



# Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

Executive Headteacher: Stewart James  
Head of School: Ruth Force

[office@barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk)

[www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Address: School Path, Barcombe Cross, BN8 5DN

Tel: 01273 400287

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new school year has got off to a flying start at Barcombe, especially with our Take One Flight learning journey in all classes! The children are all really well settled into their new classes and are making the most of the learning opportunities. Already, there are some super pieces of work being done which is fantastic to see.

We hope you will join us for our Take One Flight open afternoon on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be an opportunity to join your children in a practical flight-related activity (paper aeroplanes may be involved!) and also to view and hopefully purchase a piece of your child's art work at our special art exhibition that afternoon. More details to follow soon!

## Welcome to Hedgehogs

Last week we welcomed new staff and pupils in our other classes and now it is time to welcome our new Hedgehogs and their staff. Supporting Mrs Whittle we have Mrs Mann as the Teaching Assistant and Mrs Ashdown as an Individual Needs Assistant. We would like to welcome them to our staff team and also to welcome all the new Reception children: Ellis, Boe, Archie, Zachary, Tia, Lacey, Kieran, Sophie, Fynn, Jackson, Heidi, Joe, Rose, Enzo, Romilly, Mireya, Thomas, Isabelle, Soul and Bertie. We know they will all have a great time in Hedgehogs.

## Clubs

After school clubs will all be up and running very soon. Details will be sent home as soon as possible.

## Eligibility for Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently entitled to free school meals.

**Your child may be entitled to free school meals for all their time at Primary School.**

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance or some other form of support, your child may be entitled to free school meals throughout primary school and possibly beyond.

If your child does qualify, they also receive Pupil Premium funding for at least 6 years. This funding is used to support children's learning and help towards the cost of, for example, school uniform, after school clubs and school trips. If you would like to apply for these 'long-term' free school meals you just need to complete a form that is available from the school office.

**If you qualify, please contact the office by Thursday 4th October so we can register this information in time.**

Remember, if you are in receipt of benefits, you need to register for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 to ensure they receive free meals beyond Year 2, and also for your child to receive the pupil premium funding.

**Playground: Climbing Frames and Bikes/Scooters**

Please do not allow your children to play on the climbing frames before or after school. This applies to

## Volunteer helpers

We welcome parents to volunteer in classes to hear children read. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer helper, please contact the office to register your details for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to be completed.

## School Path

Please, whenever you can, park in the village and walk the last bit of the journey to or from school. If you have to drive along School Path at the beginning or end of the school day, please drive very slowly as children may be behind the bushes or coming round the corner and you may not otherwise have time to stop.

Children travelling along School Path should be supervised. We still have some children bending down low on scooters and bikes and riding at speed. If a car were to be coming round the corner, even slowly, your child could be hit. School Field and School Path are public roads, not footpaths, and should be treated as such.

## Your PTA Needs You!

The PTA would love to hear from any parents who would like to be involved in their work putting on events to raise money to support the children in school. They are always looking for exciting new ideas for fundraising and are an important route of communication between parents and school. In the last few years, the PTA have funded lots of things in school: new laptops, coaches for school trips, playground refurbishment, Year 6 leavers' events, storytelling garden and lots more. We would like at least two representatives from each class wherever possible. If you would like to become part of the PTA, please collect a form from the school office to give in your contact details.

## Healthy Snacks

Please make sure that any snacks your child brings in are healthy snacks that are under 100 calories. Good examples are carrots sticks and hummus, raisins and other fruit. Chocolate and baked goods such as cakes and croissants are not suitable. Please remember that no nuts should be brought into school.

younger siblings too.

Bikes, scooters and skateboard should not be ridden in the playground but should be pushed. Again, this applies to younger siblings too.

## After School Pick Up


If your child will be going home with someone different to usual, please notify the school office. This is to help us ensure that all children are safe. If you cannot get to the office in person, please phone and tell the office so they can inform the class teacher. Teachers will not release your child to an unauthorised person, as we have a duty to safeguard your children until they are in your care or that of an authorised person. Also, please inform us if your child is in Year 5 or 6 and may walk home alone.

## Dates for your diary

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

September 2018	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Foxes curriculum meeting 9am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Badgers curriculum meeting 9am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	STEM day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs curriculum meeting 9am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Author visit to Owls
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Owls curriculum meeting 9am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Squirrels curriculum meeting 9am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Owls and Foxes to Science Museum
October 2018	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival at St Mary's
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Take One Flight open afternoon
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultations 3.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultations 3.50pm – 7pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 1 for pupils
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
November 2018	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Owls class assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Foxes class assembly
December 2018	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers Christmas Nativity
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Christmas
January 2019	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of term 3
OTHER INSET DATES	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2019	

Best wishes,



Ruth Force



Stewart James