



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are halfway through Term 4 already – where is the year going? Hedgehogs and Squirrels are loving their work all about knights, castles and dragons while Badgers, Foxes and Owls are full of interesting facts about North and South America. There are smiles everywhere around school, showing just how much the children are enjoying their learning. This is a term which has lots of exciting events in it, some of which you can read about below.

World Book Day

What a wonderful World Book Day we had last week! It was great to see so many children joining in with dressing up. It was also great to welcome so many parents into school to read with their children at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone who came.



STEM

Four of our Year 4 girls attended Burgess Hill School for Girls for a STEM activity morning where they designed and made a solar cooker. Well done to all four girls for representing Barcombe so well.

Pupil Premium

Please read the attached information about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. Please fill in and return the form especially if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed, whichever year group your child is in. Barcombe School could receive £1,300 extra funding per year per child to help support extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This is particularly important in light of the letter you received on Tuesday about funding for schools. If your child is eligible now, the funding will be provided for the whole time your child is at Barcombe and he/she will be entitled to free school meals in Key Stage 2. If you are at all unsure, please come and talk to the office staff who will be able to help you.

#FlatCashEd

Please consider writing to your MP about the Funding Formula for schools. You received a letter about it on Tuesday; an electronic copy is on the school website. We are very grateful to those parents who have said they will support this East Sussex campaign which could transform what is currently a bleak future into a much rosier one for our lovely school and its pupils.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school every day, especially for taking part in the Daily Mile initiative.

Voice in a Million

This week, children from Year 5 and 6 visited Wembley Arena where they took part in a concert for Voice in a Million. There were 6,000 children in the concert and they certainly raised the roof! Well done to all the Barcombe children.



Extreme Singing!

Thank you for the wonderful photos some of you have sent in to help create our Extreme Singing display. We need lots more! We would like photographs of your child/children singing in an 'extreme' place, perhaps up a tree, hanging upside down from a climbing frame.....the possibilities are endless! Let your creativity go wild! Please email your photos to the school office or print them out and hand them to Mrs Force.

Attendance

Fox Class were last week's winners and are the winners again this week. Well done, Foxes!

Class	last week	this week
Hedgehogs	91.2%	94.7%
Squirrels	91.4%	98.3%
Badgers	95.6%	95.2%
Foxes	99.5%	99.2%
Owls	99%	92.5%

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.

Blogs

Our class blogs are regularly updated with news and photos linked to what the children have been doing in class. There are also new pages on the blogs with information about spellings, recommended reading books and key instant recall facts for maths for each year group. Using these lists and recommendations is a perfect way to support your child at home.

Dates for your diary

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

March 2017	
Tuesday 14 th	Parent consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 15 th	Dance workshops
Wednesday 15 th	Parent consultations 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 16 th	Squirrels class assembly (note date change)
Friday 17 th	Hedgehogs Break Out of Barcombe
Tuesday 21 st	Badgers, Foxes, Owls to Herstmonceux Science Centre
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent consultations 4pm – 6pm
Thursday 23 rd	Owls class assembly
Friday 24 th	Year 3 Break Out of Barcombe
Tuesday 28 th	Skippping Workshops
Thursday 30 th	Easter Service at St Mary's 9am
Friday 31st	End of Term 4

Best wishes,

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