Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Bonfire Night is over and now we are heading towards Christmas which is a very exciting time in school. There are lots of rehearsals going on for different Christmas celebrations and the school will soon become very festive!

PTA Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair is on Saturday, December 2nd from 12 noon to 3pm in the Sports Hall. Please come along and enjoy everything that is on offer.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who came along to talk to their child's teacher about his/her progress in school. It is really valuable to be able to discuss your child in these sessions. If you have any further questions you would like to ask your child's teacher, please make another appointment.

Children in Need

Last Friday was a wonderful day in school with almost every member of the school community wearing their pyjamas for the day. We were all really quite comfortable! Donations on the day helped us raise over £170 for Children in Need. Thank you.

PE kits

Please make sure your child's correct PE kit is in school every day (white t-shirt and black shorts). Some form of physical activity takes place every day.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day next Friday, December 1st. We would like to ask for donations of £1 per child or £2 per family. This money will go into our class charities for this year.

Welly Walks

Our Hedgehogs have been having lots of fun on their Welly Walks this term and are really enjoying their outdoor learning. This week's Welly Walk had a penguins theme to link with their learning about Winter and Polar Animals.





Open Morning and Afternoon

We have held our first open session for prospective new reception children for September 2018. Everyone was very complimentary about our lovely school. Our second open session is on Monday, December 4th from 1.30pm – 2.30pm. If you know of anyone who might be interested in their child starting at Barcombe next September, please encourage them to come along.

Online Payments for School Meals

We will be commencing online payments for school meals on the week beginning Monday, December 4th. Please look out for your parent registration form in the next weeks in order to use this facility. From that date, payment will only be by cash or online – cheques will no longer be accepted. Please note that school meals cost £2.10 per day. We have a number of children bringing in the wrong amount.

Visitors

Last week, we welcomed a group of Norwegian teachers to Barcombe. They spent the afternoon looking round our school and visiting the classes. This week, Heads of School from other East Sussex schools visited. They all said how beautiful the school looks and how beautifully behaved the children are. We know it is like that but it is good to hear it from teachers from other schools too.

Attendance

Last week's attendance figures for the classes are as follows:

Hedgehogs	**98.5%**
Squirrels	**97.8%**
Badgers	**95.9%**
Foxes	**97.5%**
Owls	**99.7%**

Well done, Owls! They have been presented with the attendance cup in assembly this morning.

Nut-Free School

Please remember that Barcombe is a nut-free school. We have several pupils with severe nut allergies to different types of nuts. To keep all our children safe, please ensure that no nuts of any kind are in your child's morning snack or packed lunch.

Hair

We have recently had several cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair today and apply treatment if necessary. A weekly hair check is a good routine to get into. We ask that all children with hair longer than shoulder length, boys or girls, have it tied back while in school both to avoid nits being passed from one head to another and for safety in lessons such as PE and Design Technology.

Dates for your diary

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

Dates for Term 1 and Term 2 2017 - 2018	
November 2017	
Thursday 30th	Foxes class assembly
Thursday 30th	Owls and Foxes to orchestral concert in Eastbourne
December 2017	
Friday 1st	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 4th	Open afternoon for prospective parents 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 7th	Badgers class assembly
Thursday 14th	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 9am
Friday 15th	Owls Class Christmas Concert @ Barcombe Village Hall 5.30pm **note change of children involved**
Tuesday 19th	Carol Service at St Mary's 9am
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 20th	Last day of term
January 2018	
Wednesday 3rd	Children return to school
Monday 22nd	Parent Forum 9.00am – 9.45am
The children will break up for half term on Friday, February 9th and return on Monday, February 19th. They will break up for Easter on Thursday, March 29th and return on Monday, April 16th.	

Best wishes,

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