**Newsletter No. 14 Autumn 2021**

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.



**Welcome back to the New Year!**

Happy New Year to all the pupils, parents, staff and community from all of us at Barningham CEVC Primary School and welcome back to the start of the Spring term. It has been wonderful having the children back to school and kick starting their learning so quickly after the Christmas break. The children have settled in well despite the challenges that the building work presents. Thank you for your continued support with this and we look forward to finally getting the school back to some form of normality in the coming weeks.



**Science Begins!**

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?

**Splat After School Club Returns**

Starting on Monday 17th January, Splat after school club returns to Barningham CEVCP. This is a messy and fun way to explore bible stories and active games and is run by Counties UK and High Street Chapel Hopton. The club is open to any child in year 1 through to year 6 and will be from 3.20 – 4.20pm and is completely free of charge! Letters have gone home in bags today. Please complete these and send them back into school if you want your child to join this club every Monday.

**COVID-19 Update**

As I am sure you are all aware, positive cases nationally are increasing at a substantial rate. We currently have **4 confirmed positive cases** within our school community but these people are isolating and have not returned to school since the Christmas break and therefore not had close contact with anyone at school. We are continuing with our measures at school to keep children and staff safe including

* enhanced cleaning schedule, ventilation and regularly handwashing
* Carbon dioxide monitors used monitor areas of poor ventilation
* Essential visitors only to school settings. All visitors to wear face coverings including parents at pick up/drop off
* All staff to wear face coverings in communal areas and twice weekly LFD testing for staff and adults

If your child does test positive, please contact the school via the office to inform us so we can ensure you receive isolation work for your child to complete while they are isolating, if they are well enough to.

**Wrap up Warm**

The weather has certainly taken a turn and it is now much more like winter! 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.

**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.** I know that this is frustrating but I feel confident that everyone is working as fast as they can to get the project completed. This means that Badger class will continue to be in the temporary classroom in the hall until this point.



**PE Kits**

We have changed a few timetables that means from next week**, Badger class will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays** and **Rabbit class will now have PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays**. They will need to come to school in their PE kits on these days.

**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 – 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.

**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 441     Yellow 371** **Red 316**

**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:** A Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that you are well rested for the start of a new year. We wish all the children and staff a happy and positive year ahead, and we look forward to seeing the children’s lives enriched as they learn and develop a little more each day. **Julie Surridge"**

**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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