Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term has started off very well and the children are enjoying their new learning journeys: Squirrels and Hedgehogs are finding out about Ice Explorers while Badgers, Foxes and Owls are learning about Trading Posts. There is already lots of excitement about the new things being learnt.

First Aid

Just before bonfire night, all the children from Year 1 upwards took part in the Big First Aid Lesson, an online streamed activity organised by St John Ambulance. The lesson focussed on firework safety. Please talk to your child about what he/she learnt in the lesson, particularly as Barcombe's own bonfire night is very soon.

Online Payments for School Meals

We will be commencing online payments for achool meals on the week beginning Monday, December 4th. Please look out for your parent registration form in the next weeks in order to use this facility. From that date, payment will only be by cash or online – cheques will no longer be accepted.

Children in Need

Next Friday, November 17th, is Children in Need day. We will be having a pyjama day in school with donations towards Children in Need. Please look out for further details next week.

NSPCC

A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped make our NSPCC fundraising so successful. We raised a grand total of £812.43 which is a fantastic amount. Sally, School Organiser for this area's NSPCC came into school this week to thank everyone in person. The money will help to train a Childline volunteer.

Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be holding our open times for prospective new reception children for September 2018 on Monday, November 20th from 9.30am to 11.30am and on Monday, December 4th from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. If you know of anyone with children due to start school next September, please let them know when these open sessions are so they can come and visit our lovely 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.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. Classes will be doing short activities each day to highlight the impact of bullying and to spread the message that bullying will not be tolerated. The slogan for this year is 'All Different. All equal'.

Tudor Concert

To finish off their learning journey about Henry VIII, Barcombe Owls welcomed Plumpton Owls to join them for a concert of music from the time of Henry VIII performed by Faronel, a local early music group. There were some very strange instruments played!



Attendance

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

Hedgehogs	**95.8%**
Squirrels	**98.5%**
Badgers	**96.6%**
Foxes	**94.6%**
Owls	**98.3%**

Well done, Squirrels!

The East Sussex Get a Grip leaflet was sent out last week. If you have any comments about the leaflet, please contact East Sussex County Council. The school would like to state that it deals with attendance concerns on an individual basis with a focus on positive support.

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.

Hair

We have recently had several cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair today and apply treatment if necessary. A weekly hair check is a good routine to get into. We ask that all children with hair longer than shoulder length, boys or girls, have it tied back while in school both to avoid nits being passed from one head to another and for safety in lessons.

Dates for your diary

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

Dates for Term 1 and Term 2 2017 - 2018	
November 2017	
Wednesday 15th	Parent Consultations 4pm – 6pm
Thursday 16th	Owls class assembly
Friday 17th	Children in Need pyjama day
Monday 20th	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 23rd	Hedgehogs class assembly
Thursday 30th	Foxes class assembly
Thursday 30th	Owls and Foxes to orchestral concert in Eastbourne
December 2017	
Friday 1st	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 4th	Open afternoon for prospective parents 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 7th	Badgers class assembly
Thursday 14th	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 9am
Friday 15th	Year 6 Federation Big Sing @ Barcombe Village Hall time tbc
Tuesday 19th	Carol Service at St Mary's 9am
The children will break up for Christmas on Wednesday, December 20th. They will return to school on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018.	

Best wishes,

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