**Newsletter No. 10 Autumn 2021**

Our Core Value for this half term is ‘***to give’***

Our Christian value for this half term is ***‘generosity’***

**Collective Worship:** This week, we have been looking at our new core value which is ‘to give’. We have discussed what giving truly means and what we can give. We summarised this as giving time, money, food, friendships and kindness. We have also been looking at how this links to the Christian value of Generosity.

**Changes to staffing**

We have two members of staff leaving over the next few weeks. **Mrs Mewse** will be leaving on Thursday 25th November after successfully achieving a job in another school within Early Years. We thank Mrs Mewse for everything she has done over the last three years supporting our children and staff throughout her time with us at Barningham. We wish her all the best in her new role!

From January 2022, **Mrs Yarrow** will be moving to Owls to support pupils. **Mrs Morris** will be working additional days in Badger class to support pupils as well.

Our SENDCO, **Mrs Salisbury**, will also be leaving us in December 2021. She has very kindly supported the school since I started in January 2020 and was only meant to be with us short term while we found a permanent member of staff. She has kindly stayed on until I have been successful in recruiting a new SENDCO. Our new SENDCo is called **Mrs Orchard** and she will be starting in January 2022. She is an experienced SENDCO and we are looking forward to her joining our team. Mrs Salisbury and Mrs Orchard are meeting over the coming weeks to handover information regarding SEND pupils.



**Midday Supervisor Vacancy**

We now have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor for around 3 days per week. The role is from 12pm – 1.30pm and involves supporting children during their lunchtime. We have a great team of MDSAs and we would love to welcome another person to the team. To find out more or to collect an application pack, please call or email the office.

**Geography begins next week!**

We are excited to be beginning Geography next week in KS1 & KS2. We will be learning about our world and how this links to our mission – growing our future world to make it a better place.

**Squirrels Year 1/2** How can we protect our oceans for future generations?

**Badgers Year 3/4** Where is Suffolk and how does it compare to other counties in the UK?

**Owls Year 5/6** How are our natural resources distributed? Why is it important to protect this for our future generations?

**Children in Need**

On Friday 19th November, children will be able to bring in a £1 and wear their own clothes with something spotty! All money raised will go to Children in Need. Remember to wear something spotty for Pudsey!

**Shoebox Appeal**

A total of 17 shoeboxes were donated for Operation Christmas Child. A massive thank you to staff and families that contributed to this for your kindness and generosity.

**Spare clothes**

If you have any underwear or PE shorts that your children have out grown we would really appreciate them as spares in school. Please drop these at the front office and they can be passed onto Early Years.

**COVID-19 (Update from Suffolk Guidelines)**

Suffolk County Council had updated headteachers this week their additional measures to manage the risk of infection across the county. There are now three levels that schools fall into. We are considered a Level 1 school as we currently don’t have any confirmed positives tests within the last 10 days. A summary of the measures for a level 1 school are below:

* Usual control measures; ensure an enhanced cleaning schedule, ventilation and regularly handwashing
* Carbon dioxide monitors to be used to action plan areas of poor ventilation
* Essential visitors only to school settings. All visitors to wear face coverings including parents at pick up/drop off
* All staff to wear face coverings in communal areas
* Twice weekly LFD testing for staff and adults
* This will be reviewed every two weeks. The next review will be during the week beginning the 29th November.

**This means it is very likely that we will not be able to host Christmas events with parents in the coming weeks but I will write to you again when the updated guidance comes out in the week beginning 29th November.**

**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.

**Times Table Rock Stars**

We would recommend that the children practice in the ‘Garage’ for three minutes a day at least four times a week. However, there are also lots of different games to explore. At the moment, we would like children from Year 2 to Year 6 to access the website, and will introduce Time Tables Rock Stars to Year 1 at a later date.

**Marvellous Me**

We hope that you have been enjoying the Marvellous Me Badges and activities that have been sent to you over the last few weeks. Badges are sent to individual children who have shown something to be proud of. Activities are sent to summarise what the class have been learning. We hope this helps your conversations at home about what children have been learning.



**Christmas Dates to Save!**

Please check the Christmas events that are all booked in at the end of the newsletter. We have provisionally booked dates for these Christmas events, but these are subject to change given the current additional measures relating to COVID-19 in schools.

For Christmas jumper day and other school events, we will be collecting money to give to SOS children’s villages. We are linked with Porto Alegre and any gift will truly make a difference to the children and families in this village. Every day, they work to ensure that children grow up in a stable environment, where they feel loved, safe and supported, so that they can experience the childhood they deserve. More information to come.

**Celebration Assemblies**

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*.*

**Vision & Values**

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 **giving** to others

**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 has sent in their **5ps for the coin challenge**🙏🏻. The total raised was £44.50 and the challenge was won by Squirrel class who were delighted with the sweets they received for winning. If you have not ordered your unique cards/gifts/keepsakes from [www.mychildsart.co.uk](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk) there is still time to do so - please see the email sent home to parents and carers on 2nd November. **Bags2School** will be collecting your unwanted but still good to use items on 7th December - details of what can/cannot be donated have been published on our Facebook page but for those not on social media look out for an email with the details coming soon. On Saturday 4th December (1-3pm) we are planning to host our **Christmas Fayre** 🎅🏻🎄(save the date!). Due to possible building works and/or COVID restrictions we may not be able to host a full Fayre as per our usual traditions, but we will keep you posted as to what you can expect as we get closer to the date. We are also planning to perform **carol singing** around Barningham on Sunday 12th December so look out for details about that in the coming weeks. Our next **Friends meetings** will be on **Wednesday 24th November 9.15 am** and **Thursday 9th December 9.15 am**, both at the village hall. All are welcome to attend, we would love to see you and welcome all ideas. Thank you all for your continued support as we try to raise funds to provide a bike shelter for the bike rack near the Owl classroom.

To keep up to date with our fundraising activities, follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsBarninghamSchool>

**Friends of Barningham 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.**



**House Points: Blue 196** **Yellow 142** **Red 176**

Apologies because I forgot to add last weeks team points! This is now up to date and shows 2 weeks worth of points. **Blue** team are in the lead!

**Key Dates for your diary: (Please note new dates in red)**

**Friday 19th November:** Children in Need (wear something spotty for Pudsey!)

**Wednesday 24th November:** Friends meeting at 9.15am at the Village Hall

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

**Tuesday 7th December:** Bag2School collection

**Wednesday 8th December:** Christmas Art with parents including dressing of the tree (Rabbits and Squirrels am)

**Wednesday 8th December:** Christmas Art with parents including dressing of the tree (Badgers and Owls pm)

**Thursday 9th December:** Friends meeting at 9.15am at the Village Hall

**Thursday 9th December:** Owl class visiting the Martineaus for Christmas activities at 9.30am

**Sunday 12th December:** Carol singing in Barningham

**Tuesday 14th December:** Rabbits and Squirrels will perform the Nativity in St Andrew’s Church for parents (time to be confirmed)

**Wednesday 15th December:** Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch.

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

**Friday 17th December:** Christmas parties in classes

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



**A note from the Governors:** We welcome back the children and staff and hope all our families had a wonderful half term break. It is regrettable that restrictions have been imposed on schools by the County Council as they try to curb the spread of COVID. The school have arranged a number of events this term which they had planned to invite parents and carers to; it is always a delight to attend school and see and support the children as they partake in various activities. The restrictions prevent parents and carers coming into school, and we are hopeful that the Council will lift them soon. Hoping that everybody keeps safe and well.

***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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