep them warm.

**Marvellous Me**

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to our new system. **We now have 75% of parents have now been signed up to the app**, with multiple relatives signing up too. If you haven’t signed up yet, please do so with the letter that has gone out again this week. If you have misplaced the letter, contact the office who can organise for a new one to be sent out. The letter is specific to your child and so your letter will have a login code that will link your device to your child. If you have multiple children at the school, you’ll be able to add all your children to the same app on your phone. Instructions are on the letter and we will use the next few weeks to ensure all parents are on the app before we launch using it. So don’t worry if you don’t receive any notifications while we make sure everyone is logged in.



**Christmas Dates to Save!**

The school Christmas Fayre is provisionally booked for Saturday 4th December – please save the date! We will also be having a Christmas Service at the church on Wednesday 15th December at 9.30am. Parents are invited so please save the date.

**Celebration Assemblies**

As our core value focus this half term is being ambitious, we are celebrating children in our school who have shown ambition in their learning, their faith or in their future world. **If your child has won a certificate or medal outside of school for anything that they take part in, please encourage them to bring this in on Fridays so we can celebrate their ambitious achievements at school**as well.

**Vision & Values Launch**

Over the last few months, we have been working with staff, pupils and governors about our schools mission, vision and values.

**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.

**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.

***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.***

I have seen a great improvement in uniform across the school since we have been back in September. Please can I ask parents to continue to support the school with the following:

* Children should not be wearing earrings on PE days. This is to ensure their safety whilst taking part in PE.
* On non-PE days, children should only wear small studs to avoid any earrings getting caught at break/lunchtime
* Children should not be wearing nail varnish at school.
* Smart watches are not allowed at school – some of these watches have features like recording, taking images, receiving notifications and calculators. As it is difficult to identify which watches have which features, we will no longer be allowing any electronic watches for pupils. If your child would like to wear a watch to school, an analogue watch will be allowed.
* Shoes on PE days from September 2022 will need to be all black. I have noticed in the last week, children coming to school in pink trainers. I know this is not yet our policy but please can I ask parents to support school in ensuring their children are wearing suitable footwear in the meantime.

**Breakfast Club**, which opens at 7.45 every morning and costs just £4 per session, **payable when you drop off** please or via the SchoolMoney app



 **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. We’d love to see you there! Please book in advance through the school office.



**Friends update:** Hi everyone, thank you to everyone who is sending in their 5ps for the coin challenge. We have another week left until we collect the bottles, so there is still time to send in your coins 🙏🏻. The children have designed their festive art ready to be personalised on gifts for Christmas; we look forward to getting the samples out to you in the coming weeks. We have organised a Bag2School collection for Tuesday 7th December so please keep hold of your unwanted but still good enough to wear items to bring in that day (pleases do not bring in before as we have no place to store it). On Saturday 4th December (1-3pm) we are hosting our Christmas Fayre (save the date!), and our next meeting to discuss plans for this is on Wednesday 3rd November at 9.15am in the village hall. All are welcome to attend, we would love to see you and welcome all ideas.

**Friends of Barningham School**



**House Points: Blue 123** **Yellow 75** **Red 117**

**Blue** team are in the lead!

**Key Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 21st October:** Last day of school for this half term

**Friday 22nd October:** PD Day for staff (school closed)

**Monday 1st November:** Children return to school

**Tuesday 2nd November:** Remembrance Service at the church at 9.15am (parents invited)

**Wednesday 3rd November:** Friends meeting in the Village Hall 9.15am

**Saturday 4th December:** Provisional date for Christmas Fayre 1pm-3pm

**Tuesday 7th December:** Bag2School collection

**Wednesday 15th December:** Christmas service at the church 9.30am

**Friday 18th February:** School closed for additional holiday day for the Platinum Jubilee.



**A note from the Governors:** We hope all the children have settled into the new school year and we are so glad that the school are able to welcome parents to events at both the school and the church during the Autumn term now that COVID restrictions have been lifted. Please do attend if you can so you can share part of your child(ren)’s school experience.*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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