**Newsletter No. 17 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 15 ‘live’ positive cases** and **we are in Level 3 of the Suffolk Public Health Framework 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?**

* Keep your child at home if they are showing symptoms and book a PCR
* regular and daily LFD testing for close contacts
* Informing the school if your child tests positive on an LFD / PCR so we can isolate these cases quickly
* continuing to wear face coverings at school for all adults

**Face coverings**

As of today, the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A. 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.

**Splat After School Club Delayed until after half term**

We have pushed back the start date for Splat after school club once more to **after half term.** This is to give us time to get the virus under control as this will involve children from different classes mixing. We will let you know details about this closer to half term.

**Building Work Update – Badger class return!**

The children were so excited this week as Badger class finally returned to their classroom and the hall has become available once more for PE and lunches. In the coming days, the playground will be cleared so we can use both playgrounds again and hopefully begin returning back to a normal working environment. I will write to you again in the coming weeks when we are able to reopen the entrances and exits for the school.



**After School Sports Clubs**

From next week, we will be able to hold two after school sports clubs because we will have the hall and the playgrounds back to normal. Due to the COVID condition in the school, these will have to be in bubbles to avoid children mixing. For the rest of this half term there will be:

* Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15 for Squirrels
* Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 for Owls
* Badgers will be able to attend from after half term, due to COVID outbreak currently.

You will receive a Microsoft Form link tomorrow to book a space for your child. Keep an eye out for it ☺

**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.

**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.

**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 594     Yellow 509** **Red 426**

**Blue** team are in the lead!

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

**Wednesday & Thursday 2nd & 3rd February:** After school sports clubs return

**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, as you know we are unable to fundraise at school at the moment due to high levels of COVID; our ideas to host cake sales, or a Valentines disco are sadly unable to go ahead this term. We have therefore decided to run another 50/50 raffle over our facebook page - if you fancy a chance of winning £50 to spend in the half term break, please support this raffle - tickets will be £1 each and will be available from Monday 7th February. Details will be uploaded to our Facebook page soon. Please keep a look out for all our latest news on the Friends of Barningham School Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsBarninghamSchool/>



**"A note from the Governors:**COVID has spread through the school at a very fast rate since the return from the Christmas break three weeks ago; the school is now in the highest risk Level 3 category. Please look after each other and support the school with their attempts to minimise the spread by testing regularly, wearing face coverings, and isolating if testing positive. We thank our staff for working so hard with all the additional challenges that COVID presents. Our thoughts are with all our children and their families at this time, and we hope that anyone who has tested positive feels better soon.

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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