**Newsletter No. 7 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’.



**Half Term is here!**

It has been a busy half term and the children have really settled back into school and we have enjoyed the school going back to some form of normal following the pandemic. Thank you for all of your support this half term and I wish you all a settled and restful half term break. School opens again on Monday 1st November 2021 and I look forward to seeing you all then.



**Remembrance Day**

This year, we will be taking part in Remembrance Day activities linked with art and with the church. There will be a Remembrance Day **service at the church on Tuesday 2nd November at 9.15am** which parents are invited to attend. We will also be taking part in lots of art activities on this day. All children will need to wear their school uniform on this day and their PE kit in a bag if they have PE.



**Art Day: Tuesday 2nd November 2021**

**Please can your child bring in an old, long sleeved large shirt in a bag that they can wear on this** **day** e.g. an adult shirt. This will be worn on top of their clothes to protect their uniform from getting dirty. This shirt will then stay at school for their next art days in the school year.

**Parents’ Evening**

We are intending to hold parents evening this year in person at school for the first time in a few years! This will only change if we have an outbreak of COVID-19 cases but I will communicate this nearer the time. **These will take place in week beginning the 15th November 2021.** These will be spaced throughout the weeks to limit the amount of people in the building at the same time. The days will be as follows:

**Rabbits parents’ evening:** Monday 15th November 3.30pm onwards with Mrs Price

**Squirrels parents’ evening:** Monday 15th November and Thursday 18th November 3.30pm onwards with Miss Garland

**Badger parents’ evening:** Monday 15th November and Wednesday 17th November 3.30pm onwards with Mrs Fairlie

**Owls parents’ evening:** Tuesday 16th November and Wednesday 17th November 3.30pm onwards with Mr Rolfe

You’ll receive information after half term about how to book a space to see your child’s class teacher.



**Attendance Matters**

Every day that a child misses from school really impacts their progress in their learning. On average, each class have around 5 lessons per day.

1 day missed of school = 5 lessons

2 days missed of school = 10 lessons

3 days missed of school = 15 lessons…

It is therefore really important that children come to school everyday as long as they are feeling well enough to attend. **On the rare occasion where your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school before 8.50am** to record them as absent with the reason why. Staff may be able to give guidance or support around your child coming to school. **If there has been no contact from parents, this will go down as an unauthorised absence** which may eventually lead to further action**.** Please support the school and your child’s learning by encouraging them to come to school or communicating with the school when this may not be possible.

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**School Start Time**

We currently have a soft start where the school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. **This means all pupils need to be in school by 8.50am** as this is when their lessons will begin. Please can you ensure your children arrive at school by 8.50am each day as gates will be locked and closed at this time each day.

**High school applications for September 2022.**

This is a reminder from Suffolk Schools Admissions Team to parents/carers of children in Yr 6:

Please apply online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions)

Applications must be submitted **before midnight on Sunday 31 October 2021.**

If you have already made an application, then there is nothing further you need to do.

If parents/carers have any queries regarding the admissions process please contact a member of the Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981 or by emailing admissions@suffolk.gov.uk

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**Times Tables Rock Stars**

After half term, we will be launching Times Table Rock Stars – an online secure platform for children to practice their times tables in a fun and engaging way. This can be accessed on computers and tablets. Please look out for letters coming out after half term about how your child can get setup. To find out more, please click here: <https://ttrockstars.com/>

**5p Challenge!**

We are finally starting our fundraising this year thanks to the Friends of Barningham. Today the bottles have been checked and **Squirrel class have won!** Well done to Squirrels ☺ I’ll let you know after half term what we were able to fundraise.

**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.**

**COVID-19**

All people who were isolating have now returned to school following their isolation periods. This means we are back down to 0 cases in the last 10 days at school. Thank you for your continued support with this. 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. I will continue to keep you updated, 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.

**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.

**Marvellous Me**

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to our new system. **We now have 90% of parents 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 has gone out again this 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.

**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. Please make sure these are removed before they come to school**
* 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.

**Friends update:** Hi everyone, thank you to everyone who has sent in their 5ps for the coin challenge🙏🏻. We look forward to counting the coins and announcing the winning classroom to you all. 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 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). On Saturday 4th December (1-3pm) we are hosting 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. 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.

**Friends of Barningham School**

**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.



**House Points: Blue 150** **Yellow 94** **Red 150**

**Blue** and **Red** team are joint in the lead!

**Key Dates for your diary:**

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

**Friday 22nd October:** PD Day for staff (school closed)

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

**Tuesday 2nd November:** Remembrance Service at the church at 9.15am (parents invited). All children in school uniform and bring a old shirt in a bag for Art Day

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

**Monday 15th November:** Parents’ Evening Week

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

**Tuesday 7th December:** Bag2School collection

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

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

**"A note from the Governors:** As a school we have been very fortunate compared to other schools in our area that our exposure to COVID cases has been minimal. The robust routines we have in school to remind children to wash their hands, having desks and chairs cleaned every day at midday, and regularly wiping down high touch points contribute to this, and we thank all the staff involved in maintaining these high standards to keep everyone at school safe. We are also very grateful to our staff for keeping the school running smoothly when their colleagues were absent from school for isolation reasons. As we reach the Autumn half term holidays, we wish all the staff, children and their families a well-deserved break and, most importantly, we hope you have fun and keep yourselves safe. **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

 **We grow in faith, grow in our learning and grow our future world**

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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