



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The new school year has got off to a flying start at Barcombe, especially with our Take One Flight learning journey in all classes! The children are all really well settled into their new classes and are making the most of the learning opportunities. Already, there are some super pieces of work being done which is fantastic to see.

We hope you will join us for our Take One Flight open afternoon on Friday, October 12th. This will be an opportunity to join your children in a practical flight-related activity (paper aeroplanes may be involved!) and also to view and hopefully purchase a piece of your child's art work at our special art exhibition that afternoon. More details to follow soon!

Welcome to Hedgehogs

Last week we welcomed new staff and pupils in our other classes and now it is time to welcome our new Hedgehogs and their staff. Supporting Mrs Whittle we have Mrs Mann as the Teaching Assistant and Mrs Ashdown as an Individual Needs Assistant. We would like to welcome them to our staff team and also to welcome all the new Reception children: Ellis, Boe, Archie, Zachary, Tia, Lacey, Kieran, Sophie, Fynn, Jackson, Heidi, Joe, Rose, Enzo, Romilly, Mireya, Thomas, Isabelle, Soul and Bertie. We know they will all have a great time in Hedgehogs.

Clubs

After school clubs will all be up and running very soon. Details will be sent home as soon as possible.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently entitled to free school meals.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals for all their time at Primary School.

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance or some other form of support, your child may be entitled to free school meals throughout primary school and possibly beyond.

If your child does qualify, they also receive Pupil Premium funding for at least 6 years. This funding is used to support children's learning and help towards the cost of, for example, school uniform, after school clubs and school trips. If you would like to apply for these 'long-term' free school meals you just need to complete a form that is available from the school office.

If you qualify, please contact the office by Thursday 4th October so we can register this information in time.

Remember, if you are in receipt of benefits, you need to register for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 to ensure they receive free meals beyond Year 2, and also for your child to receive the pupil premium funding.

Playground: Climbing Frames and Bikes/Scooters

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

Volunteer helpers

We welcome parents to volunteer in classes to hear children read. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer helper, please contact the office to register your details for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to be completed.

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.

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.

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Bikes, scooters and skateboard should not be ridden in the playground but should be pushed. Again, this applies to younger siblings too.

After School Pick Up


If your child will be going home with someone different to usual, please notify the school office. 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. Teachers will not release your child to an unauthorised person, as we have a duty to safeguard your children until they are in your care or that of an authorised person. Also, please inform us if your child is in Year 5 or 6 and may walk home alone.

Dates for your diary

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

| September 2018 | |
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| Monday 17 th | Foxes curriculum meeting 9am |
| Tuesday 18 th | Badgers curriculum meeting 9am |
| Tuesday 18 th | STEM day |
| Wednesday 19 th | Hedgehogs curriculum meeting 9am |
| Wednesday 19 th | Author visit to Owls |
| Thursday 20 th | Owls curriculum meeting 9am |
| Friday 21 st | Squirrels curriculum meeting 9am |
| Tuesday 25 th | Owls and Foxes to Science Museum |
| October 2018 | |
| Tuesday 9 th | Harvest Festival at St Mary's |
| Friday 12 th | Take One Flight open afternoon |
| Tuesday 16 th | Parent consultations 3.30pm – 6pm |
| Wednesday 17 th | Parent consultations 3.50pm – 7pm |
| Thursday 18 th | INSET |
| Friday 19 th | Last day of term 1 for pupils |
| Monday 29 th | Return to school |
| November 2018 | |
| Thursday 8 th | Owls class assembly |
| Thursday 22 nd | Foxes class assembly |
| December 2018 | |
| Thursday 13 th | Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers Christmas Nativity |
| Wednesday 19 th | Break up for Christmas |
| January 2019 | |
| Thursday 3 rd | Start of term 3 |
| OTHER INSET DATES | |
| Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd July, 2019 | |

Best wishes,



Ruth Force



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