



Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been! The children have been wonderful in these difficult times and have really got involved in their learning all term. The staff have worked very hard to make sure the children have been kept safe while in school and we are very appreciative of the many expressions of thanks from parents.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all safe and well in the New Year.

## Christmas Celebrations

Christmas may be a little strange this year, but we have still celebrated in school. The virtual KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas Celebration are on Google Classroom for you to see, so if you haven't watched them, please do.

The children have watched a virtual pantomime (oh yes they have!) and Christmas dinner day was a jolly affair.



## Kindness at Christmas

Our pupils have written Christmas letters, well wishes and pictures to send to two local care homes to give the residents some Christmas cheer after a long year. Pictures are School Council members from our two bubbles with some of the letters.



## Church Links

Barcombe School is working with Ali Brown, Children and Families Ministry Worker, to develop virtual collective worship videos. A group of our pupils will work with Mrs Tomsett to create drama videos of Bible stories to share with other church schools in the local area.

Our current school value is Responsibility.

*"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. If you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly."* Romans 12:6-8

When we return in January, our school value will be Peace.

## Progress towards our SDP

This year the principal focus of our School Development Plan (SDP) is ensuring our pupils catch-up following the disruption to their learning in the summer months. This means that we are continuing to promote the very best attendance, as well as using our Catch-up Funding from the Government to address gaps that have formed in the children's understanding (particularly in Maths and English). In addition, this

## Curriculum

This term, all our classes have been working on a history-based project, Treasure. It has been super to really focus on historical sources and to analyse them, helping the children to think like historians. There have been lots of exciting things happening: Badgers, for example, invited the other classes in their bubble to their class museum. They even issued entry tickets!



## PTA support

We would like to send huge thanks to the PTA for the new phonics reading books they have purchased for our KS1 children.



## Attendance

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

Our overall attendance currently stands at 98.1% which exceeds our aim of 97%. Thank you.

year we are also focusing on the following: Maths (and the continued use of Times Tables Rockstars), Writing, Sporting opportunities and the continued promotion of Kindness.

Lots of work is also being done this year to create a new bespoke Skylark curriculum. More information will follow later in the school year.

## Covid Protocols

Please make sure you have read the recent letter regarding reporting any positive covid cases to school during the Christmas break.

## Dates for your diary

December 2020	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2
January 2021	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 3 for children
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 rock climbing (group 1)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 rock climbing (group 2)
February 2021	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3 for children
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day (note change of date)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Term 4

Best wishes,

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