**Newsletter No. 16 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**

In total up to and including today, **we now have 10 ‘live’ positive cases** and **we remain in Level 2 and have an outbreak in Badger class.** I have continued to work with the Public Health team to review our measures and have additional measures in place to limit the spread in school as much as possible.

**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.

**Face coverings**

Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January. This includes the use of face coverings. However schools have been advised to keep face masks when managing a local outbreak within the school. Please can I remind all parents to wear a face covering on drop off and collection each day, especially at the moment where we have an outbreak. As soon as this outbreak is limited and we return to level 1, I will write to you again and then face coverings will become optional.

**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 once more to **Monday 31st 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.

**Building Work Update**

We are getting closer to the building work being completed! The most recent update is that the Badger classroom is being painted and decorated as I write this. The new date for Badger class to **move into their new classroom will be Wednesday 26th January 2022.** This will also be the same date where we will move back into the hall for school dinners and hopefully will be able to organise after school sports clubs to start up again. Fingers crossed!

**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 Ends!**

We are just finishing off our current Science unit of work which we have been doing for just over 3 weeks. The children have learnt 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?

Next week, we will become Historians. Watch this space to find out what we will be learning about next

**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 572     Yellow 489** **Red 402**

**Blue** team are in the lead!

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

**Wednesday 26th January:** Badgers return to their new classroom

**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

**Monday 28th February onwards:** Roast days will move to Thursdays

**Friends of Barningham Update:** "Hi everyone - Happy New Year to you all, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas. We thank you again for all the wonderful support we received last term, we raised an incredible amount for the school given the restrictions we faced. The first phase of improving the bike rack area has taken place over the Christmas break with the concrete base being laid. This reduces the mud coming into school; the next phase is to fundraise to purchase a perspex shed to protect the bikes from both the weather and footballs at playtime. We have been quiet so far this term given the increase in COVID cases restricting our ability to use the school facilities to fundraise, but we will update you soon of our plans for the term. Please keep a look out for all our latest news on the Friends of Barningham School Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsBarninghamSchool/>

Thank you for your continued support.

**Friends of Barningham 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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