



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term is well and truly underway now and the children thoroughly engrossed in their topics. From knowing very little about the Maya civilisation at the start of term, Badgers, Foxes and Owls now consider themselves experts and the topic has only just started! The younger children are busily finding out all about Minibeasts and creepy crawlies! Hedgehogs enjoyed finding flowers and creating flower sticks on their welly walk this week.



The summer term is always a very busy and exciting one and there is a lot going on in school as well as lots of times when the children will be out of school on trips. Please look out for any information letters you are sent about events. We try to keep the cost of visits down as much as possible by asking parents to help with transport to and from events and are extremely grateful for the support you give us in this way. Even a short coach trip costs in excess of £150 so we will always do anything we can to avoid needing coaches.

Attendance

This week's winners are Owls with 99.3% Well done, Owls!

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.

Safety

A really good way for you to teach your child how to keep themselves safe is to use the PANTS rule:

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

The PANTS rule is talked about in school and you can find further information on the NSPCC website. There are also activity packs available there.

If you have any concerns about any child, please come into school to discuss those concerns so we can make sure every child is safe.

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.

Values for Life

Our value this term is Responsibility. Our assemblies will be based on this theme and we will also be focussing on it in classrooms. Our Wednesday assemblies are led by visitors. This week's assembly was led by father Tony Collins, Chaplain of St Raphael's Nursing Home in Danehill. He spoke to the children about his responsibilities as part of his job at the nursing home.

Clubs

Clubs running this term are:

Monday: KS2 Football Club (Mr Munnery)
Tuesday: Band (Mrs Force)
Tuesday: KS1 Forest School (Mrs Walker)
Tuesday: French (Mrs Jepp)
Wednesday: Drama (Ms Egerton)
Thursday: KS2 Forest School (Mrs Walker)

There will also be a small group of children working with Miss Doone to transform the garden area into an outdoor reflection area where children can spend quiet time.

Parent Support Meetings

We are delighted to be starting a series of sessions designed to support parents. The sessions will be run by Triple P and will cover all sorts of issues involved in raising confident, happy children. They will be held in the three schools on a rota and will be open to parents from all three schools. Further details will be sent out as soon as we have dates for you.

East Sussex Music Service

You will have received an email from school about the campaign to support the East Sussex Music Service. Please sign the online petition and support the campaign in any way you can.

PE Kits

Please make sure PE kits are in school every day. The children run every day and are often outside doing PE activities so need access to their PE kits.

Dates for your diary

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

Dates for Term 5 and 6 2017 2018	
April 2018	
Monday 30 th	Year 4 Tree Physical final session
May 2018	
Tuesday 1 st	Foxes Curriculum Meeting
Friday 4 th	PTA Star Wars Quiz Night
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
Friday 15 th	Year 6 to Plumpton School – swordfighting and sports
Monday 21 st	PGL parents' and pupils' meeting 3.15pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Badgers to Folk Dance Festival at Plumpton Racecourse
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 4 th – Friday 8 th	Y6 Bikeability
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

Best wishes,

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