



Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an amazing term at Barcombe, with so much going on. The children have been thoroughly engaged with their learning journeys and have learnt so much. With Science Week and Maths Week too, the term has been packed with exciting opportunities. There has been a real buzz around school and it's been delightful to see so many happy children.

## Learning Behaviours

Our celebration of excellent learning behaviours continues to be a high priority with all our children. In every lesson, we are looking for examples of the children showing determination, respect, independence, resilience, curiosity and pride. The class tokens for these behaviours are very much sought-after and each Friday's draw in assembly is much anticipated. Well done to all our children for trying so hard to achieve the tokens.

## Attendance

Our overall attendance figure is slipping – it currently stands at 95.7% which is below the national expectation. We are really looking to consolidate our attendance figures this term as the local authority and Department for Education expectation is 97%. Therefore, as ever, please make every effort to get your child in school every day on time. If your child is unable to attend school (due to illness) please contact the school office daily by 9.00am on [01273 400287](tel:01273400287)

Our attendance statistics to date are as follows:

Owls 96.6%  
Foxes 96.9%  
Badgers 95.4%  
Squirrels 94.3%  
Hedgehogs 94.3%

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

## Maths Week

Barcombe's Maths Week was a great success. Everyone took part in a maths trail around the school. Owls wrote special maths trails for Hedgehogs to do – it was lovely to see the oldest children working together with the youngest to solve the problems. Foxes



used ratio to create new paint colours with fancy names, just like Farrow and Ball – Barcombe Rec green, anyone? Kandinsky-style mathematical art has been popping up all around the school too. Maths is everywhere, as we found out during the week!

## Out and About

Hedgehogs have been enjoying lots of welly walks this term. They have done all sorts of exciting activities, including lots linked to the book Bog Baby. Badgers and Squirrels had a day out at Hever Castle as



part of their learning journey; Years 5 and 6 took part in a concert in choir of 5000 children at Wembley Arena. Lots of excitement has been generated by all these wonderful opportunities.

## Values for Life

This term, our collective worship has been based on the theme of Truthfulness. Next term's value is Wisdom.

## Science Week

Discovering the world scientifically requires the development of strong observational, questioning and describing skills – and that is exactly what we did during



science week! Everyone became true scientists and made exciting discoveries that both challenged and enthused us.

The Hedgehog engineers designed bridges to help Humpty Dumpty cross safely – they experimented with different materials and designs to find which was strongest.

The Squirrel physicists learnt that plasticine floats when it is shaped like a boat, but sinks when it is a ball. They also had fun making and playing with big bubbles.

Badgers, Foxes and Squirrels were lucky enough to have Mr Perry from Cumnor House deliver bottle rocket making workshops – Squirrels sent mice to the moon; Foxes and Badgers made balloon rockets and experimented with designs that reduced air resistance to create the fastest rocket.

Foxes used their knowledge of electricity to make scribblebots. They also learnt more about non-Newtonian fluids by making slime.



Owls learnt more about the density of materials – they created a rainbow in a jar, by adding varying amounts of sugar to water, thereby creating higher densities.

## UK Air Ambulance Stamp Appeal

We are collecting old stamps from envelopes as part of an appeal to support UK Air Ambulances. Please bring any in that you have and post them into the box by the school office.



## Happy Easter!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Easter Service at St Mary's on Tuesday. I am sure you will agree that it was a wonderful service and the children all did very well.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter. We hope you all have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on the first day on Term 5, Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Dates for your diary

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

April 2019	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 4
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to school
May 2019	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Foxes class assembly
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Hindleap Warren
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Badgers class assembly
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Hindleap Warren
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATs week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PGL parents' meeting 3.15pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Squirrels class assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 to Safety in Action
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 5
June 2019	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Term 6
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 PGL residential
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Science at Lewes Old Grammar
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs class assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sports Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leaver's Service @ Crowborough
July 2019	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Patina Parade – Y6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Production – Foxes and Owls
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 to Connect with the Countryside
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school for pupils Leavers' assembly (Owls class assembly)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET days
September 2019	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 1

Best wishes,

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