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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Term 2 is now fully underway and the half term holiday seems a distant memory. It is wonderful to see everyone back at school. Term 2 is always incredibly busy and I wanted to remind you all once again of some important dates.

Children In Need – Friday 13th November

It is time once again to help raise a few extra pennies for Children In Need. This year we are going to keep things very simple and have asked the children to come to school dressed in something spotty; or if they would like to they can come to school with spots painted on their faces. If you are allowing this please ensure the face paint is particularly for skin! We will be asking the children for a small donation for this. Please be as generous as you can for this fantastic cause!

Date for the diary: Parents' Forum

Last year the school started the parents' forum. This is a chance for parents to meet with myself and discuss the direction of the school for the current and future academic years, plans for curriculum development and changes to the curriculum at a National level or any other specific concern they would like to discuss. **The next date for the parents' forum is Thursday 12th November at 6pm. I do hope as many parents as possible will be able to attend.**

Open Mornings – Encouraging Parents to send their children to our wonderful school!

This year we only welcomed 14 children into our Reception class. For the school to maintain its extremely high standards we must ensure we have 20 children starting each year. Our open mornings for new parents of children to start in September 2016 are:

Wednesday 25th November - 9.30 – 11.30am

Wednesday 2nd December - 9.30 – 11.30am.

Parents will receive a guided tour of the school followed by a presentation from myself and Miss Eaglen, the EYFS leader. Please encourage friends from Barcombe and the surrounding areas to come and visit this very special little school.

Our value for this term is: Perseverance

Last term the value the children were learning about was wisdom; this term the value they are thinking about is perseverance. Through our assemblies and work in class the children will be listening to stories from the bible and other stories from around the world developing ideas around the theme of perseverance. The children will listen to Jeremiah in the well, the story of the lost sheep and The Tortoise and the Hare. Please talk to the children about perseverance at home and why it is an important value to have.

Key Stage Two Visit The National Gallery

Last week the children in Key Stage 2 visited the National Gallery to view Gainsborough's Mr and Mrs Andrews painting. The children all had a wonderful time and were able to see lots of other famous works of art as well. I would like to apologise for the late arrival back to school and thank you to parents who waited patiently on Friday evening.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday 12th November – Hedgehogs Class Assembly, Parents Forum (6pm)

Monday 16th November – Alice In Wonderland film viewing- Foxes Class

Wednesday 18th November – Key Stage 1 film morning- 'Home' – Burgess Hill

Thursday 19th November – Squirrels Class Assembly

Friday 20th November - Yr. 6 Take Over Day

Tuesday 24th November – Individual children's' photos

Wednesday 25th November – New Parents Open Morning

Friday 27th November - Yr.1 Break Out Of Barcombe

Wednesday 2nd December – New Parents Open Morning

Thursday 3rd December – Owls Class Assembly (Change of Date)

Tuesday 8th December – Yr.6 Big Sing – Winter Garden, Eastbourne

Thursday 10th December – KS1 Christmas Performance

Friday 11th December – Reception Break Out Of Barcombe

Tuesday 15th December – Yr. 6 to Chailey Secondary – Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Carol Service @ St. Mary's

Friday 18th December – INSET – No children in school

Best Wishes.

Mr S James
Head Teacher

