



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term this has been! There has been lots of exciting learning happening around school and the children have really enjoyed all the activities in their learning journey.

Our new learning journeys are 'In the Field' for Hedgehogs and Squirrels, all about minibeasts and plants; and 'Magic and Mystery: The Mayan Civilisation' for Badgers, Foxes and Owls. Both learning journeys promise to be filled with exciting learning.

Values for Life

Our value for next term is Responsibility. Our assemblies will be based on this theme and we will also be focussing on it in classrooms.

Parent Consultations

Thank you for coming along to our parent consultation sessions. It is always good to chat with parents about their children's progress and for parents to see what their children have been up to in school.

Inclusion Manager

Many of you have now had a chance to meet Ms Shannon, our Inclusion Manager. She works in school on Thursdays (so has been able to attend some of our class assemblies this term) so if you would like to discuss your child's individual needs, please make an appointment to meet with her.

Doodle Wall of Fame

Many of you have now seen our very lovely Doodle Wall of Fame, organised by Mrs Edwards. Thank you to everyone who has contributed a doodle to it as part of our celebrations of National Doodle Day. We have doodles from staff, parents, pupils, younger siblings and also some from well-known artists: Quentin Blake, Raymond Briggs, Richard Bawden (son of Edward Bawden, the best friend of Eric Ravilious), Cliff Wright (designer of the front cover of two Harry Potter books) and Jamie Thomson (author of The Dark Lord series)

You are very welcome to come into school at the end of the day on Wednesday, April 18th to admire all the wonderful doodles.

Storytelling Chair

Quentin Blake has very kindly donated money to the school to buy a storytelling chair. It will be arriving in the second week of next term and will have pride of place in our new reflection garden which will take shape over the next few months.

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.

Cross Country

Well done to Louisa in Year 6 for representing Barcombe so well in the Partnership Cross Country Finals last week.

PE Kits

Please make sure PE kits are back in school, having had a wash, on the first day after the holidays.

Easter Service

It was good to see so many of you at St Mary's Church on Tuesday morning for our annual Easter Service. Well done to Year 5 and 6 for leading the service so well.

Science and STEM

Children from Badgers and Squirrels have been to Cumnor House School to take part in Science activities in the science labs. Bunsen burner licences are the new 'must-have' and allowed the children to change materials – ice into water and corn kernels into popcorn!

Last week, Year 5 attended a STEM morning at King's Academy, Ringmer and enjoyed a day of practical science, technology, engineering and maths challenges.

Music Day

Badgers spent a day at Lewes Town Hall recently, taking part in a music enrichment day organised by East Sussex Music. They had a wonderful day of performing and composing along with children from other local schools.

Bodiam Castle

Owls, Foxes and Badgers visited Bodiam Castle this term as part of their Attack! learning journey. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit and learnt a lot about castles. Owls class wrote some excellent poetry in response to their visit. It will be on display at the Doodle Exhibition. Bodiam Castle will also be sent

copies of the poems and may well display them at the castle too.



Healthy Snacks

Please make sure that any snacks your child brings in 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. 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

March 2018

Thursday 29 th	End of term 4
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Dates for Term 5 and 6 2017 2018

April 2018

Monday 16 th	Return to school
Monday 16 th	Year 6 SATs parents' meeting 3.15pm
Wednesday 18 th	Doodle Wall of Fame Exhibition 3.10pm
Monday 23 rd	Hedgehogs curriculum meeting 9am
Tuesday 24 th	Squirrels curriculum meeting 9am
Wednesday 25 th	Badgers curriculum meeting 9am
Thursday 26 th	Foxes curriculum meeting 9am
Friday 27 th	Owls curriculum meeting 9am

May 2018

Wednesday 9 th	Year 4 Hindleap Warren
Thursday 10 th – Friday 11 th	Year 5 Hindleap Warren residential
Monday 14 th – Thursday 17 th	Year 6 SATs tests
Monday 21 st	PGL parents' and pupils' meeting 3.15pm
Friday 25 th	Year 6 to Safety in Action at Newhaven Fort
Friday 25 th	End of Term 5

June 2018

Monday 4 th	Start of Term 6
Monday 6 th	Parent Forum 6pm
Wednesday 13 th	Year 5 and 6 to Lion King
Friday 15 th	Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd	Year 6 residential
Thursday 21 st	Squirrels class assembly
Tuesday 26 th	Year 6 to Leavers' Service at Crowborough
Thursday 28 th	Foxes class assembly

July 2018

Thursday 5 th	Badgers class assembly
Friday 6 th	Year 6 Patina Moving on Parade
Thursday 12 th	Year 5 to Connect with the Countryside
Thursday 12 th	Hedgehogs class assembly
Thursday 19 th	Last day for children

September 2018

Tuesday 4 th	Start of Term
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Best wishes,

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