



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already so close to the end of the school year! Barcombe School is a hive of activity in all year groups and there is never a dull moment in any day. The next three weeks will be even busier as we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers and hello to our new Reception children ready for September.

Y6 PGL Residential

Year 6 spent three days at PGL Windmill Hill last week doing all sorts of outdoor and adventurous activities. Fears were faced and difficult challenges overcome. All the children were superbly behaved throughout and were excellent ambassadors for Barcombe. All the instructors complimented them on their politeness and their willingness to try new challenges.



Road Safety

Further to our letter earlier this week, we would like to once again stress the importance of children wearing helmets when riding scooters or cycling. Most children are wearing great helmets – there are some fantastic designs out there – but there are still one or two children who arrive at school without a helmet and some who have been seen riding on the village roads this week without helmets.

Sun Safety Accreditation

You have all received a letter this week about our work in school towards sun safety accreditation. Please help us keep your child safe, especially in this very hot weather, by making sure he/she has a sun hat that covers the back of the neck (baseball caps are not recommended) and brings sun cream to school. Please also teach your child to apply the cream as staff are not allowed to apply it. The School Council members are very keen for us to achieve this accreditation.

Key Stage 2 Show

Key Stage 2 parents should by now have received information about tickets and costumes for the KS2 show The Greatest Bowman. This is a musical written especially for Barcombe. It is based on a mixture of Michael Morpurgo's Outlaw book and a story written by Toby in Year 6 in response to the book. It has never before been performed (the final song was written last weekend!) so don't miss out on the chance to see the world premiere!

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.

Playground Climbing Frames

Please do not allow your children to play on the climbing frames before or after school. This applies to younger siblings too.

School Path

Please, whenever you can, park in the village and walk the last bit of the journey to or from school. If you have to drive along School Path at the beginning or end of the school day, please drive very slowly as children may be behind the bushes or coming round the corner and you may not otherwise have time to stop.

Children travelling along School Path should be supervised. We still have some children bending down low on scooters and bikes and riding at speed. If a car were to be coming round the corner, even slowly, your child could be hit. School Field and School Path are public roads, not footpaths, and should be treated as such.

Your PTA Needs You!

The PTA would love to hear from any parents who would like to be involved in their work putting on events to raise money to support the children in school. They are always looking for exciting new ideas for fundraising and are an important route of communication between parents and school. In the last few years, the PTA have funded lots of things in school: new laptops, coaches for school trips, playground refurbishment, Year 6 leavers' events, storytelling garden and lots more. We would like at least two representatives from each class wherever possible. If you would like to become part of the PTA, please collect a form from the school office to give in your contact details.

Sealife Centre Visit

Hedgehogs and Squirrels recently visited Brighton Sealife Centre and beach as part of their learning journey. They all had a wonderful time.



Values For Life

This term's value is Generosity. We have been exploring this value through all our assemblies and in class activities.

Year 6 Leavers



As we prepare to say goodbye to Year 6 and wish them well for their secondary school education, the children have been taking part in some celebrations. This week, Year 6 attended the Diocesan Leavers' Celebration at Crowborough with all the Year 6 pupils from local church schools. It was a lovely celebration led by the Bishop of Chichester, with 200 children looking back at their primary school lives and looking forward to their futures. They have also each been presented with a Bible and a Moving On Booklet.

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 Term 5 and 6 2017 2018	
July 2018	
Wednesday 4 th	Owls to Cumnor House Science
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
Friday 13 th	KS2 Show 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 19 th	Last day for children
September 2018	
Monday 3 rd and Tuesday 4 th	INSET – school closed for pupils
Wednesday 5 th	Start of Term 1 for pupils
October 2018	
Thursday 18 th	Children break up for half term
Friday 19 th	INSET – school closed for pupils
Monday 29 th	Return to school
OTHER INSET DATES	
Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd July, 2019	

Best wishes,

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