**Newsletter No. 4 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’.

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**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.



**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.

**Marvellous Me**

This week, you will receive a letter to sign up to our new parent engagement app, Marvellous Me. 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.

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**Meet the Headteacher and Class Teacher Sessions**

Thank you so much for attending our meet the teacher sessions this week. It has been great to welcome parents back into the school. Please remember my session tomorrow, meet the Headteacher, is at 2.30pm at school. I hope many of you can make it ☺

**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.

**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.

**Kingswood**

Letters for Kingswood have gone out this week for Owl class. There has been a substantial increase in the cost towards the trip due to increased prices both at Kingswood and for the coach. From next year, we will therefore be running this trip every other year so that children in Owls go in 2022, 2024, 2026 and so on.



**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.

**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.

**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.



 **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 67** **Yellow 46** **Red 66**

**Blue** team are in the lead!

**Key Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 1st October:** Meet the new Headteacher Miss Hunter 2.30pm in the Gazebo.

**Friday 1st October:** Y6 visiting Thurston for rescheduled Sports Festival (***this has now been cancelled and will be postponed for the Spring Term)***

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

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

**Friday 22nd October:** PD Day for staff

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

**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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