



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy term at Barcombe and we are delighted with the work all the children have been doing in school. There have been some fantastic examples of writing and maths this term and the children's creativity and curiosity have been great to see.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break – and that the good weather continues! We look forward to seeing you all on June 5th for a busy and exciting summer term.

Federation

From June 5th, Barcombe CE School will be part of the Skylark Federation, securing our links with Hamsey and Plumpton Schools. This is a very exciting time in the development of our school.

Reading Week

The first week back after the half term break will be a Federation-wide Reading Week. The children will have lots of opportunities to read their favourite books in school so please make sure your child brings in his/her favourite. We will be doing all sorts of exciting reading activities during the week.

Safety in Action

Year 6 will be attending Safety in Action at Newhaven Fort tomorrow. This is an annual event organised by East Sussex Fire and Rescue in association with the other emergency services and organisations which work to prevent accidents and keep children safe.

Attendance

Foxes Class were last week's winners and this week's winners are Hedgehogs with a magical 100%! Well done, Hedgehogs.

Class	last week	this week
Hedgehogs	98.2%	100%
Squirrels	95.3%	95.8%
Badgers	96.1%	98%
Foxes	99.2%	97.6%
Owls	96.8%	97%

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.

Federation Football

On Wednesday last week, 18 children from Key Stage 2 took part in an inter-schools football tournament with Hamsey and Plumpton Schools. All the children played very well and represented Barcombe very well. Congratulations go to our Y3/4 team who won their tournament and to our Y5/6 team who came second. Well done to all involved for a very successful and enjoyable afternoon.

Nut-free School

Please remember that we are a nut-free school. There are several children at Barcombe who have severe nut allergies and we therefore ask that no nuts are brought into school at any time so we can ensure the safety of those children.

Daily Mile

The current records for the daily mile in Years 4, 5 and 6 are as follows:

Year 6: Rebecka – 6 minutes 6 seconds

Year 5: Rory – 6 minutes 26 seconds

Year 4: Thomas – 7 minutes 5 seconds

Year 3: Stanley and Sam – 6 minutes 45 seconds

Year 2: Vinnie – 8 minutes 15 seconds

Everyone is striving to beat their personal best times. Please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school **every day**, especially for taking part in this Daily Mile initiative.

Safeguarding

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.

School Path

Please be mindful and supervise your children at all times when they are coming down School Path in the mornings. There are several children who scoot down the road very quickly ahead of their parents. Each morning there are cars driving along the road as residents leave to go to work and we want to make sure that all children are as safe as possible.

Lambs visit

Hedgehogs and Squirrels had some very special visitors when Mrs Wallis brought in two lambs. The children were all very calm and enjoyed stroking the lambs very gently. A big thank you goes to Mrs Wallis for making this possible.



Dates for your diary

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

May 2017	
Friday 26 th	Y6 to Newhaven Fort – Safety in Action
Friday 26 th	Last day of term
June 2017	
Monday 5 th	Return to school
wb Monday 5 th	Y6 Bikeability training
Friday 9 th	Y5 Break Out of Barcombe
Friday 16 th	Class photos
Mon 19 th – Wed 21 st	Y6 PGL residential
Friday 23 rd	STEM day
Tuesday 27 th	Y6 Leavers' Service @ Crowborough
Wednesday 28 th	Owls to Chailey Sports morning
Friday 30 th	Sports Day
July 2017	
Thursday 6 th	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 7 th	Patina
Wednesday 12 th	KS2 Production * NEW * 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 13 th	Y5 Connect with the Countryside
Friday 14 th	Y6 Break Out of Barcombe
Friday 14 th	PTA disco
Thursday 20 th	Children break up for summer
Dates for Term 1 and Term 2 2017 - 2018	
September 2017	
Monday 4 th	INSET
Tuesday 5 th	Children's first day
October 2017	
Friday 20 th	INSET
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	Half term
Monday 30 th	INSET
The children will break up for Christmas on Wednesday, December 20 th . They will return to school on Wednesday, January 3 rd , 2018.	

Best wishes,

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