**Newsletter No. 3 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.



**Harvest Festival**

Thank you to everyone for their kind donations for the Harvest festival today. We had a great time singing our new school song and reading out some prayers we had written in preparation for the day. With one of our values being ‘to give’ to others, I feel humbled by everyone’s kind donations and I know the food bank will really benefit people in our community.



**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.

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

We have recently received notification from the LA to say that an error was made: **the additional bank holiday date for schools which was going to be on Friday 27th May was incorrect.** This date is no longer a bank holiday and children will be expected to come to school as usual. We apologise for any confusion and will notify you of the amended date once this has been shared with us.



**COVID-19**

The rate of COVID-19 infections are rising in the UK and I am aware that other local primary schools and secondary schools have now got confirmed cases in their school. We do not yet have confirmed cases in our school but I am aware that in the coming weeks this may change. We are following all government guidelines around protecting staff, children and the school community but as we learn to live with the virus, it is important that children are at school and are learning. 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.
* Continue to test regularly with LFD tests for adults in your household.
* Communicate with the school any concerns or questions you may have.

**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. **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.



**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**

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**

A reminder that these are next week! 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>

**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.

**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.

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



**Friends update:** Thank you to those who attended our first fundraising meeting on Wednesday where we planned our fundraising events for the coming months. We elected Mrs Tracy Price (mum to Y6 and Y2) as Chair, and Mrs Frances Kurtz (mum to Y1) as Secretary. Mrs Julie Surridge (mum to Y6 and Y2) remains as Treasurer. Look out for details coming soon for our 5p challenge as our first fundraiser this year 🙏🏻. We will also be organising a Bag2School collection in the near future and signing up for personalised Christmas cards and gifts using the children's festive artwork. We are provisionally suggesting Saturday 4th December (1-3pm) as the date for 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. Due to the building works causing limitations on space in the hall this term, we aim to host an Afternoon Tea in the New Year, and for the same reason we aim to host a Disco for the children around Valentines Day instead of Christmas. Finally, we say a huge thank you to Mrs Sheree Morris and Mrs Sarah Elliston who stood down from their Chair and Secretary roles after 4 years, for their tireless dedication to organising events for the school.

**Friends of Barningham School**



**House Points: Blue 42** **Yellow 33** **Red 49**

**Red** team are still 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

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

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



**"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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