



# Barcombe CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are two weeks into Term 5 and the children are thoroughly engrossed in their new learning journeys. Hedgehogs and Squirrels are busy discovering Awesome Animals and are already full of interesting facts. Badgers, Foxes and Owls are continuing their exploration of the world in their Around the World in Sixty Days learning journey. If only we could all go off on a world tour.....

## Drusillas Visit

This week, Squirrels and Hedgehogs visited Drusillas as part of their Awesome Animals learning journey. They all had a great time.



## Parent Partnership Meeting

There will be a Parent Partnership meeting at school next Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Please come along to hear about our plans and to discuss anything you would like to raise.

## Dance Workshop

This week, three Year 5 pupils took part in a dance workshop organised by Universal Dance at Lewes Old Grammar School. They had a wonderful time taking part in the workshop and then performing for an audience which included their parents.



## Curriculum Meetings

It has been good to see lots of you at our curriculum meetings and maths sessions this week. It is always good to share with you what the children are doing in school. As always, if you have any questions about your child's work, please talk to his/her class teacher.

## Daily Mile

The children are working really hard on their Daily Mile challenges. We have started timing some of the children to give them a sense of achievement when they improve their personal best times. Our fastest times at the moment are from Rebecka and Jack in Owls class, both running a mile in 6 minutes 50 seconds. Please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school **every day**, especially for taking part in this Daily Mile initiative.

## Parents in School

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.

## Mindfulness

Mindfulness and mental health are very much in the news at the moment and we are pleased to tell you that we will shortly be starting Mindfulness sessions in school with the children. Each class will have a Mindfulness session with a trained practitioner every Friday afternoon and staff will then follow this up with further class-based activities.

## Attendance

Squirrels Class were last week's winners and this week's winners are jointly Hedgehogs and Owls with 100%. Well done to both classes.

Class	last week	this week
Hedgehogs	95.3%	100%
Squirrels	97.6%	97.9%
Badgers	93.5%	95.4%
Foxes	93.1%	92.3%
Owls	93.8%	100%

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.

## Slipper Fridays

Today is our second Slippers Friday. Next week, we will be taking feedback from the children via the school council on the success or otherwise of this initiative. If you have any comments you would like to make, please let us know.

### Dates for your diary

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

May 2017	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4 Hindleap Warren
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Hindleap Warren residential
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Partnership Forum 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATs tests
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 post-SATs event at Beechwood Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs Break Out of Barcombe
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
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Break Out of Barcombe
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 PGL residential
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
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Connect with the Countryside
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Break Out of Barcombe
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Children break up for summer

Best wishes,



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