



# Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful way to end our Take One Monarch learning journey! The children look wonderful in their royal outfits.



We are looking forward to welcoming many of you into school this afternoon to create your family coat of arms with your children. We hope you will display yours proudly at home!

Owls, Foxes and Badgers will turn their attention fully to Vikings now while Squirrels will be finding out about important people from during the Queen's reign and Hedgehogs are learning about Autumn and 'All About Me'.

## Special Work Assembly

Once a term, we hold a Special Work Assembly where two children from each class are selected by their class teacher for working especially hard and producing excellent work. This term's awards have been presented to Essie-Beau, Eron, Romy, Tiggy, William T, Hannah P, Isaac, Zack, Alexia and Emily.

These pictures are examples of some of the wonderful art work from Year 6 and Reception which received awards this week.



## Nut-Free School

Please remember that Barcombe is a nut-free school. We have several pupils with severe nut allergies to different types of nuts. To keep all our children safe, please ensure that no nuts of any kind are in your child's morning snack or packed lunch.

## Attendance

Last week's attendance figures for the classes are as follows:

<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>86.9%</b>
<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
<b>Badgers</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>Foxes</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>92.4%</b>

Our school target is 97%. As you can see, no class met our target last week. Please ensure that your child is in school as much as possible to help us achieve our target. Being absent from school disrupts your child's learning and can lead to them falling behind.

## Uniform and PE kits

The children continue to look very smart in their uniforms. On Fridays, we will continue with our slipper days as voted for by the children last year. If your child has long hair, it should be tied back while in school please.

Please make sure your child's correct PE kit is in school every day (white t-shirt and black shorts).

## School Council

Our school councillors for each class have now been elected and have started discussing important matters. The councillors are Jaia, Will C, Tabitha, Evie S, Emilia, Joe, Hannah B, Harry, Edie, Lily-Grace, Eron and Tilly.

## International Walk to School Month

The School Council's first task is to promote International Walk to School Month which has just started. We would like to encourage all children to walk to school whenever possible. We know that some families live some distance from the school so would like to encourage you to park in the village and walk the rest of the way – park and stride. This will also help ease congestion in School Path and possibly also in the village car park.

Please remember that School Path is a public road and that residents may be driving along it when the children are coming to or leaving school. Please supervise your children until they are in the school grounds.

## Before and After School

We would like to remind you that for the safety of all our children and adults, no scooters, bikes skateboards etc should be ridden at any time in the school grounds. This includes younger siblings.

The adventure playground equipment should not be used at the beginning or end of the school day.

There are reports of some children playing in the car park before school and having to be asked to move so cars can get in. This is obviously very dangerous. Children should come into the school playground from 8.35am where they will be supervised.

## Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be holding our open times for prospective new reception children for September 2018 on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am to 11.30am and on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. If you know of anyone with children due to start school next September, please let them know when these open sessions are so they can come and visit our lovely school.

## Dates for your diary

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

Dates for Term 1 and Term 2 2017 - 2018	
October 2017	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
November 2017	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Squirrels class assembly
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 4pm – 6pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Owls class assembly
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hedgehogs class assembly
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Foxes class assembly
December 2017	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open afternoon for prospective parents 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Badgers class assembly
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 9am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Federation Big Sing @ Barcombe Village Hall time tbc
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service at St Mary's 9am
The children will break up for Christmas on Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> . They will return to school on Wednesday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2018.	

Best wishes,

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