Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas preparations have begun and our school is looking very festive with all the decorations in the main corridor. The children worked hard last week to make decorations on the theme of stars and gifts. The Christmas tree has been decorated and the nativity scene is there for all to admire. Our very own Christmas Art Elf (aka Mrs Edwards) has been hard at work and our displays are wonderful! There is still a lot of work in class to be done this term, but it is all starting to feel Christmassy.

Christmas Cards

The post box is now in the main corridor for your children to post their cards to other children in the school. Please name envelopes clearly (with surnames if possible) and also write the class of the recipient on the front. That really helps our card elves to get them to the right person.

Christmas Fair

A big Thank You goes to the PTA for organising a wonderful Christmas Fair last weekend. There have been lots of lovely comments about how good it was. It is hard work organising events such as that and all the children and staff really appreciate the dedication of the PTA in their fundraising efforts. We will let you know how much was raised at the Christmas Fair very soon.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday, December 19th. All children should have ordered their meal choices by now. If not, please see the office asap.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service is On Tuesday, December 19th at St Mary's. The children will meet us at the church at 8.45am and then walk back to school after the service. Further details will be in a separate letter.

Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity

We are all looking forward to the Nativity on Thursday, December 14th. Lots of practising has been going on and it promises to be a great event. Please help your child learn and practise lines and get costume bits and bobs ready.

Orchestra Concert

Owls and Foxes headed in to Eastbourne last week to hear a concert of film themes played by the South Downs Youth Orchestra, a group of 11 to 18 year olds. It was a fantastic concert and everyone enjoyed it. We even got to stand on the seafront in the sunshine and enjoy the view out to sea for a short time.





Pantomime

This week, Sussex Downs College came in to perform a Beauty and the Beast pantomime. Oh yes they did! The children all thoroughly enjoyed the performance.



Coats and Jumpers

Please make sure your child has a school jumper and coat at school every day. Playtimes can get pretty chilly.

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.

Attendance

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

Hedgehogs	**82.6%**
Squirrels	**98.4%**
Badgers	**99.7%**
Foxes	**97.1%**
Owls	**98.3%**

Well done, Badgers! They have been presented with the attendance cup in assembly this morning.

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 treat 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 such as PE and Design Technology.

Parent Pay

Online payments for school meals has started and has so far proved successful. Thank you to those of you who are using the system. We hope it will make things easier for you. Please ensure that your account is kept in credit.

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	
December 2017	
Thursday 14th	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 9am
Friday 15th	Owls Class Christmas Concert @ Barcombe Village Hall 5.30pm
Tuesday 19th	Carol Service at St Mary's 9am
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 20th	Last day of term
January 2018	
Tuesday 2nd	**INSET**
Wednesday 3rd	**Children return to school**
Thursday 4th	Y5 start John Muir Award 9am – 1pm
Monday 22nd	Parent Forum 9.00am – 9.45am
The children will break up for half term on Friday, February 9th and return on Monday, February 19th. They will break up for Easter on Thursday, March 29th and return on Monday, April 16th.	

Best wishes,

Ruth Force

Stewart James