**Newsletter No. 2 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. This week we have looked at how Emma Raducanu showed ambition in order to be crowned the champion of the US tennis open.



**Prospective Reception Class Open Afternoon**

*An event for children born between 1 September 2017 – 31 August 2018 who will be ready to start school from September 2022!*

Do you have a child that will be ready to start Reception in September 2022? Or know someone who does? **On Thursday 7th October at 3.30pm, we will be welcoming new families to come along and meet our Early Years team**, have fun playing in our reception classroom, sample the food from our school lunch menu and embark on a guided tour around the school with Miss Hunter. Please share this

**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. If you would like to find out more, check below for our ‘Meet the Headteacher and Class Teacher events’

**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. Every Friday, teachers choose children who have shown our values and our mission in their learning that week. With the building work at the moment, it means assemblies have to be done in two groups as the hall now houses a classroom for Y3/4 class. This means we can’t have parents yet as the space is too small but once the building work is complete, I look forward to being able to welcome parents to this assembly.

Following our core value of being ambitious, ***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. I know many children take part in lots of activities outside of school so it would be great to celebrate these in school too.



**It’s time for Science!**

We have been working hard on our school curriculum over the past few months. AT Barningham, we will now be teaching science, history and geography in blocks. This week we started Science and the children have enjoyed beginning their new topics. We have a key questions (called a fertile question) that children will explore throughout their 3-week unit in KS1 and KS2.

**Squirrels Y1/2: How have scientists changed our lives?**

**Badgers Y3/4: How do sources of light effect everyday life?**

**Owls Y5/6: How could we plan appropriate scientific investigations to answer our enquiries? Which variables do we need to consider?**

**Building Works Update**

The builders have been working hard on getting the underpinning completed under the Badger classroom. I know that this has caused disruption but they have been really supportive of the school in the time they have been here. Unfortunately, the work has experienced a delay due to the complex nature of the task. This means there will be a 3-week delay to the building work and are now **unlikely to finish until the first week back after half term.** I’ll keep you updated of any changes in the meantime.

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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.

If you haven’t yet booked a space, you can do so by clicking here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Kh6pIK5dIkiua24WJDPiUgIitSrcqq9GqFNeOessswlUMjA3WFROVTk0NlFYODhNUUlZWjFJOFRNQS4u>



**Y6 Thurston Sports Festival has been re-arranged**

Year 6 will be going to Thurston Community College to participate in a Team Building Sports Festival. This was meant to be on the 14th September but was cancelled due to the weather. It will now take place on Friday 1st October instead.

**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.



**Friends update:** The Friends are a group of parents, carers and supporters who host a variety of events to raise funds for the school. Our most recent fundraising has allowed us to purchase a new sandpit which gives the children fun at playtimes. As children leave the school, their parents leave the Friends group, and we are left with fewer volunteers to arrange events. So we are making a plea to all readers of this newsletter, please do come along to our first meeting of the school year, which will be held at school (in the marquee dining room) on Wednesday 22nd September at 2pm. We will be looking to appoint a new Chair and Secretary, and plan our fundraising events for the Autumn term. We look forward to seeing you, and do bring your pre-school children. We promise a warm welcome, friendly faces, fun, as well as tea and biscuits. 🙏🏻 ***Friends of Barningham School***



**House Points: Blue 18** **Yellow 12** **Red 25**

**Red** team are in the lead!

**Key Dates for your diary:**

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**Friday 1st October:** Y6 visiting Thurston for rescheduled Sports Festival

**Thursday 7th October:** Reception open afternoon for new prospective parents



**"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 is now 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 that you can share part of your child(ren)’s school experience. As a governing body we have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you have skills you would like to offer to the governing body that would support the school and fulfil this vacancy, please get in touch with me at barninghamgovernors+julie@gmail.com . 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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