



## BARNINGHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter No. 20 Spring 2021

Our focus for Collective Worship this half term is **Service**.



#### Laptops, Laptops, Laptops

I have to say a massive thank you to the local community who have really supported the school by donating second hand laptops and devices. We have to date **received 4 new government laptops and 6 second-hand laptops** donated by the community which have all gone to families to support them with getting online. We are also due to receive this week **5 additional second-hand laptops** from 1-2-1 Computing in Diss. This means that in total, we will be able to lend out 15 laptops to families who need it to get online where the best learning is happening.

Last week, our focus was supporting families with getting online and encouraging children to submit work for all subjects and we managed to end the week **at 89% of children joining in with online lessons and 85% of children submitting work, an increase from last week**. A fantastic achievement! Thank you parents for your continued support with this.



#### Phone calls

We have started calling all families this week to check in and see how they are getting on. Don't worry if you haven't received a call yet – we have a rota of staff working through calling all children so that by the end of next week, every family would have had a call from a member of staff. At times, school staff may ask to speak with your child – this is just to check in with how they are doing, check that their work is going well and answer any questions they may have.

Each day, school staff will be ringing families where a child hasn't been able to log in online or submit work. We as a school are responsible for pupil's learning during term time and will do everything we can to support families during this time.



#### Half term

**School will be closed during half term break** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. This means there will be no expectations for remote learning or live lessons and the school will be closed for key worker and vulnerable families. We will only be supporting contact tracing should anyone at school in the last week test positive for COVID-19.

### 'Daily Family Together Activity'

*For each day of the week, Barningham CEVC Primary School will share one activity that families can do together. With children now spending so much time doing their learning on computers or tablets, these activities are designed to move away from the computer and bring the family together.*

*This is an optional activity and so does not need to be completed as part of the children's home learning but if you would like to take part and share your activities with us, we would love to see them! You can find these on your child's Google Classroom login or by visiting our website <https://barningham.suffolk.sch.uk/category/daily-activities/>*



#### ***This week's activities are:***

- Monday*** – Origami Swan
- Tuesday*** – Chocolate Cornflake Cake
- Wednesday*** – Recycled Bird Feeder
- Thursday*** – Engage Your Senses
- Friday*** – Hug in the Post

House Points:

Blue 1,993

Yellow 2,135

Red 1,904



### Achievement Awards and House Points

Children who are learning from home can earn house points as well as those who are attending school. This week, we have started giving out more stars of the week because there are so many children who are doing so well working at home!



**RABBITS** - for her excellent engagement and effort in all her learning.

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**SQUIRRELS** - for submitting all her work and working so hard

**BADGERS** - what wonderful commitment and hard work you have demonstrated in all your lessons.

**BADGERS** - brilliant dedication to online learning and writing a very entertaining persuasive letter

**OWLS** - for perseverance in maths and never giving up despite finding it hard.

**OWLS** - for her beautiful PowerPoint presentation and work in her non-chronological report.



**Badger Class** have been writing persuasive letters in English and Mrs Fairlie was so impressed with one pupil's letter that we wanted to share it with you:

*Dear Prime Minister,*

*I want you to stop whatever you are doing and listen to me! We need to talk, talk about Covid.*

*Make more vaccines and save lives. Everyone is fed up of covid. I am fed up with wearing masks, washing hands every second of every day and keeping a distance from everyone that I see. I can't go to any of my favorite places such as cinemas and restaurants. I still go to school but barely any of my friends are there. How do you think that makes me feel? I want all my friends to be here with me so I want you to get rid of covid. I want covid to be over to at least make things a bit more normal for everyone after Easter.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Pupil in Badger Class*

### Key Dates for your diary:

**Monday 15 February:** Half term

**Friday 26 March:** Last day of school

**Monday 12 April:** Children back in school

Owl class Kingswood Outdoor Learning has now been moved to the **7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021** instead of Wednesday 10 March – Friday 12 March due to the current situation with COVID-19.



**A note from the Governors:** "We hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that all the children are adapting to their home learning and virtual classes. We thank the teachers and school staff for managing to provide home learning opportunities as well as looking after children in school, and also we thank Miss Hunter for leading the school through this challenging time." If you would like to know more about the work of the Governors please contact me at [barninghamgovernors+julie@gmail.com](mailto:barninghamgovernors+julie@gmail.com). Julie Surridge, Chair of Governors.

Why not look on our **school website** ([www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.barningham.suffolk.sch.uk)) for more information, newsletters, policies and some fantastic photos? We regularly post news on the blog page and class teachers will let you know what is happening in school.

Stephany Hunter

Head Teacher

### To learn, aspire, believe and hope through our Christian faith.

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 Rev Cathy Bladen. The Online Safety Lead is Mrs Smithson and the Governor with Responsibility for Online Safety is Rev Cathy Bladen.

