**Newsletter No. 20 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.



**Half term!**

We finally made it to the end of this half term. I know it has been a tricky one with many children, parents and staff testing positive for COVID over the past few months. I am glad to say that despite this, we managed to stay open and continue in school education for the children which has been vital in trying to close the gaps as a result of COVID. Thank you for your continued support over the past few months from regular testing, keeping us up to date of any positive cases and completing home learning with your child while they have been off. I hope you enjoy a well deserved break and we will see you on Monday 28th February for the return to school.

**Changes to drop off and collection**

From after half term, both entrances and exits will be open for drop off and collection. The pathway around the Badger classroom is now ready to be walked on. Please note, we have laid new grass seed around the area near the path so please can you support us by not letting your children walk on this as they walk around.

**In the mornings:** Drop off will remain anytime between 8.40 and 8.50am. Parents to walk their children to either the Bardwell Road gate or the Church Road gate and when a member of staff arrives, children will be able to make their way to the classroom. This has supported in ensuring children get started with their work quickly.

**In the afternoons:** Parents to collect their child from the top playground as usual. Parents will then have the option to exit via Bardwell Road or to walk around the Badger classroom and exit via the Church Road entrance.

**COVID-19 Update**

In total up to and including today, **we now have 6 ‘live’ positive cases within the last 10 days.** We are finally seeing a drop in cases and have now been dropped down to **Level 2 of the Suffolk Public Health Framework.**

Schools across the country are awaiting guidance on what after half term will look like if the restrictions are lifted around isolation rules. I will write to you once I know more and this guidance have been released.

 

**Additional Bank Holiday on Friday – don’t forget!**

Just a reminder that **school will be closed tomorrow on Friday 18th February** for the bank holiday in lieu of the Queen’s Jubilee. The last day of this half term will be on Thursday 17th February.



**Red Nose Day**

Children can come to school with a £1 and dress in red on Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. More information to follow ☺



**World Book Day**

World Book Day this year falls on Thursday 3rd March. We will be inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character. You can find lots of creative ideas at [www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas](http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas)

We are asking children to bring in a £1 donation and all donations will be used to buy new books for school.

**No Toys from Home**

Over the last few weeks, children have started bringing in their own personal items from home like small toys, keyrings, and fidget toys. These are distracting them from their learning and are often causing upset when they get lost or misplaced. Children will not be allowed to bring these into school. If a member of staff sees it, they will confiscate it and give it back to the child at the end of the school day to take home. Please support your child with this.



**After School Sports Clubs**

This week, we have been able to hold two after school sports clubs because we now have the hall and the playgrounds back to normal. After half term this will be:

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

**You should have received a Microsoft Form link to complete if you would like your child to join one of these sessions. Please contact the office for further information if you would like to book a space.**

**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.

**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 765    Yellow 644** **Red 634**

**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 & Splat After School Club begins

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

**Thursday 3rd March:** World Book Day (more information to follow)

**Friday 18th March:** Red Nose Day (more information to follow)

**Monday 4th April:** Easter Egg Hunt at the Martineaus (pm)

**Week Beginning Monday 4th April:** Badger class performance (TBC)

**Wednesday 6th April:** Easter Service at the Church at 9.30am (parents invited)

**Friends of Barningham Update:** "Hi everyone, thank you to everyone who supported our 50/50 raffle this term as we continue to work towards funding resources for children at our school. We will look to hold a Friends meeting early next term to arrange our next fundraising events. Whilst we are dependent on guidance for COVID, we are hopeful that we may be able to host our previously popular Easter coffee afternoon and raffle. Please keep a look out for all our latest news on the Friends of Barningham School Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsBarninghamSchool/>

The Friends of Barningham Team



**"A note from the Governors:**A note from the Governors: The school has had a challenging term with widespread COVID taking hold in all classes at various times. We hope that everyone who has been exposed to COVID is now feeling well, and thank you to everybody for testing regularly so that cases were identified early, and those affected could isolate and protect others. We thank all the staff at the school who worked together to ensure that the school could remain open when COVID caused staff shortages. We wish you all a happy half term break and we are hopeful that when school returns, normal activities can resume; after almost 2 years of restrictions, it will be good for families to attend school events again, and share some of the happy moments your children experience each day. As Governors, we have a vacancy for a Co-opted governor; in particular we are looking for a person with experience of 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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