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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a very exciting Term 2! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable half term break and the children have returned to school revitalised and ready for an exciting new term.

### **Africa**

Our learning journey for this term will be 'African Adventure'; this is going to be a fantastic opportunity to immerse ourselves in the culture and traditions of numerous countries in Africa. Next week the children will be visited by an African Drumming workshop; the children will have the opportunity to listen to, learn about and take part in a range of activities. Mrs Pipe will also be leading the children through an Art project creating traditional African fabric dyeing and Mrs Edwards has been working hard planning some really exciting art lessons for the individual classes. If any parents have knowledge of and or artefacts of Africa, please speak to the class teachers if you feel you may be able to bring the children's learning to life in some way.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week is National Anti-Bullying week. The school takes all concerns relating to Bullying extremely seriously and is constantly reviewing practises to ensure children feel safe and happy in school. Throughout next week the children will be involved with activities relating to identifying and dealing effectively with any types of Bullying. East Sussex Behaviour Support will also be visiting the school twice during the week. They will deliver an assembly to the children and staff on Tuesday morning and will lead a workshop for parents from 2.30 – 3.15pm on Wednesday afternoon. I invite and encourage you to come to the meeting to listen to the team.

I would also like to draw your attention to a free anti-bullying play at Brighton University next week. As a contribution to Anti-bullying week the School of Education with Families Friends and Travellers (FFT), a Brighton based national charity, is putting on a **FREE** showing of "Crystal's Vardo" on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. The play is aimed at an Upper Key Stage Two audience. If you would like to reserve your free tickets there is a link on Barcombe schools website. I hope you have the opportunity to go!

### **New Teacher**

As parents of children in Badger's Class are aware and I am sure others of you will know, Mr Allen will be leaving us at Christmas. The school have appointed an experienced teacher who we are very excited about joining the team. Mrs Knox is currently working at Bolney CE Primary school in West Sussex but will be joining our team at the start of Term 3. Mrs Knox has been teaching for 8 years and leads Literacy at her current school. We will be ensuring a smooth transition between Mr Allen and Mrs Knox during Term 2.

## **PTA**

The latest fundraiser for the PTA was a pumpkin sale and competition. Lots of fun was had by everyone involved. The PTA raised a fantastic £290; thank you once again to everyone involved. The PTA is currently looking for new members! If you would like to join the PTA and get more involved with the school community please see Jane Nurse or make an enquiry at Reception.

## **Class Representatives**

Class representatives have now been chosen for each class. I will be meeting the new class representatives shortly to introduce them to the role. The main aims of the Class Reps are to be a parental voice for the parents in the class. To ensure the school knows and is dealing with any concerns parents have as well as celebrations for things the school is doing well. The class reps will also be involved with organising class charity fundraising events. Class Reps are:

Hedgehogs	Mrs Hibbard and Mrs Fry
Squirrels	Mrs Douglass and Mrs Montebello
Badgers	Mrs Hatchard and Mrs Nurse
Foxes	Mrs Pendered and Mrs Hill
Owls	Mrs Scripps and Mrs Sizen

Mrs Cornwall will also be a Governor representative at the Parent Representative meetings as a link between parents and governors.

## **Listening to Readers**

If any parents or grandparents have any spare time to come into school on a regular basis to listen to readers I would greatly appreciate any support given. It is essential the children are heard to read as much as possible to develop their literacy skills.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of school life please do not hesitate to speak with the class teachers, the school office or myself. I hope you enjoy a relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes

Stewart James

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