**Newsletter No. 5 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’.

**COVID-19**

The rate of COVID-19 infections are rising in the UK and specifically in Suffolk, more than we have seen historically. As I wrote to you previously this week, we remain at **four confirmed positive cases** at Barningham CEVCP. 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 continue to ensure an enhanced cleaning schedule, ventilation and regularly handwashing/good hygiene to limit the spread as much as possible; following government guidelines.

Suffolk Local Authority have shared with me and other local headteachers their outbreak management plan and we have used this as a guide to write our own. This is now on our website here <https://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk/policies/>.We are **not** considered to be at outbreak stage in our school. An outbreak, as outlined in the school’s guidance is when:

o There are 5 positive cases amongst pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10-day period

o 10% of pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10-day period - If COVID-19 infection rates in the community are extremely high, and other measures have failed to reduce transmission

I will continue to keep you updated, as I have done this week, 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.

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**School Photos next week!**

Tempest photography are in next week on **Thursday 14th October** to take individual photos and sibling photos. Please can Badgers and Owls come to school in their school uniform with their PE kit in a bag so they look nice and smart for their school photo.

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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.

**Marvellous Me**

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to our new system. **Over half of the children 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 went out last 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.

**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.

**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.



 **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 two weeks 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 will also be organising a Bag2School collection in the near future. 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.

**Friends of Barningham School**



**House Points: Blue 106** **Yellow 67** **Red 97**

**Blue** team are in the lead!

**Key Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 14th October:** School Photos!

**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 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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