



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been! It has been wonderful to see the children being so excited by their learning. Lots of different activities have been going on to enthuse the children in their learning journeys on Space and Africa.

Next term's learning journeys are Dinosaurs for Hedgehogs and Squirrels and Attack! for Badgers, Foxes and Owls. Both promise to be exciting learning journeys.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who came to the recent parent forum. It is always good to hear your views about our school. We will let you know after half term how we have moved forward with some of your suggestions.

Values for Life

This half term, our value has been Courage and we have heard lots of stories about how people have been courageous. After the half term break, our new value will be Perseverance.

Before School Sports Activities

You will have noticed that sports activities are now being set up in the playground every morning so the children can get active as soon as they arrive. The activities are available from 8.30am. Year 6 sports leaders are on hand to guide the children to their class's activity for the day and to help the younger ones join in.

Zoolab

We recently enjoyed a visit from Zoolab during which we all had the opportunity to handle different animals including a giant snail, a cockroach and a snake. Lots of interesting facts were learnt and lots of children (and staff) were very brave!



School Improvement

We have this week had a visit from our School Improvement Partner. He visited classes to observe lessons and looked at the children's books. The feedback was excellent and he has judged Barcombe as continuing to be outstanding.

After School Pick Up

If your child will be going home with someone different to usual, please go to the school office to fill in a form. This is to help us ensure that all children are safe. If you cannot get to the office in person, please phone and tell the office so they can inform the class teacher.

Science Day

We held our Science Day last week and had a visit from Professor Bubbleworks. There was a fantastic scientific buzz all round school as the children carried out lots of practical tasks.



Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations will be on Tuesday, March 20th and Thursday, March 22nd. Please make the most of this opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher about his/her progress in school and what you can do at home to support learning. We will be using an online system to book appointments. Look out for information after the half term break.

PE Kits

There are still several children who do not have their PE kits in school every day. We do some form of physical exercise every day and children need to be correctly dressed for their comfort and safety. It is easiest if PE kits are left in school and then taken home at half term for a wash.

Healthy Snacks

Please make sure that any snacks your child brings in for playtime are healthy snacks that are under 100 calories. Good examples are carrots sticks and hummus, raisins and other fruit. Chocolate and baked goods such as cakes and croissants are not suitable and please remember that no nuts should be brought into school.

Dates for your diary

Please note these dates are not exhaustive and can be subject to change.

Dates for Terms 3 and 4 2017 - 2018	
February 2018	
Friday 9 th	End of term 3
Monday 19 th	Start of term 4
Wednesday 21 st	Badgers to Science afternoon at Cumnor House
Thursday 22 nd	Y4 start John Muir Award
Monday 26 th	Owls visit to Bodiam Castle
Tuesday 27 th	Foxes and Badgers visit to Bodiam Castle
March 2018	
Thursday 1 st	Owls Class assembly
Thursday 8 th	Foxes Class assembly
Thursday 8 th	Badgers to Lewes Town Hall Music Day
Thursday 15 th	Badgers Class assembly
Tuesday 20 th	Parent Consultations
Thursday 22 nd	Squirrels Class assembly
Thursday 22 nd	Y5 STEM day at Ringmer Academy
Thursday 22 nd	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 27 th	Easter Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 29 th	Hedgehogs Class assembly
Thursday 29 th	End of term 4
Dates for Term 5 and 6 2017 2018	
April 2018	
Monday 16 th	Return to school
May 2018	
Monday 14 th – Thursday 17 th	Year 6 SATs tests

Best wishes,

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