



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year in which we share with you what is happening in and around Barcombe CE Primary School.

Learning Behaviours and Kindness

We encourage our children to work hard in school and to try their hardest even when they find things tricky. In class, we look out for different learning behaviours that will stand the children in good stead as learners and in their lives:

Pride
Determination
Resilience
Respect
Curiosity
Independence

In this week's celebration assembly, certificates for these learning behaviours have been awarded to Freddie L, Campbell, Lacey, Felicia and Hannah P.

Kindness is a focus for a weekly assembly and we look out for children who have been especially kind. This week's Kindness certificates have been awarded to Wilson, Cosmo, Ivy, Ethan, Freddie S and Violet.

Our Writers of the Week this week are Lauris, Ellis E, Fred M, Scarlett and William.

Attendance

As explained in our letter to parents last week, pupils are now expected to attend school full-time. Owls are on top for attendance so far, with two full weeks of 100% attendance. Well done, Owls!

Coronavirus academic recovery support

Class teachers have assessed their pupils and have identified those who would benefit from small group interventions. At Barcombe, we are fortunate to be able to use existing staff members to carry out these interventions: Mrs Payne for KS1 and Mrs Matheson for KS2. The interventions started this week and the children joining the groups are working very hard. All parents have been contacted if their child is receiving this extra support.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month, and all our classes will be carrying out work to recognise the contributions people of African and Caribbean descent have made to our national and cultural life. For example, Hedgehogs will be studying Rosa Parks while Owls will be studying Jacques Francis and the abolition of slavery. Look on your child's Google Classroom during October for more information and examples of some of the work they have been doing.

Church Links and Harvest Festival

Our current school value is Generosity. *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8*

This is the focus for our classroom reflection area and for our worship assemblies. These will be led in classrooms until we can bring the school together again.

Unfortunately, we cannot hold our Harvest festival in the church this year. Instead, each class is preparing some items so we can create a virtual Harvest Festival for everyone to enjoy. Watch out for the video!

Going forward, your child does not need a Covid test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

Wrap Up Warm!

The weather is turning a little chillier now. So your child is warm at playtimes, and as we are endeavouring to keep a constant flow of fresh air in the classrooms, please make sure your child has a jumper in school and brings a warm coat to wear outdoors.

Snacks

Children may bring in **one** snack to eat at playtime or during the morning according to each class's routine. This should be no more than 100 calories. No nuts or seeds are to be brought into school at any time as we have children who are severely allergic. This includes peanut butter sandwiches which several children have recently brought in for lunch.

Google Classrooms and Tapestry

This week, you have received further information about our Google Classrooms plans for online learning for homework and should we be forced to close due to a national or localised lockdown. This includes your child's log-in credentials for the Google Classroom portal. Teachers have received further training on delivering learning through the Google Classrooms platform, and pupils have been practising accessing the site in class. Please log on when you can and familiarise yourself with Google Classroom.

Reception pupils in Hedgehogs Class will use their Tapestry log-in to access remote learning materials: Mrs Whittle is already communicating with families to get them fully set-up on the Tapestry system.

Help us keep in touch with you

Please ensure that our School Office has your up-to-date contact details. We will need these if we ever need to contact you about your child feeling unwell during the school day. East Sussex County Council's 'Safeguarding Best Practice' requires schools to have at least **two** contact details for each family – so please make sure we have all the information we need.

Music and Art

We are really proud of the music and art at Barcombe. Our children have lots of wonderful opportunities and achieve highly.

At the moment, we are sadly restricted in our class and whole-school music-making as the scientific guidance does not allow us to sing or to play percussion instruments that have to be shared. Guidance is being updated all the time, and we are following it really carefully, so hopefully we will be singing again soon! We are, however, doing lots of other musical activities in class.

Our instrumental teachers are starting to teach again, either in person – you may have seen cellos being carried to school – or online. Mr Robinson, our violin teacher, has sent us a recruitment video which the children in Years 1 to 4 have watched in class this week. If you are interested in your child starting the violin, please see the email you were sent explaining how to sign up. Watch out for information about other instrumental opportunities for your child.

School is looking lovely with lots of beautiful artwork being produced. Teachers will be putting photos on the Google Classroom stream, so please keep checking back for updates.

Dates for your diary

October 2020	
w/c Monday 19 th	Parent consultations – booking open from Saturday 2 nd
Friday 23 rd	End of Term 1
November 2020	
Monday 2 nd	INSET Day – no school for pupils
Tuesday 3 rd	First day of Term 2 for pupils
December 2020	
Friday 18 th	End of Term 2

Best wishes,



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