



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

New Learning Journeys have got underway and once again there is an air of excitement around the school with the children keen to tell us about their learning. Owls and Foxes are looking at the development of settlements over time – you may see them out and out in Barcombe and perhaps further afield too to do their geography field work; Badgers and Squirrels are finding out all about Castles (in fact, it is safe to say that Squirrels are experts at describing castles!) They are looking forward to their visit to Hever Castle next week. Hedgehogs are finding out all about Growing, including lots of exciting learning about plants.

Learning Behaviours

Our learning behaviours system is going very well and the children are all very keen to get tokens in the class pot. In every lesson, we are looking for examples of the children showing determination, respect, independence, resilience, curiosity and pride. Whenever these behaviours are seen, the child receives a token to put into the class pot. During Friday assembly each week, one of the names from each class will be pulled out of the pot and those children will be able to choose a reward from the 'shop' of goodies on offer. There have already been lots of excited recipients of the rewards. Well done to everyone who has had tokens in the pot – every child in the school has been awarded a token at some point so far which is really good to see.

Illustrators Geocache Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday 24 March, 2pm - 5pm, Patina is organising an Illustrators Geocache Easter Egg Hunt around illustrators' studios and galleries in and around Lewes. The idea is to give young people and the wider community the opportunity to have fun discovering local illustrators, have a go at illustration, chat to the illustrators about what they do and find mini eggs! Registration will be on the day outside Waterstones at

World Book Day

Barcombe was full of a wide variety of characters yesterday for World Book Day. It was lovely to see such a great range of costumes to celebrate this special day in our school calendar. Lots of activities were enjoyed throughout the day, including Drop Everything and Read sessions, reading with children from other classes and parents coming in to read with their children. We hope everyone enjoys spending their World Book Day token.



Comic Relief

Comic Relief is next Friday, March 15th. We would like to invite children to wear a red t-shirt for that day and to learn an appropriate joke to share with everyone. To raise money for Comic Relief, we will be collecting donations of £1 per child.

Outdoor Learning

Hedgehogs enjoyed a Pancake Flipping Welly Walk on Shrove Tuesday. Great fun was had by all! Year 5 have been enjoying their Thursday mornings at Wild About Barcombe learning all sorts of different skills. This week, they built shelters.



220 – 221 High Street, Lewes, for a technology led Easter egg hunt around illustrators’ studios using GPS coordinates on participants’ phones. Prices – £3 for young people, £5 for adults, £12 for a family of four. Web enabled devices or phones needed. For more information please contact patinalewes@gmail.com

Tutors

If you are thinking about hiring a tutor for your child, there are a few points of advice offered by the Local Authority:

- Hire a tutor who has an up-to-date DBS;
- Ask the tutor for details of two referees and follow them up with a phone call;
- Ask the tutor for the details of the parents of current or former pupils and follow them up with a phone call;
- Check that the tutor is properly accredited and qualified by asking to see evidence such as certificates and then contact the relevant accreditation body or organisation;
- Ask the tutor proactive questions; listen for inconsistencies in information you are being told and observe body language;
- Be clear where the tutoring will take place and who will be present. You may wish either to be in the same room, or to leave the door open and enter the room at random. Your child’s bedroom is not a suitable study space;
- Trust your instincts, and don’t be afraid of calling off the lessons if you or your child feels uncomfortable.

Lost Property

There is, once again, a lot of lost property in school: 15 cardigans/jumpers, 2 pairs of trousers, 4 polo shirts, a winter coat, waterproof trousers....None of the items have names in them or the names have faded beyond legibility. It is the dream of all schools to have zero lost property with everything returned to its rightful owner straight away. Please help us realise that dream at Barcombe by naming **every piece** of clothing your child brings into school and checking regularly that the name can still be read.

Coats and Shoes

Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat to wear when they are outside for playtimes and lunchtimes. Also, please ensure that their shoes are appropriate for winter conditions. We want our children dressed appropriately for the weather and the activities that they are doing.

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Y6 have this week attended a theatre production about online safety. It contained some very important messages about how to keep safe online, especially as the children prepare to move on to secondary school.

Attendance

We are really looking to consolidate our attendance figures this term as the local authority and Department for Education expectation is 97%. Therefore, as ever, please make every effort to get your child in school every day on time. If your child is unable to attend school (due to illness) please contact the school office daily by 9.00am on 01273 400287

Where patterns of absence or lateness emerge, we will be setting targets with parents to improve.

Our attendance statistics to date are as follows:

- Owls 97.1%
- Foxes 97.1%
- Badgers 95.6%
- Squirrels 94.1%
- Hedgehogs 93.1%

This week’s attendance winners are Squirrels with 98%. Well done!

Dates for your diary

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

March 2019	
Wednesday 13 th	Squirrels and Badgers to Hever
Wednesday 20 th	Y5 and 6 to VIAM
Thursday 21 st	Y5 Little Big Bang STEM event
April 2019	
Friday 5 th	Last day of term 4
Tuesday 23 rd	Return to school
May 2019	
Thursday 2 nd	Foxes class assembly
Wednesday 8 th	Y4 Hindleap Warren
Thurs 9 th – Fri 10 th	Y5 Hindleap Warren
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th	Y6 SATs week
June 2019	
Wed 12 th – Fri 14 th	Y6 PGL residential
Friday 21 st	Sports Day
July 2019	
Friday 19 th	Last day of school for pupils
Mon 22 nd Tues 23 rd	INSET days

Best wishes,

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