



Head Teacher:
Mr Stewart James
BA (Hons) QTS

Deputy Head:
Mrs Ruth Force

Barcombe Cross
Near Lewes
East Sussex
BN8 5DN

Tel: (01273) 400287
Fax: (01273) 401187



Friday 24th October 2014

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. 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.

Take One Memory

The children have been doing lots of work on memories this term and we were pleased to see so many of you supporting our open afternoon. The children also watched a theatre production called "Your Country Needs You" which particularly supported the Key Stage 2 World War 1 topic.

Sporting Success

Wednesday 15th October saw the annual cluster cross country competition at Chailey. We are extremely proud of the 17 children who represented Barcombe School and completed the course with much enthusiasm and energy. Our Year 5/6 boys' team took 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th places out of 67 runners. Our year 5/6 girls' team swept the board, taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd places out of 55 runners. Both boys' and girls' teams brought their respective team trophies back to school. In the Partnership finals we had further success with excellent results from the runners including a winning run in the boys' race and 2nd and 3rd places in the girls' race. Well done to all those who took part!

The Barcombe footballers also made their mark in the Chailey Peacefield Tournament, winning the whole tournament and conceding no goals in the process. They were also runners up in the Fair Play award for the tournament. Congratulations to the whole team!



Barcombe has also recently been awarded the Bronze Sports Mark award. We are now working towards Silver!

Break Out of Barcombe

Hedgehog and Squirrel classes have 'broken out' of Barcombe this term and the smiles on the children's faces when they returned showed just how much they enjoyed their sessions. Other classes will have their sessions later in the year.

New Clubs

Several popular new clubs have started this term and the staff are delighted with the children's enthusiasm in joining in with the activities on offer. Computer Club members have been learning new skills on the laptops and iPads, Board Games club is teaching children how to play traditional games and Choir Club is raising the roof! Thank you to all the staff involved in running the clubs.

Seasonal Clothing

Please 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. There is a lot of lost property around school. You will have seen the boxes of lost items in the playground last week. They will be out again in the first week back after half term. Anything left unclaimed at the end of that week will be donated to charity. Please put your child's name in his/her clothes as it is much easier to get things back to their owners when they are named. Please also check that your child hasn't taken someone else's uniform by mistake.

Wet Mornings

If the weather is too wet for the children to gather in the playground before school, they may enter via the side door. Please say goodbye to your children before they enter the building, just as on a dry day.

Key Dates For Term 2

Monday, 03.11.14 – INSET day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday, 04.11.14 – Pupils return to school
Thursday, 06.11.14 – Squirrels Class Assembly – 9am
Friday, 07.11.14 – 8.30am Tempest to take individual/sibling photos
Monday, 10.11.14 – Clubs Re-start this week
Thursday, 13.11.14 – 9am Owls Class Assembly
Thursday, 13.11.14 – Year 3 Trip to Burgess Hill Cinema
Thursday, 20.11.14 – 9am Badger Class Assembly
Friday, 21.11.14 – Year 6 Takeover Day
Tuesday, 25.11.14 – Open Morning for New Reception Children 2015 – 9.30am
Thursday, 27.11.14 – Fox Class Assembly
Thursday, 27.11.14 – Break Out of Barcombe – Year 2
Tuesday, 02.12.14 – Open Morning for New Reception Children 2015 – 9.30am
Saturday, 06.12.14 – PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday, 11.12.14 – KS1 Christmas Performance - 9am
Thursday, 11.12.14 – 5.30pm Year 6 Big Sing Performance, Eastbourne
Tuesday, 16.12.14 – Christmas Pantomime
Wednesday, 17.12.14 – Christmas Lunch
Thursday, 18.12.14 – Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church – 2pm
Friday, 19.12.14 – End of 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

Ruth Force

Deputy Head Teacher

Learning Together, Believing Together

East Sussex County Council

E-mail: office@barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk **Website:** www.barcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk