



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2 is well underway now and the new learning journeys have generated lots of excitement. Hedgehogs and Squirrels are finding out about Fire while Badgers, Foxes and Owls are on learning journeys about Our Wonderful World.

Reading Challenges

Our Reading Challenge is up and running again this term. Every Thursday, the number of entries in the children's reading records is counted, adding to a weekly total for the class. Children who have read 4 times or more in a week receive a token towards an end-of-term raffle for a book token. Last term's tokens were won by Eron and Evie B. We hope they have enjoyed choosing an exciting book.

MyMaths

All children from Squirrels to Owls have a MyMaths login and homework is being regularly set for your child. Please support your child to complete these tasks which are linked to what is being done in school. If you need a reminder of your child's login details, please ask the class teacher.

Maths Calculation Meeting

There will be a parents' meeting about calculations next Friday morning, November 16th. This is a change to the original date. We will look at the different ways we teach the children to calculate and offer advice about how you can support your child's maths at home.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, the week beginning Monday 12th November, is Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme for this national event is Choose Respect. We will be marking our Anti-Bullying Week at Barcombe with Odd Socks Day every day of the week. Our children are welcome to wear their funkiest, most colourful, eye-catching socks-but they must be odd! Next week is about standing out and respecting differences. There is no cost for wearing odd socks; we look forward to seeing some fabulous footwear!

The National Anti-Bullying Alliance wants children all over the UK to think about how their behaviour is their choice. We want our Barcombe pupils to set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online. Throughout the week we will be talking about the definition of respect, helping our children to understand that we can respectfully disagree with each other, and that we all need to respect each other, both face to face and online.

Tuesday 13th November is World Kindness Day, Thursday 15th November is Stop, Speak, Support Day (focussed on stopping cyberbullying) and, of course, Friday 16th November is the BBC's Children in Need Day. We will be celebrating Children in Need Day with a non-uniform day. We are encouraging the children to stand out with what they wear on this day, with a donation of £1 to support the Children in Need charity. Patterns, dots and stripes are all welcome; we want you to really stand out!

Our school takes bullying seriously throughout the year and we will continue to work on initiatives with the children in our Personal, Social and Health Education sessions.

Parent Pay

Several families currently owe money to Parent Pay. As a result, Barcombe is £100 in debt. Please make sure that your account is in credit at all times.

Coats and Shoes

The weather is becoming colder and wetter. Please ensure that your child has a 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.

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 riding at speed on scooters and bikes. 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.

Flu Vaccination

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children by the NHS. In the autumn/winter of 2018/2019 the NHS is offering this vaccine for children in Reception and in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The vaccine will be offered at Barcombe on Tuesday, December 4th. You will already have received information about this and have been asked to return your consent forms to the School Office.

Wild About Barcombe

All our classes are visiting Wild About Barcombe as often as possible. At the end of last term, Hedgehogs and Owls had a joint visit. Owls helped Hedgehogs complete a treasure hunt as well as making writing wands and practising letter formation. A wonderful time was had by all!



Attendance

In conjunction with many local schools, we are focussing on attendance this year. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children, we ask that children are in school whenever possible. If they are absent, please provide a reason for that absence as soon as possible. Where patterns of absence emerge, we will be setting targets with parents to improve.

Our attendance statistics to date are as follows:

Owls 97.5%
Foxes 97.8%
Badgers 96.7%
Squirrels 95.9%
Hedgehogs 97.6%

The local authority and Department for Education expectation is 97%. Our statistics are starting to fall. Please make every effort to get your child in school every day and on time.

Dates for your diary

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

November 2018	
Friday 15 th	Calculations Meeting
Thursday 22 nd	Foxes class assembly
Friday 30 th	Christmas Jumper Day
December 2018	
Saturday 1 st	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 11 th	Carol Service
Thursday 13 th	Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers Christmas Nativity
Wednesday 19 th	Carols in the playground 2.30pm
Wednesday 19 th	Break up for Christmas
January 2019	
Thursday 3 rd	Start of term 3
February 2019	
Friday 15 th	Last day of term 3
Monday 25 th	Return to school
March 2019	
Wednesday 20 th	Y5 and 6 to VIAM
April 2019	
Friday 5 th	Last day of term 4
Tuesday 23 rd	Return to school
May 2019	
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th	Y6 SATs week
June 2019	
Friday 21 st	Sports Day
OTHER INSET DATES	
Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd July, 2019	

Best wishes,

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