



Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to all our pupils and their families. It has been a pleasure to see all our Barcombe pupils at school this week and hear about them getting engrossed in their learning already. This is Term 1 of the academic year, and we have an enriching first half-term of the academic year in store with our whole-school *Take One Treasure* topic.

### Our project this term

This term, all pupils – irrespective of their age or key stage – will be delving deep into the wondrous theme of *Take One Treasure*. Pupils will explore Treasure through the aims and objectives outlined for their year group in the National Curriculum.

As a taster, our very youngest pupils will explore how we *treasure* our family, loved ones and local environment whereas our older pupils will analyse primary source material relating to treasure.

*Whose treasure was it? Why was that treasured back then? What is treasure today, and what was treasure for the Egyptians/Tudors?*

Watch this space!



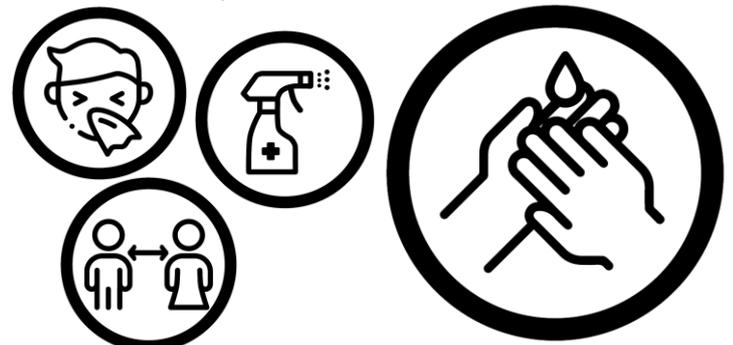
### Attendance

As explained in our letter to parents last week, pupils are now expected to attend school full-time.

### Coronavirus control measures

Please see below for a brief summary of the control measures we will implement at Barcombe Primary School:

- Pupils will line up in their classes in the playground on arrival. The classes will be separated from each other and parents will remain outside the school grounds;
- Departure from school will be staggered. See below for more details about arrival and departure times.
- Pupils will remain in bubbles throughout the school day, including playtimes and lunchtimes;
- G-Suite log-ins will be provided in case of localised/national lockdowns in the future;
- Children will be prioritised for testing should they display any symptoms;
- Classrooms will be well-ventilated;
- Children will wash their hands frequently throughout the day, including on arrival at school, before home time and between sessions;
- Staff will clean the school site at the beginning of the day and in the middle of the day, with a particular focus on high-touch areas such as switches, door handles and tables.



We will be having our weekly class attendance competitions, so let's see which class comes out on top by half term!

### How we communicate with you

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify how, as a school, we communicate about your children's learning:

**Emails** – we will email you letters to inform you of trips/events/goings-on;

**Website** – our website contains a wealth of information – the online calendar is now also updated regularly;

**Parents' evenings/reports** – Our parents' evenings are twice yearly, and an End of Year report is produced in July;

**Open Door policy** – we always welcome parents dropping in with any questions/queries – please now pre-book these meetings.

**Please wear a mask when entering the school building for pre-booked meetings. This can be removed when in the meeting itself, but must be worn in all communal areas.**

### Help us keep in touch with you

Please ensure that our School Office has your up-to-date contact details. We will need these if we ever need to contact you about your child feeling unwell during the school day. East Sussex County Council's 'Safeguarding Best Practice' requires schools to have at least **two** contact details for each family – so please make sure we have all the information we need.



### Church Links

Our current school value is Generosity. *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8*

This is the focus for our classroom reflection area

### Arrival and Departure Times

Now the children have once again got used to the process of lining up in the playground, we would like to tweak the times for arriving at school.

Arrival time for ALL pupils will be 8.45am. The gates will be open at 8.35am and staff will be on the playground.

At the end of the day, we will continue with the staggered departure times in the same way as this week: Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers at 3.05pm and Foxes and Owls at 3.15pm. This reflects what we have always done in the past and helps alleviate any crowding in the playground as children are looking for their parents.

We would like to remind parents about the need for social distancing while waiting for your children.

### A reminder of the links to our class blogs

In the next few weeks, we will be moving to Google Classroom – more details to follow. Until then, please continue to refer to the class blogs for information:

Hedgehogs: [barcombehedgehogs.wordpress.com](http://barcombehedgehogs.wordpress.com)

Squirrels: [barcombesquirrels.wordpress.com](http://barcombesquirrels.wordpress.com)

Badgers: [barcombebadgers.wordpress.com](http://barcombebadgers.wordpress.com)

Foxes: [barcombefoxes.wordpress.com](http://barcombefoxes.wordpress.com)

Owls: [barcombeowls.wordpress.com](http://barcombeowls.wordpress.com)

### Online Safety

Please be aware of recommended ages for online games and social media sites. Content on these sites may be unsuitable for young children and we ask parents to help us safeguard your children so they are not exposed to inappropriate material.

Most sites, including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook, have a recommended age of 13+. Some such as Whatsapp are recommended for 16+ only.

Please see

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/> for more information.

We are aware that some of our children are playing games which are aimed at older children and include inappropriate content. Fortnite has a 12+ age rating, for example. Please also be mindful of sites such as Roblox which allow children to type messages to strangers.

and for our worship assemblies. These will be led in classrooms until we can bring the school together again. For more information, please see the Christian Distinctiveness tab on the school website where there is general information leaflet.

**Welcome**

We are delighted to welcome Ms Violet Baker to our Barcombe team as the new Hedgehogs Teaching Assistant. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new pupils, both those new to Reception and those who have joined us in other year groups: Gabriel in Foxes, Bunny in Badgers, Thea in Hedgehogs, and to our new Reception Hedgehogs Amethyst, Charlie, Daisy, Dylan, Isaac, Martha, Henry, Thierry, Jesse, Wilson, Ameneh, Ascia, Freddie, Cosmo, and Lauris. We hope all our new starters will be very happy at Barcombe.

**Dates for your diary**

<b>September 2020</b>	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum letters to parents
W/c Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Class meets via Zoom
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Owls Class Meet – 3.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Foxes Class Meet – 3.30pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Badgers Class Meet – 3.30pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Squirrels Class Meet – 3.30pm
W/c Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs Class Meet – letter to follow
<b>October 2020</b>	
w/c Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultations
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term 1
<b>November 2020</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day – no school for pupils
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Term 2 for pupils
<b>December 2020</b>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2

Best wishes,



Ruth Force



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