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Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a busy start to the new term! It is great to see everyone back and excitedly beginning their new learning journeys. I hope you have all managed to make it to class curriculum meetings or have had a chance to look at the individual class curriculum letters to share the children's learning with them.

Break Out Of Barcombe

Today Hedgehogs class have been at 'Wild About Barcombe' bug hunting; the children found and identified, centipedes, millipedes, caterpillars, and many more mini beasts!.. They even found a rare Oak Weevil! They also focused on listening to and identifying natural and man-made sounds within the environment.

Maths... Still Matters In May!

Following on from our very successful 'Maths Matters In March' whole school focus on mathematical strategies and techniques on learning number facts; today the whole school has spent the morning dedicating their attention to 'problem solving'. Mr Walton devised a series of plans and each class spent the morning learning how to solve problems systematically. Problem Solving is a great technique to develop as it encourages discussion, questioning and teamwork! Throughout next week each class will be displaying their work outside classrooms for you to see and share with the children; please come in and have a look.

Masters, Wizards and Scholars

The children in Badgers and Foxes Class have really been focusing on learning their times tables. Adults at school are extremely impressed with the dedication of the children in trying to conquer their knowledge of times tables. To receive a certificate the children must demonstrate they are able to mentally recall ordered and random multiplication and division facts within a given amount of time. Currently Badgers Class has two Masters: Amelia and Maddy and three Wizards: William, Ruairi and Freja. Well done to these children and everyone working towards awards.

Sporting Success

East Sussex Indoor Cricket Finals

Following their success at the recent cluster indoor tournament. Our Years Five and Six Team travelled to Eastbourne to play in the area finals against The Haven and Christchurch Primary schools. The children played brilliantly and their sportsmanship was exceptional. Well done to Toby, Sam, Lewis, Stan, Laela, Geordie, Harvey and Mattias for finishing second in the competition.

Road To Eastbourne Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to Rebecca, Sophie, Rhiannah, Amelia, Alex, John, Jos and Jack, our Years Three and Four Tennis Team; their outstanding performance ensured we won the competition! This is the third consecutive year that Barcombe have triumphed at this competition. The partnership finals will be held in June.

Art Exhibition

On Wednesday 7th May Mrs Edwards would like to invite parents of children who attended her Key Stage Two Art Club to an exhibition to celebrate the children's work. The exhibition will take place from 3.20pm outside Foxes Class. Please come and view the children's wonderful work.

The Joy Of Not Knowing

This year during assemblies and within class we have been trying to spread the message of 'JONKING'; this is an abbreviation of 'The Joy Of Not Knowing'. The idea is to show children that it is exciting if you do not know the answer to a question; because then you can go and find out! The theory is to help the children to build resilience in their learning behaviours, ask for help when they need it and encourage them to research an answer either independently or with friends. Please try to support this idea at home either during family discussions or during homework activities.

Community Gardening Day

On Friday 23rd May, the whole school will join together on a project to tidy and reinvigorate our school grounds. The day is being put together by the School Council, who would like to invite, governors, parents, friends and members of the community to join them for part of the day. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to be involved in the development of the school grounds and outside learning spaces. As adults will not be working alone with children, you do not need to hold CRB clearance. More information about this coming soon. If you are able and would like to help please speak to class teachers to register your interest.

Amended Date

Last week I reported an INSET day on Tuesday 2nd June; it is actually on Monday 2nd June, apologies for any misunderstanding.

The final INSET day of the year is Wednesday 23rd July.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing and peaceful bank holiday weekend.

Best Wishes

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