



# Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks this has been! There have been lots of exciting learning opportunities all around the school, including outdoor adventure activities for some of the older children. Everyone is working really hard in school and there has been some fantastic work produced.

## Hindleap Warren

Last week, Year 4 spent a day at Hindleap Warren. Year 5 spent two days there, staying overnight. They all had a wonderful time doing activities such as climbing, archery and zip-wire.



## Hot drinks

Please do not bring hot drinks onto the playground unless they are in a lidded cup. Part of our Safeguarding Policy is to have no hot drinks in uncovered containers in school at any time, including in the playground before and after school.

## Sweets

We have had a report from the local authority of sweets containing illegal substances being offered to children in the East Sussex area. Our children know not to accept sweets from strangers. Please reinforce this message with your children.

## Attendance

Hedgehogs Class were last week's winners and this week's winners are Foxes with 100%. Well done, Foxes!

Class	last week	this week
Hedgehogs	98.8%	98.5%
Squirrels	98.3%	98.3%
Badgers	96.2%	96.8%
Foxes	95.4%	100%
Owls	95.2%	99%

The threshold for 'good' attendance is 95%. Please help us to keep our attendance percentage as high as possible by making sure your child is in school and on time every day.

## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. We have been delighted with the calm and determined way they have approached their revision and the tests themselves and know that they have all done the very best they could have. Well done to all of them. They have spent today at a circus skills workshop and celebration picnic, joining with the Year 6s from Hamsey and Plumpton schools.

## Nut-free School

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. There are several children at Barcombe who have severe nut allergies and we therefore ask that no nuts are brought into school at any time so we can ensure the safety of those children.

## Daily Mile

The current records for the daily mile in Years 4, 5 and 6 are as follows:

Year 6: Rebecka – 6 minutes 25 seconds

Year 5: Rory – 6 minutes 45 seconds

Year 4: Max – 7 minutes 45 seconds

Everyone is striving to beat their personal best times. Please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school **every day**, especially for taking part in this Daily Mile initiative.

## Bird Art

There were some wonderful entries in our Bird Art competition, showing great creativity. There is a lot of talent out there! Our winners were:

Hedgehogs: Marley

Squirrels: Scarlett

Badgers: Hannah P

Foxes: Meabh

Owls: Rory



## Safeguarding

We would like to remind you that for the safety of our children, all parents entering the school building at any time should do so by the main entrance and sign in. In this way we can be sure of who is in the building at any time. The only time this is different is when attending class assemblies when you will enter by the Sports Hall entrance.

## School Path

Please be mindful and supervise your children at all times when they are coming down School Path in the mornings. There are several children who scoot down the road very quickly ahead of their parents. Each morning there are cars driving along the road as residents leave to go to work and we want to make sure that all children are as safe as possible.

## PSHE

We are using an exciting new Personal, Social and Health Education scheme in school. Jigsaw brings together PSHE education, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a lesson-a-week PSHE Curriculum and includes up-to-date information about areas such as e-safety as well as further developing our mindfulness work.

## Dates for your diary

*Please note these dates are not exhaustive and can be subject to change.*

May 2017	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs welly walk
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 to Newhaven Fort – Safety in Action
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
June 2017	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
wb Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability training
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Break Out of Barcombe
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 PGL residential
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	STEM day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service @ Crowborough
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
July 2017	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Patina
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Production * NEW * 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Connect with the Countryside
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Break Out of Barcombe
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA disco
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Children break up for summer
Dates for Term 1 and Term 2 2017 - 2018	
September 2017	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Children's first day
October 2017	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET
The children will break up for Christmas on Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> . They will return to school on Wednesday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2018.	

Best wishes,

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