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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming towards the end of a very busy first term in school. It is fantastic to see all our wonderful new Hedgehogs beginning to settle into the routines of school. It is certainly a very steep learning experience for many of them and I am very proud to see how they are adjusting to school life. I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to our caring Year 6 'Buddies', they have really helped to ensure the children feel supported and happy during these first few weeks.

### **The Planetarium Visits Barcombe**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October the children were all able to experience and learn in detail about star constellations, the solar system and the individual planets within it. This was a fantastic event for the children to enjoy and I would like to thank the PTA for organising this. I believe providing the children with experiences like these really helps bring the children's learning to life and provide lifelong memorable experiences.

After half term our learning journey is going to be 'African Adventure' the teachers are busy planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for this.

### **Cross Country Success**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October saw the annual cluster cross country competition at Ditchling. We are extremely proud of the eleven children who represented Barcombe School and completed the course with much enthusiasm and energy. Our year 3 & 4 team: Maddy, Emilie, Stanley, Alex F, Sophie and John. Stanley came second, well done! Our year 5 & 6 team: Ethan, Lily R, Harvey, Dylan and Geordie. Lily came third in the girls' race and Geordie came second in the boys' race with Harvey coming fourteenth; these three children will be representing the cluster at the Partnership Finals in late February, congratulations!



## **Key Stage One Friday Football Club**

There are still a number of spaces available for Key Stage One Football Club on Friday afternoons, organised by Premier Sport. After half term children in Reception will be able to join this club for the remaining five sessions. If you are interested in this please ask at Reception after the half term holidays.

## **Play Leader Training**

Barcombe hosted 'Play Leader Training' at school yesterday. A number of children from local schools, along with our Year 5 Play Leaders, spent the morning learning skills they will take back to their own schools to help support leading playground games. This is an excellent skill to learn as it develops confidence and encourages the younger children to participate in activities led by the older children.

## **The Big Draw**

Mrs Edwards has organised a number of little activities for the children to take part in during the wet miserable lunchtimes this week. The children have been encouraged to take part in drawing activities taking place inside and outside their classrooms.

## **Seasonal Clothing**

Sadly I think we may have seen the last of any warm dry weather for a while. Please can you ensure the children come dressed appropriately for the Autumnal weather. We intend to allow the children to go out to play if the weather is not too severe. I believe it is important for the children to get out into the fresh air at playtime if at all possible; to ensure we can do this please send the children to school in warm clothes, raincoats and wellies if light rain is forecast.

## **Key Dates For Term 2**

6/11/13 – Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.30pm

7/11/13 - Foxes Class Assembly

14/11/13 - Squirrel Class Assembly

19/11/13 – Individual Children's School Photos

21/11/13 – Hedgehog Class Assembly

26/11/13 – 9.30 – 11.30am New Rec. Parents Open morning

28/11/13 – Badger Class Assembly

5/12/13 – Owls Class Assembly

12/12/13 – KS1 Christmas Performance

18/12/13 – Carol Service at St Marys Church

20/12/13 – Last Day Term 2

I look forward to seeing you all back at school after the half term holiday. Wishing you all a safe and peaceful holiday.

Best Wishes

Stewart James

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