



# Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a very busy term at Barcombe. Can you believe it is already half term? The children (and staff) have worked really hard all term and there have been some wonderful examples of attitudes towards each other and towards learning evident around the school. This has made Barcombe a fantastic place to be this term. Thank you to all the children and to parents too for all the support you have given the school and your children since the start of term.

### International Walk to School Month

The Walk to School Champions are Owls Class with 86% of the children walking to school regularly. Well done, Owls! Their certificate is proudly displayed in their classroom.

### Sporting Events

Lots of children have been out to sports events over the last few weeks and we would like to thank them all for the effort they put in.

The boys' Y5/6 football team won the fair play awards at the Peacefields Football Tournament at which we also had a Y5/6 girls' team playing.

In Cross Country, Louisa won her cluster race at Chailey School; Rory and Charlie came 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> respectively in their races. The competition was tough and we are very proud of them. They have now taken part in the partnership finals flying the Barcombe flag in Crowborough. Well done!

### NSPCC

This week, the children had assemblies led by the NSPCC to introduce their Speak Out, Stay Safe message. Year 5 and 6 children also had workshops to discuss the issues in more depth. We are grateful to the NSPCC for coming into school for this project and that is why we are fund-raising through the sponsored event that took place on Tuesday afternoon this week. All the children did a whole afternoon of sporting activities including obstacle courses, Jumpstart Jonny dance routines, skipping, hoola-hooping and running. They were well and truly tired at the end of it and should have slept well! They definitely earned their sponsor money.

Please hand in all sponsor money by Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. A follow-up assembly and hand-over of the money will take place the following week.



### 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).

## Attendance

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

<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>Badgers</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Foxes</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>97.6%</b>

Well done Badgers!

## 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.

## 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.

## Pound Coins

Please note that the old pound coins can no longer be accepted in school for any payments.

## Music Lessons

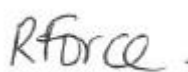
We are now offering a wide range of instrumental lessons in school: guitar, ukulele, violin, recorder, clarinet, cello and piano. Opportunities to start lessons will come up later next term so if your child would like to learn and instrument, please come and talk to us and we will put you in touch with the right person.

### Dates for your diary

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

<b>Dates for Term 1 and Term 2 2017 - 2018</b>	
<b>October 2017</b>	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
<b>November 2017</b>	
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
<b>December 2017</b>	
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,



Ruth Force



Stewart James

