



# Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. This has been a wonderful term for Barcombe and everyone deserves a well-earned Christmas break. Thank you for all your support for our many Christmas activities over the last couple of weeks.

## KSI Nativity

Key Stage I entertained us all with their performance of Christmas with the Aliens. It was wonderful to see all the children participating so confidently in their roles and equally wonderful to see such a large audience enjoying watching them.



## Christmas Concert

Owls Class held their Christmas Concert at the Village Hall last week. This was another fantastic celebration of Christmas with singing by the whole class and the first performance by our very own school band of violin, recorder, cellos and guitars.



## After-School Care

After the holidays we will be sending out information about possible after-school care based in school and seeking your opinions on this. Please look out for that letter and respond to it so we can work towards providing what is needed for our school families.

## Tree Physical

After Christmas, our Year 5 pupils will be starting a series of lessons leading towards the John Muir Award for each pupil. The tag line for this award is 'Wild Places: discover, explore, conserve, create'. It sounds very exciting and we look forward to sharing the children's experiences with you.

## Values for Life

As you know, we focus our assemblies on a different value each term. So far this year we have focussed on Peace and Trust. After Christmas, our focus will be on Courage.

## MyMaths Parents' Meeting

Many of the children are really getting to grips with their MyMaths homework tasks now. We have celebrated the efforts of those children who are up-to-date with all their tasks by presenting them each with a certificate. We would like to invite you to a parents' meeting on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.15pm in Owls classroom. At the meeting, you will be able to explore MyMaths and see how some of the children are using it and will be able to ask any questions. Your children are very welcome to come along to the meeting too so you can explore the website together.

## Quentin Blake



The children recently worked with Mrs Edwards to create a birthday card for Quentin Blake, the illustrator who has drawn the pictures for many children's books. We were

delighted to receive our very own handmade Christmas card from him signed to everyone at Barcombe School!

## PE kits

Please make sure your child's correct PE kit is in school every day (white t-shirt and black shorts). Some form of physical activity takes place every day. PE lessons may take place outdoors so jogging bottoms are a good option for those lessons. PE kits will have been sent home for washing over Christmas so please make sure they are sent back right at the beginning of term.

## Attendance

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

<b>Hedgehogs</b>	<b>93.6%</b>
<b>Squirrels</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Badgers</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>Foxes</b>	<b>92.5%</b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>92.1%</b>

Well done, Badgers! Let's hope that everyone comes back to school healthy after the Christmas break and that our attendance figures start to look healthier once again.

## Nut-Free School

Please remember that Barcombe is a nut-free school. We have several pupils with severe nut allergies to different types of nuts. To keep all our children safe, please ensure that no nuts of any kind are in your child's morning snack or packed lunch.

## Dates for your diary

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

<b>Dates for Term 1 and Term 2 2017 - 2018</b>	
<b>December 2017</b>	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
<b>Dates for Terms 3 and 4 2017 - 2018</b>	
<b>January 2018</b>	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	My Maths parents' meeting
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 start John Muir Award 9am – 1pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Owls Curriculum meeting 9am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Foxes Curriculum meeting 9am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Badgers Curriculum meeting 9am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Squirrels Curriculum meeting 9am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs Curriculum meeting 9am
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Forum 9.00am – 9.45am
<b>February 2018</b>	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 3
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term 4
<b>March 2018</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Owls Class assembly
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Foxes Class assembly
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Badgers Class assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Squirrels Class assembly
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs Class assembly
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 4
<b>Dates for Term 5 and 6 2017 2018</b>	
<b>April 2018</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
<b>May 2018</b>	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs tests

Best wishes,

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