

# Newsletter

#### No.1 Autumn 2022

## The Death of Her Majesty, The Queen

We have been saddened by the news of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and would like to send our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to her family and close friends during this difficult time.

We held a commemorative assembly at St Andrew's Church on Friday which was planned and led by our Faith Council where they shared thank yous, prayers and memories of the late Queen. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and I am sure you will agree that the children did a wonderful job.

As we enter into a period of national mourning, we will continue to work with the children commemorating and celebrating the life of the Queen. Her Majesty, The Queen, was a role model to many and not only was she the Head of State, but also the head of the Church of England, her faith being her guiding principle.

Therefore, our collective worship this week will be planned to support children, age appropriately, with understanding the key events that are happening over the next few days as well as to share how the Queen demonstrated ambition and courage during her long reign as the Queen of England and of the Commonwealth. As always, our assemblies are inclusive and will support all children, regardless of faith, to use this as an opportunity to reflect, ask questions and commemorate the life of our longest reigning monarch.

Some children may experience a range of emotions when a key national figure has died and we will support our children during this time in the best way that we can. If you are worried about your child, please do contact the school.

#### School Closure for State Funeral

We have received guidance from the DfE to say that **all schools will close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. This will be a Bank Holiday**. School will open as normal again on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



Our Core Value for this half term is

#### to be ambitious

Our Christian value for this half term is

courage

#### Queen Elizabeth II State Funeral

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 will be a bank holiday. School will be closed on this day.

#### Prospective Reception 2023-2024 Open Afternoon

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm. Find out more on the next page.

#### To grow in faith, grow in our learning and grow our future world



#### Welcome to our new brand and website!

We have been working really hard over the Summer term to create our new brand and identity based on our vision and values which I can now finally share with parents. You will have noticed our new letterhead and newsletter templates as well as our new signs and posters both inside and outside of the school. This is all about creating a streamlined identity and we hope you like it. I am pleased to announce that **our new website is now live**! You can see it here: www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk

This has all been updated to reflect where we are currently as a school and our parent pages in particular, I know you will find useful. Thank you to all the parents who shared their thoughts during parents evening last year with both myself and governors. We have used all of this information to design our website so it is user friendly and is a hub for all things parents want to know, in one place. There are still sections that need content added and these will be updated in the coming weeks.

#### Prospective Reception 2023-2024 Open Afternoon

Will you be looking for a school place for your child to join Reception in September 2023? Or know someone who will be? Come along to Barningham Church of England VC primary school's open afternoon for prospective parents looking to apply for a school place in September 2023. Our Reception Open Afternoon is on Thursday 6th October 2022 at 3.30pm. Come and meet the Early Years team and the Headteacher and find out more about our small village school.

*If your child was born between 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019 they will be ready to join their school from September 2023!* 

Contact the school to book a place on our open afternoon via 01359 221 297 or by emailing <u>admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk</u>

#### **Phonics Parent Information Sessions**

We have started a new Phonics programme at school called Read Write Inc (RWI). Miss Garland leads reading and phonics and will be leading two parent information sessions. Please come along to find out more:

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2.50pm – 3.15pm for all parents in Year 1, 2 and some parents in Year 3 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2.50pm – 3.15pm for all parents in Reception



#### **Class Newsletters**

Each half term, class teachers will send out a class newsletter. This will let you know what your child is learning in their class in all their subjects. You should receive this via email and in the first week of each half term. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

### Website, Twitter, Marvellous Me & Tapestry

We have lots of ways to keep parents up to date with information about what is happening in school. Whilst we await all the parent forms giving permissions for various platforms, some of these may not yet be updated. You can find out more in the following ways:

Website: www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk

Twitter: https://twitter.com/BarninghamCEVCP

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 can be found here:

@BCEVCPOwls https://mobile.twitter.com/BCEVCPOwls

@BCEVCPBadgers <a href="https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcpbadgers">https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcpbadgers</a>

@BCEVCPSquirrels <a href="https://mobile.twitter.com/BCEVCPSquirrels">https://mobile.twitter.com/BCEVCPSquirrels</a>

@BCEVCPRabbits https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcprabbits

**Marvellous Me:** This is a private platform to hear great things happening at school. Letters will come out soon

Tapestry: This is for Reception parents only. Letters will come out soon to set your accounts up.

#### A note from the governors

"Welcome to the new school year and a particularly warm welcome to our new children in Rabbit class as you venture into this exciting phase of your lives! We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and made lots of family memories. It is pleasing to see all the school improvements made over the holidays including new toilets, windows and rebranding of the signage throughout the school to have a consistent theme. We love seeing the branding replicated in the new website. As a governing body we have a vacancy for a parent governor as Neel Shearer has transferred to being a Co-opted governor. If you want to know more about the work of the governing body, or are interested in fulfilling this vacancy, please get in touch with me at

<u>barninghamgovernors+julie@gmail.com</u>. We wish all the children and staff a happy and productive year." Julie Surridge, Chair of Governors



#### **Clubs and Extended Day Provision**

We run a great **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.

We run an **After School Club** which 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.

We also run **Sports After School Clubs** which are funded by our Sports Premium and so these are free of charge to parents. Contact the school for more information.

#### **House Points**

Red: 25 points Yellow: 20 points Blue: 18 points

#### Key Dates for your diary

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2.50pm – 3.15pm:** Phonics parent information session for all parents in Year 1, 2 and some parents in Year 3

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Thursday 6th October 3.30pm: Prospective Reception Open Afternoon (Reception 2023-2024)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Last day at school for children before half term begins

Friday 21st October: Staff training day (PD Day)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Children arrive back to school for Autumn 2.