



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been at Barcombe! We have had a wonderful time getting engrossed in our learning journeys. Take One Flight has really captured everyone's imagination and there has been some fantastic learning all around the school.

Take One Flight Open Afternoon

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our art exhibition last week and to make your highly creative, aerodynamic paper aeroplanes.



Reading Challenges

Well done to everyone who has been supporting their children's reading at home through our reading initiative. Our weekly totals are looking very good and the children's reading is certainly benefitting from the extra effort at home. Owls Class have had the highest total each week so far this term and are receiving a special celebratory treat as a reward. The winners of the termly individual prize will be drawn in this morning's assembly. There is great excitement among the children.



Creativity at Barcombe

Creativity has been flourishing at Barcombe

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. You have been given your child's current attendance percentage at your parent consultation this week. Where patterns of absence emerge, we will be setting targets with parents to improve.

Our attendance statistics for this term are as follows:

Owls 98.3%

Foxes 98.5%

Badgers 97.6%

Squirrels 97%

Hedgehogs 98.2%

These are all above the 97% target in line with the local authority and Department for Education expectations. Let's keep up this good level of attendance at Barcombe!

Playground: Climbing Frames and Bikes/Scooters

Please do not allow your children to play on the climbing frames before or after school. This applies to younger siblings too.

Bikes, scooters and skateboards should not be ridden in the playground but should be pushed. Again, this applies to younger siblings too.

After School Pick Up

If your child will be going home with someone different to usual, please notify the school office. This is to help

this term. Our STEM day was a great success earlier in the term with lots of flying objects around the school!

Our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church celebrated creativity too with performances from all of our pupils. Thank you to all those who joined us at the church and also to those who enjoyed a sunny walk back to school across the fields.



Our art exhibition last week was a great success and again showed just how creative our children are. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the exhibition.

Links with other schools

This year, we are continuing to develop our links with Cumnor House, especially in Science. King's Academy Ringmer have also invited Y5 pupils to a STEM workshop in the Spring Term.

Cross Country

Well done to all our cross country runners who represented Barcombe this term. They all ran very well. A particular well done to Meabh and Sam whose finishing positions got them through to the Partnership Finals this week. Sam will compete in the County Finals in the Spring.

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.

us ensure that all children are safe. If you cannot get to the office in person, please phone and tell the office so they can inform the class teacher. Teachers will not release your child to an unauthorised person, as we have a duty to safeguard your children until they are in your care or that of an authorised person. Also, please inform us if your child is in Year 5 or 6 and may walk home alone.

Healthy Snacks

Please make sure that any snacks your child brings in are healthy snacks that are under 100 calories. Good examples are carrots sticks and hummus, raisins and other fruit. Chocolate and baked goods such as cakes and croissants are not suitable. Please remember that no nuts should be brought into school.

Dates for your diary

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

| October 2018 | |
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| Friday 19 th | Last day of term 1 for pupils |
| Monday 29 th | Return to school |
| November 2018 | |
| Thursday 8 th | Owls class assembly |
| Thursday 22 nd | Foxes class assembly |
| December 2018 | |
| 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 |
| OTHER INSET DATES | |
| Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd July, 2019 | |

Best wishes,

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