



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the academic year and what an excellent year it has been! Our pupils have, as always, been fantastic and, with our dedicated staff, have helped make our school such a happy place to be.

The last few weeks have been very busy with all sorts of wonderful activities going on. The smiles on the children's faces say it all!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy summer holiday. We look back to seeing many of you and your children again in September, ready for a new year of exciting events and learning.

Our first learning journey for the whole school will be Take One Heart.

Leavers

We will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils today. They have been a super Year 6 and we will miss them. Many of them have been here from Reception, so have been part of Barcombe School for 7 years. We wish them all every success at their secondary schools: Chailey, King's Academy (Ringmer) and Roedean. We know that new adventures await them and look forward to hearing of their achievements.

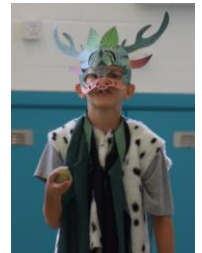
We also say goodbye to Miss Doone who has been at Barcombe for two years. We wish her success in her new post.

Results

Once again, our Barcombe results are excellent. This is thanks to the hard work of the children and the dedication of all the staff. Most of our results are well above the national percentages. Of particular note are the excellent percentages for children achieving at the higher standard (greater depth) in maths, reading and writing. At Year 6, Reading was 47% greater depth (national 27%); Writing was 32% greater depth (national 20%); and Maths was 58% greater depth (national 27%). These high percentages of children achieving at the

Maskmaker Production

This week, our year 4, 5 and 6 pupils entertained a packed hall with their performance of Maskmaker. Music, drama, dance - it was all there - and what a fantastic standard they reached! We were very proud to see them perform so well.



Many more photos from the show can be found on the Owls class blog.

higher standard are symptomatic of an excellent school, and we are extremely pleased with these results.

Times Tables Rockstars

Times Tables Rockstars is proving a great hit with our pupils. Learning times tables is very important for fluency in maths and will be a focus for Barcombe next year. The children are doing very well with it and we are seeing lots of progress being made. Our current champion is George L in Owls with a speed of 0.91 seconds per answer. Lots of others are trying hard to catch him! Please encourage your child to practise lots over the summer holiday.

Attendance

We end the school year with an overall attendance percentage of 96.24%.

Next year, we aim to achieve higher than the DfE expectation of 97%. Inevitably, there will be times when your children are too ill to be in school, but we ask that our pupils are in school every day whenever possible to support us in our goal of 97%+.

Our class attendance statistics for the year are as follows:

- Owls 96.93%
- Foxes 96.87%
- Badgers 96.19%
- Squirrels 95.41%
- Hedgehogs 95.14%

Well done to Owls for the overall highest percentage for the year!

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners will decrease from September to £2.05 per meal.

School Library

Our school library has had a complete overhaul and is looking fabulous! There are lots of exciting new books - £2000 worth! One of our priorities has been to build up the stock of books for our younger pupils as well as updating some of the fiction books for older pupils. We would like to thank the PTA for all their support for this project. We cannot undertake things such as this without their excellent fundraising. Please continue to support the PTA in all their fundraising activities so that together we can support our children and their learning. Don't forget the PTA end-of-year party this afternoon after school on the Rec.

Dates for your diary

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

July 2019	
Mon 22 nd Tues 23 rd	INSET days
September 2019	
Wednesday 4 th	INSET DAY
Thursday 5 th	Start of Term 1 for pupils
October 2019	
Thursday 24 th	Last day of Term 1 for pupils
Friday 25 th	INSET DAY
November 2019	
Monday 4 th	Start of Term 2
Friday 15 th	INSET DAY
December 2019	
Friday 20 th	End of Term 2

Best wishes,

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