**Newsletter No. 21 Spring 2022**

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

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

**Collective Worship:** This week, we have had some great Collective Worship. On Monday, we had the Open the Book Team arrive once more and shared the story of Moses as a baby through wonderful acting and storytelling. Some of our children got to take part as well. We also looked at pancake day and preparing for Lent as well as celebrating World Book Day today.

**Travelling to and from school**

We now have both entrances and exits open for drop off and collection. Now that both entrances are open and the building work complete, we will return to having adults on duty at both gates and not on the road. **We strongly recommend parents and children to use the Church Road entrance and exit as this is a safer route**. In the mornings, I will be on one of the gates and Mrs Shelton will be on the other gate. Each week we will swap gates so that I have the opportunity to speak with all the children and the parents. This week I have been on the Church Road entrance and next week, I will be on the Bardwell Road entrance. Come and see me and please feel free to talk to me, mask free ☺

**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 1 ‘live’ positive case within the last 10 days** but this person has not had any contact in school since returning after the half term break. We have really enjoyedthe school feeling like it is returning to normal with all children being able to mix again at breaks and lunchtimes and with returning to whole school assemblies once more.

If we do have any cases moving forward, I will text parents if there is a positive test in their child’s class; just to keep you informed. If we have an outbreak at any point, I will write to parents to explain this. But fingers crossed, we are on the journey now of returning to normality.

**World Book Day**

We have had a wonderful day today celebrating World Book Day and dressing up as our favourite characters. Thank you for all your kind donations – these will be used to purchase new reading books to continue our love for reading in the school. Don’t forget to spend the £1 Book token on one of the special world Book Day books – you can find out where to buy them from by clicking here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



**Reading Challenge**

We launched the reading challenge this week. Our aim is to promote a love of reading for all children in our school by encouraging the habit of reading daily. We are asking all children to read at home daily. All reading records will be checked in school every Friday. **Children who have read at home, 7 days, for that week will be awarded a certificate in our Celebration Assembly as well as a ticket to be entered into a whole school prize draw to win a book** **weekly.**



**Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March**

Red Nose Day is coming. And whatever you do, no matter how small, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. We have the power to change lives; to ‘grow our future world’ as our mission outlines.

As one of our values focuses on ‘giving’ to others and another one focuses on ‘being ambitious’, some Y6 pupils have designed a fun and engaging way to raise money for charity this year. **All children will have the opportunity to take part in a Red Nose Day Fun Run at lunchtime on Friday 18th March** and will run laps of the cricket meadow next to the school. Each child who takes part can ask for donations from their friends and family and bring it in to school – all money raised will go to the Red Nose Day charities.

**All children will be able to come to school dressed in red and bring in £1** to wear their own clothes. Sporty clothes / trainers would be great to help children run around the meadow.

**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:

* Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15 for Squirrels (Dodgeball)
* Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 for Badgers and Owls (Dodgeball)

**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.**

**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 ambitious’**

**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 819    Yellow 681** **Red 686**

**Blue** team are in the lead!

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

**Wednesday 9th March:** Friends meeting in the Village Hall at 9.15am

**Friday 18th March:** Red Nose Day (wear red sporty clothes and bring in a £1)

**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, we are now busy planning to welcome back our fundraising in school again now that restrictions have been lifted. Keep an eye out for details coming soon. We are having our next friends meeting on Wednesday 9th March, 9:15 In the village hall. Please feel free to come along as we would love to welcome new members to the team. To keep up to date with the latest news from the friends check out the Friends of Barningham Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsBarninghamSchool/>

Friends of Barningham team



**"A note from the Governors:**Welcome back everyone, we hope you enjoyed the half term break and had some fun family times together. We wish all the children and staff a happy and productive term as we approach Easter, and we look forward to school life returning to normal after two years of restrictions; it will be fantastic for parents and carers to visit school and enjoy the buzz that comes from being amongst happy children. 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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