



Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Happy New Year!** Welcome to an exciting new term at Barcombe School. We are really looking forward to welcoming you into our school for our class assemblies and class reading meetings over the coming weeks. Our pupils are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase their learning this term. Our new learning journeys are On the Farm for Hedgehogs, India for Squirrels, Australia for Badgers and Walk Like an Egyptian for Foxes and Owls. As you can imagine, there is a lot of excitement about these new learning journeys and there is a real buzz around school!

## Twelve Days of Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Reading Challenge over the Christmas break. We have enjoyed seeing the children (and adults!) take part in the different challenges. Today, we have presented a book token to one child from each of KS1 and KS2 for taking part in the challenge and all those who participated have had extra playtime this afternoon.

I hope you appreciate now how easy it is to become one of our Reading Stars each week (Reading Stars = reading 4+ times per week).



## Parent Information

For information about local events that may be of interest, please check the Parent Information Point on the school website.

## Curriculum Newsletters and Reading Meetings

You have today received the curriculum newsletter for your child's class. On it is information about what your child will be learning over the next two terms and ways in which you can support your child at home. To give you more advice about how you can help, we have arranged reading meetings for each class. Class teachers will give you pointers about ways to help your child become an independent reader and develop a real love of reading. They will also help you know which books are perfect for your child's year group so you can fill your house with lovely books from the library or the bookshop!

The meetings will be on the following dates, all from 9am – 9.20am

Foxes: Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Owls: Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Squirrels: Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Badgers: Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

Hedgehogs: Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

## Attendance

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)

Where patterns of absence or lateness emerge, we will be setting targets with parents to improve.

Our attendance statistics to date are as follows:

Owls 97.71%

Foxes 97.68%

Badgers 96.09%

Squirrels 95.03%

Hedgehogs 97.12%

This week's attendance winners are Owls with 98%. Well done!

## Adverse Weather

If, due to exceptional weather conditions, we are unable to open the school, we will put a message on the front page of the school website. Any details regarding a school closure will be on our school website and, also, on the East Sussex County Council website. Information regarding school closures is also given out on Heart FM. We only close the school in exceptionally adverse weather conditions; we always try to remain open. However, the safety of our pupils and our staff is, of course, paramount.

## Help us to 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.

## Wild about Barcombe

All our classes will be out and about visiting Wild About Barcombe again this term and enjoying their outdoor learning. Please make sure your child is dressed for whatever the weather decides to do! It is easier to remove layers if the children get too warm than to warm them up if they are not wearing enough clothes. Hedgehogs have had their first welly walk of 2019 this week and have been making maps of things they have found at Wild About Barcombe. This links perfectly with 'What the Ladybird Heard', the book they are reading in class. They have also been using the outdoors to practise their 'one more than...' maths skills.



## Coats and Shoes

The weather is becoming colder and wetter. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat to wear when they are outside for playtimes and lunchtimes. Also, please ensure that their shoes are appropriate for winter conditions. We want our children dressed appropriately for the weather and the activities that they are doing.

### Dates for your diary

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

January 2019	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Squirrels Science session at Cumnor House
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Foxes Science session at Cumnor House
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Badgers class assembly
February 2019	
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Squirrels class assembly
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs class assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 3
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
March 2019	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Click theatre production Y6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 and 6 to VIAM
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y5 Little Big Bang STEM event
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
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
June 2019	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 PGL residential
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sports Day
July 2019	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school for pupils
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET days

Best wishes,

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