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Dear Parents and Carers

With only one day to go until the half term holiday, I cannot believe there is only another seven weeks of this academic year remaining once we return! It has been another busy term and I feel the children are now ready for another break to rest and recharge their batteries!

Sport

This term the children in Year 6 have received cricket coaching from Sussex Cricket Club, Year 3 have enjoyed Tennis coaching from Mrs Hawes and the Year 4 children have had swimming lessons at Cumnor House. I recently met with Mr Heinrich (Head Master) to finalise our plans with working together during the next academic year. Next term children will be receiving golf tuition as well as continued support from, Sussex Cricket Club, Cumnor House and Premier Sport.

I would like to remind parents to ensure the children have their PE kit in school; PE kit consists of white T-Shirt, shorts and trainers / pumps. Children are not allowed to wear sports kit of their choice.

KS2 SAT

I am pleased to inform you that the KS2 SAT tests are now completed for another year. The children were all extremely sensible and did their best! Well done Year 6.

Science Day

Tomorrow is Science day at school. The children will be working in mixed class groups within each Key Stage. They will be carrying out a number of different experiments and investigations using marshmallows and spaghetti, milk colour mixing, bubbles, magnets, exploding rockets and finger prints! It sounds as if it is going to be an extremely exciting day.

Class Visits

Last week children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels Classes visited Plumpton farm as part of their Farm learning journey. The children really enjoyed an extremely practical day and learnt about caring for the animals and how the animals care for their young on the farm.

Tomorrow Year 6 are taking part in Safety in Action at Newhaven Fort. They will be given lots of extremely important advice and learn all about fire, road and personal safety. The day is always extremely enjoyable and thought provoking.

New Teacher

After the half term holidays I will be writing to you to inform you of the classes for next year and the teachers and teaching assistants supporting them. I would like to share with you that the school have appointed a new experienced teacher for next year. Mr Brooker will be joining our team; he has been teaching for 10 years, he is a maths science and computing specialist and is also a qualified countryside ranger. We are excited to be welcoming Mr Brooker to our team and know he will bring lots of skills and inspiring learning opportunities for the children.

Snacks

It has come to my attention that a number of children are bringing sweet/ chocolate snacks to school to have at the mid-morning break. Children can bring fruit or a cereal bar as a snack or have the option to purchase a bagel / muffin or toast.

Please do not provide children with sweet snacks.

Parent Forum

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Parents Forum meeting this evening. It will be held in Owls Class at 6pm. The aim of the meeting is to continue to build communication between school and home and give you the opportunity to share your ideas for the future of Barcombe School.

I hope you all have a relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 1st June.

Best wishes,

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