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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another very exciting new school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer break and that you are ready to get back in to the swing of school life. We would like to wish a warm welcome to all of our new pupils and parents; Barcombe is a very special place and I am sure that it will not take long for you to become part of our school 'family'. Welcome to Jaia who has joined Badgers Class. This week, of course, we will be welcoming our new Reception intake to Barcombe CE School; a big welcome to Kitty, Harry, Sophie, Amelia, Vincent, Hannah Brown, Hannah Cooper, Lana, Greg, Edmund, Juliette, Ayla, Aaron, Benjamin, Jago, Oscar, Charlotte, William, Freddie, Ella and Josephine who will be joining Hedgehog Class.

As you are all very aware there are a few new faces on our staffing team this year; we are excited to welcome Mrs Force who is our new Deputy Head Teacher and Class Teacher for Owls Class and Mrs Mather is the Class Teacher for Badgers Class. Mrs Wigley has joined the Owl Class team and Mrs Hernandez has joined the Reception Class team. They are all very excited and proud to be part of such a wonderful school and local community. If you have the opportunity please stop them for a chat and introduce yourselves to them, they would very much like to meet all of you.

The staffing team have been working hard planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children, ensuring their learning is creative and full of real life learning experiences both in and out of the classroom! This year we are starting the year with our learning journey 'Take One Memory' the focus for this with the infant children is memories of childhood and families; the Key Stage Two children will be focusing on the commemoration of World War One and the lives of the brave servicemen who served during this time in history. To celebrate this learning journey we will be inviting you to an open afternoon in early October, details about this to follow. This term the children will also be thinking about the value of 'Friendship', learning about how important it is and how it helps us enrich our lives.

The children will soon be focusing on their class charity for this academic year. Before these are chosen by the children I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped us last year to support some very worthwhile causes. Last year Hedgehogs raised £139.10 for Raystede, Badger Class raised £39.20 for Samuels Childrens' Charity, Foxes raised £527.01 for Shooting Star Chase Childrens' Hospice and Owls raised £643.37 for their Patina Parade.

### **School Dinners**

School dinners now cost **£2.02** per day; please ensure that your child has sufficient money in their **named** container if they are having a school lunch. Your child may be entitled to a free school meal; please see our office staff to confirm if you are eligible. **Please remember all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to free school meals as part of the new Government initiative.**

### Cool Milk

Milk is available every day for your child in school. Please ask in the School Office for details.

### Water Bottles

It is extremely important the children have water bottles in school every day! Please ensure you provide a water bottle with your child's name on it and it is with them in school every day!

### School Uniform

Thank you for getting your children ready for the new school year. They look very smart in their uniforms. Please can I remind you that, as stated in our prospectus, we ask that our children wear sensible, dark coloured shoes to school; **trainers are to be worn for PE sessions only**. It would be helpful; too, if you could ensure that all items of clothing are marked with your children's names. In addition to their PE kit all children should be provided with an art shirt/apron.

### Lost Property

All lost property will be stored in a central location this year; it will be in boxes outside the School Hall. In addition to this; Year 6 children will sort and attempt to return named items on Friday afternoons. **Please clearly label your child's property.**

### Timings of the School Day

The school gate is open to children from 08.35hrs every day and the school doors open at 08.45hrs; **children must not arrive earlier than 08.35hrs as the school cannot be responsible for them before this time. It is expected that your child arrives at school on time every day.**

### School Security

This term we are ensuring all school security is heightened to ensure we continue to provide a safe/secure environment for all children to flourish. For this reason the school will request that no adults/parents come into school without having signed in at Reception. This will mean parents will not be able to enter the school through any entrance except the main entrance.

### Contact Details

Please ensure that the School Office has your contact details; it is vital that we are able to contact you in case of any emergency involving your child.

### Clubs

Clubs are being finalised and information about these will be sent out next week.

I will be writing to you tomorrow with a list of key dates for the coming term. In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and productive first term.

Best Wishes

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