



Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Barcombe is once again buzzing with children excited about their learning journeys. Foxes and Owls are getting 'All Aboard!', finding out about the development of the railways in the 1800s and the arguments for and against them; this contrasts beautifully with the current HS2 debates. Should the Barcombe line be reinstated too? Hedgehogs are learning lots of traditional tales and doing many exciting activities linked to them – guess which fairy tale pigs in blankets were linked to! Squirrels and Badgers are heading off into the wild to find out all about Awesome Animals.

## Values for Life

Our current value is Wisdom. Our assemblies are based on this value and the children have also been writing prayers and thoughts based on Wisdom ready to display in their classrooms alongside inspirational quotes about it too. Some are also displayed on the Values board in the school Reception area.

## Church Links

We really value the links with our local churches, not only at religious events such as Christmas and Easter, but also as part of our daily life in school. Rev James Hollingsworth has once again been visiting our classes to help support RE teaching. Hedgehogs, for example, enjoyed finding out about the story of the paralysed man, helping retell the story with lots of drama. Owls and Foxes are studying Buddhism this term, and Rev James has been in to support this teaching too.



## Out and About

Once again, Barcombe pupils have been out and about, taking their learning outdoors. Hedgehogs have been enjoying lots more welly walks this term, all linked to their topics and books. They built shelters for the three little pigs and cooked pigs in blankets on an open fire. Squirrels and Badgers took part in a cricket workshop last week and are looking forward to taking part in cricket session next term.



Badgers headed off to Cumnor House science labs recently to carry out activities related to their science topic. Year 6 are heading out to Wild about Barcombe over this term and next to carry out lots of different

Forest School activities with Mr Gilbert. Year 4 have just started swimming lessons and gave the first lesson a big thumbs up. They have also been on a day trip to Hindleap Warren to experience outdoor and adventurous activities. Year 5 have had an overnight stay there too and will arrive home today full of tales (and mud!). All these experiences result in happy children who enjoy learning in lots of different ways.



## Sun Safety

We are ever hopeful that the sun will come out very soon and that we can finally say that summer has arrived! When it does, please make sure that your child has sunscreen in his/her bag which he/she can apply at playtime and lunchtime, and a hat. Please also remember that your child should have a water bottle in school every day.

## Attendance

Our overall attendance figure is slipping – it currently stands at 95.8% 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 96.5%  
 Badgers 95.5%  
 Squirrels 94.7%  
 Hedgehogs 94.5%

This week's attendance winners are Hedgehogs with 99%. Well done!

## 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.

## 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.

## Dates for your diary

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

May 2019	
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
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 to Connect with the Countryside
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> (change of date)	End of Year Production – Foxes and Owls
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 for pupils

Best wishes,

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