



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first term, we would like to thank our school community for the support you have given us as we re-opened to all pupils. We have really appreciated your flexibility as the government guidelines have changed as we have had to change our procedures.

It has been lovely to speak to you all this week on our Zoom calls. It feels very different, and it is a shame you cannot see all your child's work as you normally would, but we have seen some positives in holding our consultation sessions in this way too. One example is both parents being able to attend even if one is at work and the other at home.

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 Vinny, Albert, Lilja, Kamil and Amethyst.

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 Edie, Jackson Ch, Bunny, Boe and Dylan. Our Writers of the Week this week are Edmund, Romy, Penny, Isabelle G and Isabelle C.

[New to Reception 2021 – virtual tour](#)

Google Classrooms and Tapestry

Please make sure your child can log into Google Classroom (or Tapestry for Reception) at home. As outlined in the Remote Learning Plan sent to you earlier this week, this is the platform we will use to teach should we need to teach classes remotely. There have been a few teething problems, so please check that your child knows how to 'turn in' work. Follow the advice sent to you separately to help.

'Golden Rules' will be set for the use of Google Classroom for the daily class 'check-in' in the event of classes being taught remotely.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month, and all our classes have been carrying out work to recognise the contributions people of African and Caribbean descent have made to our national and cultural life.



We are unable to hold our usual open mornings this year, so have produced a virtual tour of the school for prospective parents. Please point anyone you know who is considering school places for Reception next September in the direction of our school website. On there is a 'virtual tour' tab.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important for your child's education. We do understand that there are times when your child is too ill to be in school, but please make sure he/she is here whenever possible. Our overall attendance currently stands at 97.8% which exceeds our aim of 97%, so thank you. Our winners of the attendance cup this week are Hedgehogs! Well done!

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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Please see the separate newsletter relating to mental health and wellbeing. The aim is to share information about how the school is working to supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of the children here at Barcombe. We also aim to share advice on how to help your child with their emotional health and wellbeing at home.

Snacks and no nuts or seeds

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.

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.

Church Links

Our school value after the half term break is Responsibility.

"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. If you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly." Romans 12:6-8

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.

Music and Art

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

School is looking fantastic with the children's art work. Please have a look at the virtual tour on the school website where you can see inside school!

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.

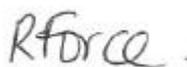
Wrap Up Warm!

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.

Dates for your diary

October 2020	
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,



Ruth Force



Stewart James
