



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term this is! There are all manner of exciting things going on in our lovely school and there is a real sense of purpose as you walk past all the classrooms.

Sports Day

It was good to see so many of you supporting your children during our recent Sports Day. It is a day we always look forward to and the weather was once again perfect for it. All the children tried really hard in their events, and it was so lovely to see them cheering on their peers, especially those who were finding the tasks challenging. Well done to Green Team for lifting the Sports Day trophy, and also to our winners of individual trophies for fastest girl, fastest boy, longest throw and longest jump.



Church Links

Our Year 6 leavers have today been presented with Bibles by Rev James Hollingsworth. The Action Bible includes stories from the Old and New Testaments, all told in graphic novel format. The children have already started leafing through them to find their favourite stories!

Out and About

Once again, our pupils have been taking their learning outdoors in the last few weeks, using our wonderful surroundings to enhance their learning.

Our annual PGL residential visit for Year 6 took place at the Windmill Hill centre a couple of weeks ago. The weather could have been



kinder, but the children all had a wonderful time. Their activities included raft building, archery, fencing, all aboard and rifle shooting. Our Barcombe Year 6s were mixed with those from Hamsey and Plumpton for the activities as part of their transition to secondary school.

Squirrels have been busily planting seeds to find out how to make them grow well while Hedgehogs have been hammering nails into wood during their welly walks. Badgers and Foxes have also been on visits to Wild about Barcombe to enjoy lots of outdoor learning.



Leavers' Service

This week, our Year 6 leavers attended the Diocese of Chichester Leavers' Celebration Service at Crowborough. This annual event for Year 6 pupils in all Church of England primary schools looks back at their time in primary school and forwards to their futures at secondary school and beyond. Our pupils were models of behaviour. They sang superbly and our readers were calm and composed.



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.

Times Tables Rockstars

Times Tables Rockstars is proving a great hit with our pupils. Learning times tables is very important for fluency in maths and will be a focus for Barcombe next year. The children are doing very well with it and we are seeing lots of progress being made. Our current champion is George L in Owls with a speed of 0.91 seconds per answer. Lots of others are trying hard to catch him!

Sun Safety

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 currently stands at 96.23% which is below the national expectation but an improvement on the recent percentage. 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 please contact the school office daily by 9.00am on [01273 400287](tel:01273400287)

Our attendance statistics to date are as follows:

Owls 97.01%
 Foxes 96.94%
 Badgers 96.04%
 Squirrels 95.29%
 Hedgehogs 95.23%

This week's attendance winners are Hedgehogs with 99.5%. Well done!

Dates for your diary

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

July 2019	
Tuesday 2 nd	Foxes to Shoreham Harbour
Friday 5 th	Patina Parade – Y6
Thursday 11 th	Year 5 to Connect with the Countryside
Monday 15 th	End of Year Production 3.30pm – 5pm
Friday 19 th	Last day of school for pupils Leavers' assembly (Owls class assembly 9am)
Mon 22 nd Tues 23 rd	INSET days
September 2019	
Wednesday 4 th	INSET DAY
Thursday 5 th	Start of Term 1 for pupils
October 2019	
Thursday 24 th	Last day of Term 1 for pupils
Friday 25 th	INSET DAY
November 2019	
Monday 4 th	Start of Term 2
Friday 15 th	INSET DAY
December 2019	
Friday 20 th	End of Term 2

Best wishes,

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