**Newsletter No. 8 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 learning about All Saints Day and have spent the week looking at different saints who have made an impact on the world. Next week will be looking at the theme of Remembrance and why this is important.



**Remembrance Day**

This week, we took part in Remembrance Day activities linked with art and with the church. We created community poppies that will go on display at the church ready for Remembrance Day on November 11th. Each class will walk up to the church early next week to place their poppies inside the church. **Parents will be able to take their child to church before/after school to view the poppies and we will let you know when they are set up.** Y6 children will be attending the Remembrance Event on Thursday 11th at 11am and I will write to Y6 parents separately about this with the arrangements for this day.



**Times Table Rockstars**

This week, you would have received a letter about Times Table Rockstars – a new app we have subscribed to that will help your child practice their times tables in a more fun and engaging way. By the end of the week, you should receive your child’s individual login code so they can get setup with their account. 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 Rockstars to Year 1 at a later date.

 **Parents’ Evening**

Unfortunately, due to the limiting of visitors to essential visitors only, we will be unable to host these in person on this occasion. **They will therefore be telephone calls as per last year and will take place in the week beginning the 15th November 2021.**

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 a Microsoft Form link next week, like last time, to allow you to book a preferred space for when your child’s class teacher will ring you.***

**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.



**Christmas Dates to Save!**

The school Christmas Fayre is provisionally booked for Saturday 4th December – please save the date! We will also be having a Christmas Service at the church on Wednesday 15th December at 9.30am. Parents are invited so please save the date.

We have provisionally booked dates for other Christmas events, but these are subject to change given the current additional measures relating to COVID-19 in schools. If these are lifted, we will be holding the following events:

**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)

**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.

**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 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 **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.

**Christmas Cracker Competition for Y6 children:**

Thurston Community College are running a Christmas Cracker competition for Y6 students to have their favourite jokes featured in their performance. The best 'crackers' will be selected and will not only be featured in the performance but the winners will also receive a small prize and certificate to congratulate them.

If your child would like to enter the competition, please can you submit any jokes from your class by email to the office email no later than Friday 12th November. Please include the name of the student next to the joke they submit so certificates and prizes can be awarded to the winning entries.

**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 **Wednesday 8th 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**

**COVID-19**

We have not had anymore confirmed cases since I wrote to you last week. 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.
* 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.

**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 140** **Yellow 89** **Red 135**

**Blue** team are in the lead!

**Key Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 11th November:** Y6 attending the Remembrance outdoor service at 11am at St Andrew’s church

**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:** Friends meeting at 9.15am at the Village Hall

**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)

**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 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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