



Barningham CEVC
Primary School

Newsletter



No.21 Spring 2022

World Book Day!

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day and children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring in £1. The money raised will be used to purchase new books for the school. In addition, we will be launching the Readathon – an opportunity to promote reading and to raise money for Read for Good. See letter sent out earlier this week.

Welcome to 'The Acorn'

You may have noticed a new addition to our school as we have built a small, additional room next to the Owl classroom. This room will be called The Acorn and will be used for small groups of pupils to have extra support, tuition or for our school councillors to meet. This will create a much nicer space for children to learn and discuss in a peaceful environment. We have some final touches to add before it is ready to use but hopefully this will be soon 😊

School Dinners Price Increase

Education catering services across the UK, are suffering from the cost increases in food products, increased fuel costs for transport and food production, recruitment issues and the UK wage increases. Vertas, who supply our catering service will be therefore **increasing their cost per pupil meal to £2.50** (previously this was £2.30). This will be in effect from the 1st April 2023 – straight after Easter break. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, click here to find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Teacher Strike Action

The next strike days for the NEU are on Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. A further strike for the Eastern Region is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1 March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay and not because of any issues at individual schools. **At this point in time, we continue to remain open to all pupils as usual.** If this changes, I will write to you again.

Our Core Value
for this half term is



to be ambitious

Our Christian focus
for this half term is

Lent & Easter

Monday 20th March

No After School Club
and no Splat club

Parents Evening

Monday 20th &
Tuesday 21st March

Friday 24th February

Friends School Disco

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day
(Dress up for £1)

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



Parents' Evening

Monday 20th March & Tuesday 21st March Please save the dates for parents evening next half term. Online forms will be sent out after half term for you to book your slot.

There will be no after school club on Monday 20th March and no Splat Club on this day.

Swimming for Owls

After many years of cancellations because of COVID, we are finally able to go back swimming. To ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to learn to swim before they finish Year 6, this will be in place for Owl class this year. **Owls will be going swimming every Monday from after Easter until the end of the school year.** More details to follow in a separate letter for Owl parents.

STEM festival for Y6 pupils

Thurston Partnership are hosting and leading a STEM festival focusing on exploring the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). The STEM festival will consist of a number of practical activity stations for students to take part in on Tuesday 14th March. More information to follow for Y6 parents.

A message from the Friends

Hi everyone, we hope you had a great half term break and are looking forward to some fun games and dancing at our disco on Friday evening. It promises to be great fun. As always we hold two sessions - 6pm til 7pm for Rabbits & Squirrels, and 7.15pm til 8.30pm for Badgers & Owls. This entry fee of £2 includes soft drinks for the evening. We will also run a tuck shop where we will sell crisps and sweets, and also have our temporary tattoo stall which is always popular with the children. Tickets are available from the school office.

Our recent fundraising has been focused on raising funds for each classroom to have an interactive whiteboard. Whilst we are still fundraising for the Badger classroom (we are about 70% of the way there), we are so thrilled that the school has now been able to purchase interactive whiteboards for the both Owl and Badger classrooms. The feedback from both staff and children is that these are a fantastic resource for their classrooms. We continue to work towards funding the remaining 30% for the Badger whiteboard to repay the school, and then our focus will be on the one for the Squirrel classroom. Thank you to everyone who has supported our events over the last 18 months, it is fantastic to be able to invest those funds on devices that improve the children's classroom experience.



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Future Fundraising:

We are looking into personalised **Coronation Tea Towels** as souvenirs for the Coronation - more news to follow.

Possible **Popcorn night** - details still being worked out
Summer Fayre 1st July 2023

Dates in the diary are:

Disco - Friday 24th February - 6pm til 7pm for Rabbits & Squirrels / 7.15pm til 8.30pm for Badgers & Owls

Friends Meeting - Wednesday 22nd March 7pm, Barningham village hall

Easter Coffee Afternoon - Friday 24th March

Coronation Afternoon Tea - Friday 5th May

Summer Fayre - Saturday 1st July

Social Media - support our social media presence on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Please take pictures at our events and tag them with #friendsofbarninghamschool #fobs so we can all enjoy your photos and memories

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

Twitter: @BarninghamPTA

Instagram: @friendsofbarninghamschool

For up-to-date information on what the Friends are organising, please follow our Facebook page. It also has a **stock list of pre-loved uniform items** that are available for a small donation should your child(ren) outgrow their uniform and you need a quick replacement. <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsBarninghamSchool/>

We thank you for your continued support
Friend of Barningham School

PE Uniform

Some children have started to come to school in the incorrect PE uniform. All children need to wear plain black jogging bottoms / shorts and plain black trainers on PE days. Thank you for your continued support with this.



Careers Week (6th – 11th March)

We are running a careers week at school where we want the children to learn about and celebrate a variety of careers. We need your help! We would like to invite parents in to talk to a class about their job, and answer some questions from the children about their career. We will have teachers on hand to lead and support this with you. If you are interested and available between Monday 6th March and Friday 11th March, please contact the office on admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk or call us on 01359 221 297 and let us know your job and what dates and times you would be available as well as how long you would be available for.

NHS Rainbow Day (7th July)

NHS Rainbow Day (Friday 7th July) We would also like to invite parents who work for the NHS to come and talk to the children on Friday 7th July just as above. We would like to celebrate all the wonderful work that the NHS does for us.

A note from the governors

Welcome back to all our children and staff and we hope you all had a fantastic half term break. We look forward to the second part of the Spring term and the warmer weather and lighter days that this term brings, as well as some dressing up days, parents' evenings and a school performance from the Badger class. If you would like to know more about the work of the governing body, please get in touch with me at barninghamgovernors+julie@gmail.com.

Julie Surrige, Chair of Governors"

House Points

Red: 1,001 points **Yellow:** 1180 points **Blue:** 1322 points

Key Dates for your diary

(Please note changes and amendments are in red)

Friday 24th February 23: Friends School Disco

Thursday 2nd March 23: World Book Day (Dress up as your favourite Book Character!)

Monday 6th March to Friday 11th March 23: Careers Week

Tuesday 14th March 23: Y6 STEM Festival @ Thurston

Monday 20th March 23: Parents' Evening

Tuesday 21st March 23: Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22nd March 23: Friends Meeting at 7pm, Barningham village hall



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Thursday 23rd March 23: Badger music performance with Mr Moulton @ 9.30am (parents invited)

Friday 24th March 23: Friends Easter Coffee Afternoon

Tuesday 28th March 23: Badger Class Performance @ 2.30pm for parents with younger siblings

Thursday 30th March: Easter Service at the Church @ 9.30am

Friday 31st March Badger Class Performance @ 9.30am for parents

Friday 31st March: Last day of term

Monday 17th April: Children return to school after Easter break

Monday 17th April: Owl class start swimming lessons (every Monday)

Friday 5th May: Friends Coronation Afternoon Tea

Friday 7th July: NHS Rainbow Day

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.

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 <https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcpbadgers>

@BCEVCPsquirrels <https://mobile.twitter.com/BCEVCPsquirrels>

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

Marvellous Me: This is a private platform to hear great things happening at school.

Tapestry: This is for Reception parents only and has now been set up for you.