

# Newsletter

## No.20 Spring 2024

#### **Careers Week**

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Careers Week this week – the children loved finding out about new jobs and careers to inspire them for their future. We look forward to hosting this again next year.

## World Book Day

We raised a total of £120 on World Book Day from the £1 donations and the money used to buy books from our future world council. The money raised has been used to by new books for our prize box and also to buy books that promote diversity. Thank you for your kind donations. This will help to grow our future world and teach children about how diverse our world is.

# After School Club from after Easter

We have been working with Premier who will be taking over after school club from after Easter. They will be emailing parents in the coming weeks with further details. The booking link is not yet ready to book onto as there are a few changes to make. I will let you know when this is ready. Summary of changes are below:

- After school club will run Monday – Friday until 5.30pm

- Parents will be able to book online in advance or on the day where needed. This will not be through the school but we will send out the link each half term so parents can book in advance.

- First hour until 4.30 for £5 or Two hours until 5.30 for £8 Look out for additional information coming in the next two weeks.

#### Easter Craft Morning

On Tuesday 19th March we will hold an Easter craft morning. All other lessons will be dropped, parents/carers will be invited in to work with their child There will be two time slots during the morning, this will allow parents with more than 1 child in the school to visit both classrooms. We look forward to welcoming you to the school. **Craft session 1:** 9:00-9:45 **Tea & Biscuit Break:** 9.45 – 10.10 **Craft session 2:** 10:10-10:55 Our Core Value for this half term is



Our Christian value for this half term is

perseverance

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Craft Morning (parents invited)

9am-11am

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Friends Easter Afternoon Tea

2.30pm – 4pm

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



#### Easter Events – Save the Date!

We are hosting events for Easter and have listed these below. More information to follow but wanted parents to save the date <sup>(c)</sup> Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Craft Morning 9am – 11am Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Friends Afternoon Tea 2.30pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Egg Hunt @ the Martineaus (Pupils only) Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Badger Class Performance of Matilda 2pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Badger Class Performance of Matilda 2pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Service @ Church at 9.15am

#### Audio Books

During our World Book Day assembly we talked about listening to audiobooks. If you have a library card you can borrow audiobooks for free. It's really easy to set up. We have included the links to help you to set up the Libby app and the Borrow Box app. If you have any problems please ask or visit your local library.

Audiobooks can benefit children's reading skills and enjoyment, as well as their mental wellbeing and emotional intelligence. They can widen children's access to literature. Audiobooks offer easy access on many devices to a wide range of texts. They are also able to access more of a book than reading alone, as the listening experience deepens their understanding of tone, pronunciation, accents and dialects.

Libby | Suffolk Libraries BorrowBox | Suffolk Libraries

#### Lowering our age range to include 3 year olds

We are currently in discussions with the local authority to lower our age range to include 3 year olds. We are busy putting together our proposal and will share this with parents by Easter so that it can go out to consultation. We are hoping to be admitting 3 year olds by September 2024. If you haven't had a chance yet, please do complete our parent questionnaire, even if you don't have a nursery aged child. You can do so here:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Kh6pIK5dIkiua24WJDPiUvfC8GQn2zFCjyg CaJL80V5UN0U4QjZBV1NMN0tHQIBOSIZOQk5aRzg0NC4u

#### **Vertas Catering Changes**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, the cost of a school meal will be increased to £2.58. Do you think you may be entitled to free school meals? Click here to check eligibility https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-andtrips/apply-for-free-school-meals



#### **Attendance Race**

This term we have combined Rabbit & Squirrel class for the attendance race to make sure the numbers balance between classes. Results for last week are below:

 $1^{st}$  Place: Squirrel & Rabbit Class with 98.7%

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Owl Class with 98.0%

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Badger Class with 97.6%

Current standings are first place: Rabbit & Squirrels with 22 points, second place: Owls with 19 points and third place: Badgers with 13 points.

#### **House Points**

This week:	<b>Red:</b> 189	Yellow: 195	Blue: 203
Total this year	<b>: Red:</b> 2,785	Yellow: 2,931	Blue: 2,848

# A note from the governors

"How lovely it was to spend time with the children at the Explorer cafe last week as the school celebrated World Book Day and the importance of reading for children; the outfits on World Book Day were brilliant too. As we approach Easter, we are looking forward to the school production from Badgers and the share morning; it is great 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; if you are interested in joining us, or want to know about our role in the school, please get in touch with me to discuss at <u>admin@barningham.suffolk.sch.uk</u> Julie Surridge, Chair of Governors."

#### Key Dates for your diary

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Deadline to complete Nursery Questionnaire Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Craft Morning 9am – 11am Friday 22nd March: Friends Easter Event 2.30 til 4pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Service @ Church at 9.15am Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Egg Hunt @ the Martineaus (Pupils only) in the afternoon Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Faith Council visit Bury Cathedral for Big Sing! Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Badger Class Performance of Matilda 2pm (parents with young children) Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Badger Class Performance of Matilda 2pm (parents only) Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Last day of Spring Term. Easter Break begins Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Cost of school lunch increases to £2.58 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Staff training day – school closed



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: First day back at school for Summer Term Friday 26th April: Friends Afternoon Tea 2.30 til 4pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Friends Summer Fayre 1pm – 3pm Friday 12th July: Friends Disco – after school, timings to follow

## **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. Please book in advance through the school office.

#### Website, Twitter & 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:** <u>https://twitter.com/BarninghamCEVCP</u> (more recently changed to 'X')

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 <u>https://mobile.twitter.com/bcevcprabbits</u>

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