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| *Learning Together, Believing Together* **E-mail:** office@barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk  **Website:** [www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk)  Friday 2nd December, 2016  **Barcombe School Partnership News**  Dear Parents/Carers,  Christmas is underway at Barcombe! The children have been working hard today to prepare decorations for the school. It’s going to look great!  Barcombe Governors wrote to parents recently with great news about the positive impact the partnership of Barcombe, Hamsey and Plumpton is having on learning and opportunities for the children and a Parent Partnership Meeting was held at school last week.  Members of our Governing Body have been meeting regularly on a Joint Committee with the Governors of the other schools to discuss and evaluate the impact of Federating and the roadmap for success.  The teachers and all staff from the schools now meet at least once a week at staff meetings as well as having regular email contact and are finding the support and ideas from colleagues working together is having a really positive impact on how they plan and teach their lessons.  The schools’ INSET day at the end of last term was a chance for an external advisor to work with the teachers to help them plan and deliver even more exciting English lessons that the children will be receiving the benefit of over the course of this term.  As you all know, Mr Louis Munnery is now employed across the three schools as a full time health, fitness and wellbeing coordinator. Mr Munnery is leading the development of regular fitness sessions for all pupils throughout the school day; this may include walking, jogging or running a daily mile, short bursts of aerobic exercise and also the development and understanding of relaxation techniques. He is also leading sports activities during play and lunchtimes and team teach with teachers during afternoon PE sessions to raise the quality of sporting provision across the three schools.  The partnership model for small rural schools is the model being shared by East Sussex County Council as the model for the future. At Barcombe we feel our own partnership model has started extremely positively and we can see how this can only have huge benefits for all our children and families.  There are several documents which will help you understand our current position: questions and answers from the parent partnership meetings in April and last week and a copy of the strategy presentation as delivered to parents at last week’s meeting. These will be emailed to you and can also be found on the school website under ‘Parent Partnership’.  Further dates for Parent Partnership Meetings are as follows:  Spring Term 1  Parents Partnership Forum: 5th January – 6.30-7.30pm at Barcombe  Parents Partnership Forum: 17th January – 6.30-7.30pm at Barcombe  Parents Partnership Forum: 18th January – 6.30-7.30pm at Plumpton  Parents Partnership Forum: 23rd January – 6.30-7.30pm at Hamsey  Spring Term 2  Parents Partnership Forum: 23rd March – 6.30-7.30pm at Barcombe  Summer Term 1  Parents Partnership Forum: 23rd May – 6.30-7.30pm at Plumpton  This is a full list of all meetings planned for the year. However, we felt it would be good to prepare you well in advance so as many people as possible will be able to come.  Our focus is to ensure the long term future and ongoing success of Barcombe school. We wish to ensure these three wonderful and unique little schools continue to develop and offer an outstanding education with the stability and provision of a large school with the community and individual care of a little village school.  Thank you for your support.  Mr James Mrs Force  *Outstanding_Colour_School* | | |
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