**Newsletter No. 15 Spring 2022**

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

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

**Collective Worship:** This week, we have been focusing on our next core value – to be kind and what this means in school, at home and in the community. We have started looking at the Christian value of compassion and how this links with being kind.

**COVID-19 Update**

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Barningham CEVCP have been fortunate with low case numbers throughout while other schools struggled with rising infection rates. However, as I am sure you are all aware, this has changed this week. **We have now had one more additional case in Rabbit class** but they haven’t been in school since Monday 10th January.

This means that in total, **we now have 6 ‘live’ positive cases** and after speaking to the Suffolk Public Health team today, **we are now in Level 2 and have an outbreak in Badger class.** I have worked with the Public Health team today to review our measures and the following additional measures are now in place:

* Badger class will no longer have assembly with the rest of the school. Teachers will lead assembly in their classrooms instead for the rest of this week and the beginning of next week.
* Badger class will continue to have lunch in their classrooms and will not mix with the rest of the school indoors.
* Toilet cubicles will be separated for children in different classes to limit mixing.
* All staff close contacts will be testing with LFDs for the next 7 days.
* All visitors will be cancelled, unless absolutely essential.
* Children will be separated in class groups or family groups within the hall to limit mixing
* Additional clubs (Splat club) will be postponed,
* We will continue all of the other measures that we already have in place e.g. ventilation, face coverings for staff, regular cleaning etc.

**How families can help?** If your child has been identified as a close contact, please carry out LFD tests where possible. Testing is the best way to limit the spread so that people who have the virus isolate as early as possible. Please also be extra vigilant of any symptoms of COVID-19 and book a PCR if your child is showing symptoms. Thank you for your continue support as always.

**Wrap up Warm**

As the temperature drops, the classrooms will feel colder as we have to open windows for ventilation, to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Children are allowed to bring in their PE fleece, even on non-PE days and can wear this on top of their jumpers in the classroom. I would also strongly recommend children wearing thermals under their uniform to keep them warm during the winter months. We do of course close the windows during the day but we follow the carbon dioxide monitors and have to open windows when this rate gets too high. This is all part of our risk assessment and designed to keep us all safe. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

**Splat After School Club Returns (Now delayed)**

We have pushed back the start date for Splat after school club to Monday 24th January. This is to give us another week to get the virus under control as this will involve children from different classes mixing. We have had such a good response from families who wanted to sign up that we couldn’t fit them all in. To avoid disappointment, we have split the children into two groups doing 5 weeks each. All those who signed up will have received a text message today.

**Changes to the school lunch menu**

From after the half term holiday, Wednesday and Thursday lunch choices will swap.  **Roast dinner will be on Thursdays from the week beginning 28th February.** This is due to delivery changes from our catering supplier.

**Science Continues!**

We are just starting our next Science unit of work which we will be doing for just over 3 weeks. The children will be learning about the following:

**Reception Rabbits:** Explorers: How has our world changed over time?

**Year 1/2 Squirrels:** How can we use different materials for everyday use?

**Y3/4 Badgers:** How can we describe the different states of matter? What could change these?

**Y5/6 Owls:** How does light travel and what impact does this have on what we see?

**Class Newsletters** are due to go out by Monday and will summarise what your children will be learning this half term. Please look out for this ☺

**Building Work Update**

After speaking with our contractors, we have been advised that there is a delay with the building work. This has meant the date has been pushed back further. **The new date of completion will be Monday 24th January.** This means that Badger class will continue to be in the temporary classroom in the hall until this point.



**Suffolk Libraries Jumpstart January 2022**

***(Enjoy free online wellbeing and fitness class drop-ins)***

“Regular activities and exercise not only improve your health — they help you feel better and meet new people. Start the new year happy and healthy with our free online fitness classes and wellbeing events. Open to people of all ages — and fitness levels — throughout January. We’ll also be suggesting titles to help you on your health and wellbeing journey.” Find out more here: <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/annual-events/jumpstart-january-2022>

**Midday Supervisor Vacancy**

We still have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor for between 3 days a week to 5 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.

**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 **‘to be kind’**

**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. 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.

**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 496     Yellow 422** **Red 348**

**Blue** team are in the lead!

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

**Thursday 17th February:** Last day of school for spring half term

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

**Monday 28th February:** Children return to school



**"A note from the Governors:**We hope everyone has settled back into their routines as they return to school after the Christmas break. The spread of COVID continues to cause disruption to our lives, and we hope that everyone keeps safe as we learn to live with the virus.  As Governors, we have a vacancy for a Co-opted governor; in particular we are looking for a person with experience in branding.  If you have experience that would support our Governing Body, please get in touch with me to discuss 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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