



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Barcombe is starting to look very festive! We have held our annual Christmas decorations day this week, and the main corridor is now full of wonderful decorations created by all our pupils.



Learning Behaviours and Kindness

We encourage our children to work hard in school and to try their hardest even when they find things tricky. In class, we look out for different learning behaviours that will stand the children in good stead as learners and in their lives:

Pride **Determination** **Resilience**
Respect **Curiosity** **Independence**

In this week's celebration assembly, certificates for these learning behaviours have Sophie Ba, Eva, Lennox, Leo and Cadan.

'In a world where you can be anything, be kind.'

This week's Kindness certificates have been Aaron, Felicia, Romilly, Cosmo and Cameron.

This term, we are celebrating a Mathemagician from each class every week. This could be someone who has tried really hard, someone who has made some

Charities

We raised a fantastic £185 for Children in Need a couple of weeks ago.

Donations for our class charities on Christmas decorations day raised the following amounts:

Owls - £19.60 for Patina

Foxes - £18.70 for Bevern Trust

Badgers - £20.00 for East Sussex Wildlife Rescue and Ambulance Service

Squirrels - £30.50 for Chestnut Tree House

Hedgehogs - £9.40 for Raystede

Thank you for your support in helping us raise this money for good causes.

Progress toward our SDP

This year the principal focus of our School Development Plan (SDP) is ensuring our pupils **catch-up** following the disruption to their learning in the summer months. This means that we are continuing to promote the very best attendance, as well as using our Catch-up Funding from the Government to address gaps that have formed in the children's understanding (particularly in Maths and English). In addition, this year we are also focusing on the following: Maths (and the continued use of Times Tables Rockstars), Writing, Sporting opportunities and the continued promotion of Kindness.



Church Links

The theme for our Christmas decorations this year is Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. School is now full of angels, from Reception right through to Year 6. Owls

fantastic progress, or someone who has achieved particularly highly. This week's Mathemagicians are Edie, Noah, Jem, Isaac and Florence.

Attendance

This week's attendance winners are Fox Class with an outstanding 100% attendance record. Well done, Foxes! Squirrels and Owls are close behind with 99.6% and 99.3% respectively.

Our overall attendance currently stands at 98.2% which exceeds our aim of 97%. Thank you.

Safety measures - reminder

- Pupils will arrive at school and leave school according to the staggered times;
- Indoors, pupils will remain in consistent class bubbles throughout the school day;
- Pupils will play in year group bubbles and in zones during play times and lunch times;
- G-Suite log-ins have been provided in case of localised/national lockdowns or closure of class bubbles in the future;
- 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;
- Cleaning 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;
- Visitors will wear masks in communal areas of the school.
- School Staff wear face coverings on the school gate and the beginning and end of the day;
- It is recommended that parents and carers also wear face coverings when dropping-off and picking-up.

Virtual tour of the school - website

A reminder that you can find a virtual tour of our school on our school website: <http://www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk/>. Click on the 'Virtual Tour' tab to find a tour from our Head of School, Mrs Force.

Class also used words from the carol to create pop-art-style artwork.



Our current school value is Responsibility.
"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. If you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly." Romans 12:6-8



Frances



Maddy

Wrap Up Warm!

The weather is chilly now, especially first thing in a morning. So your child is warm at playtimes, and as we are endeavouring to keep a constant flow of fresh air in the classrooms, please make sure your child has a jumper in school and brings a warm coat to wear outdoors.

Dates for your diary

December 2020	
wb Monday 7 th	Jack and the Beanstalk virtual pantomime
Monday 14 th	KS1 virtual nativity available for online viewing
Monday 14 th	KS2 virtual Christmas celebration available for online viewing
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas dinner day
Friday 18 th	End of Term 2
January 2021	
Monday 4 th	Start of Term 3 for children
February 2021	
Friday 12 th	INSET day (note change of date)

Best wishes,

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