



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Barcombe is full of monarchs at the moment! The children are thoroughly enjoying their learning journeys and there is lots of discussion about royalty past and present. There are even some of the Queen's Knickers hanging around in Squirrels Class!

Thank you to all those parents who have attended our curriculum meetings this week. It is important to us to be able to meet you in this way and for you to be able to ask questions. Please continue to ask questions when you see us in the playground. We may not always have the answer straight away but will get back to you.

Our Hedgehogs have settled in very well and are enjoying their learning. Their Year 6 buddies are very busy helping them at lunchtimes, collecting their dinners for them and playing with them outside. There are some lovely photos of the Hedgehogs with their buddies in our central corridor. Do try to have a look at them.

Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be holding our open times for prospective new reception children for September 2018 on Monday, November 20th from 9.30am to 11.30am and on Monday, December 4th 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.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is at St Mary's next Thursday morning (weather permitting). We look forward to seeing many of you there. The letter sent home on Wednesday has further details.

Attendance

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

Hedgehogs	86.5%
Squirrels	98.4%
Badgers	100%
Foxes	96.1%
Owls	99.3%

Well done, Badgers! Our school target for attendance is 97% so please help us to achieve that by ensuring your child is in school as much as possible.

The last paper newsletter

Our school newsletters will continue fortnightly but to reduce paper and ink usage, we will be moving to a paperless format from the next newsletter. Newsletters will be emailed to parents so please make sure the school office has your up-to-date email address. They will also be available on the school website.

Illness

While we always encourage as high an attendance percentage as possible, as is currently supported by an ESCC radio advert, we are aware that some children have recently been sent to school with upset tummies.

Confidentiality

We know that at times you may hear of parents commenting on their home circumstances. We ask that every member of the school community respects their privacy and that such issues are treated confidentially. If you have a personal circumstance of which you would like the school to be aware, please come and talk to a member of staff.

Daily Mile

Our current fastest times for the daily mile are:

Year 6 boy: Rory ~ 6 minutes 43 seconds

Year 6 girl: Louisa ~ 7 minutes 25 seconds

Year 5 boy: Theo ~ 7 minutes 20 seconds

Year 5 girl: Evie ~ 7 minutes 45 seconds

We are aware that not all children are benefitting from the daily mile as an exercise programme and are currently exploring ways in which we can engage every child in heart-rate-raising activities every day. Please be assured that the daily mile has not been cancelled; we are just currently exploring the children's response to lots of different activities.

Royal Tea Party

There will be an open afternoon on October 6th when parents will be invited into school to join our Royal Tea Party – dressing as a King or Queen if you would like to! This will be similar to the hat-making activity from a couple of years ago: children will work with their parents to create a family coat of arms using all sorts of materials. More details will follow shortly.

Safety on the way to and from school

It has been brought to our attention that several children are riding bikes at speed along School Path at the beginning and end of the school day, sometimes narrowly missing hitting parents and children who are walking along the road. There are also often cars on this road which makes it doubly dangerous. Please ensure that your child rides slowly along School Path, showing awareness of others, and that he/she wears a cycle helmet.

Barcombe Fun Sports Afternoon

Please support the village fun sports afternoon this Sunday. The weather forecast looks good for it so get out onto the Rec and enjoy the sunshine and some sports!

Please be vigilant and make sure that children are kept off school for sickness and diarrhoea. Infections can spread very rapidly in a school environment and we want all the children to be as healthy as possible.

Uniform and PE kits

The children look very smart in their new uniforms. We would like to remind you that our uniform is black shoes. Trainers are not to be worn during the school day except for playtime or PE. On Fridays, we will continue with our slipper days as voted for by the children last year.

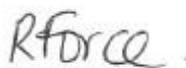
Please make sure your child's correct PE kit is in school every day (white t-shirt and black shorts).

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	
September 2017	
Thursday 28 th	Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's 9am
October 2017	
Friday 6 th	Royal Tea Party 2pm – 3pm
Friday 20 th	INSET
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Half term
Monday 30 th	INSET
November 2017	
Thursday 9 th	Squirrels class assembly
Thursday 16 th	Owls class assembly
Thursday 23 rd	Hedgehogs class assembly
Thursday 30 th	Foxes class assembly
December 2017	
Thursday 7 th	Badgers class assembly
Thursday 14 th	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 9am
Friday 15 th	Year 6 Federation Big Sing @ Barcombe Village Hall time tbc
Tuesday 19 th	Carol Service at St Mary's 9am
The children will break up for Christmas on Wednesday, December 20 th . They will return to school on Wednesday, January 3 rd , 2018.	

Best wishes,



Ruth Force



Stewart James

