



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year! It is lovely to see all the children again after their summer break and to see how eager they are to learn.

Welcome

We would like to welcome our new Hedgehogs into our fantastic school. Welcome to Grace, Jack, Ethan, Maggie-Jo, Esther, Iris, Tilly, Reece, Dylan, Fred, Max, Layla, Alfie, Sophie, Essie-Beau, Eron, Beth, Ned and Gil. Their Y6 buddies are really looking forward to helping them settle into Barcombe School.

We would also like to welcome our new staff: Ms Battle who is teaching Fox Class; Miss Doone who is teaching Badgers; Miss Meloy who is the teaching assistant in Squirrels; and Mrs Holmans who is the teaching assistant in Hedgehogs. We hope they will all be very happy as part of our staff team.

Learning Journeys

This term all classes across the Skylark federation are starting the year with a Take One Monarch topic. Hedgehogs and Squirrels are studying Queen Elizabeth II, Badgers and Foxes are finding out about King Alfred the Great and Owls are focussing on King Henry VIII. There will be an open afternoon on October 6th when parents will be invited into school to join our Royal Tea Party – dressing as a King or Queen if you would like to!

Daily Mile

We will continue this year with our Daily Mile initiative. The younger children walk if they would like to rather than run. Four times round the Rec is one mile. We will track the children's times for Key Stage 2 and will post updates on the newsletters. Please make sure your child has his/her trainers in school every day to be able to take part in this activity.

Clubs

Most clubs will start in the week beginning September 18th. More details will follow soon.

Dinner Money

If your child pays for school dinners and brings in money each day, please make sure it is in a labelled purse or container and handed in to the class teacher at the start of the school day.

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 | |
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| September 2017 | |
| Thursday 28 th (note change of date) | Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's 9am |
| Tuesday 19 th | Squirrels curriculum meeting 9am |
| Wednesday 20 th | Badgers curriculum meeting 9am |
| Thursday 21 st | Foxes curriculum meeting 9am |
| Friday 22 nd | Owls curriculum meeting 9am |
| Monday 25 th | Hedgehogs curriculum meeting 9am |

Senior Leadership Team

Mr James, Executive Head Teacher, will be in school on Mondays and Thursdays; Mrs Force, Head of School, is out of class on Thursdays and Fridays; and Mrs Wilkins, Deputy Head of School, is out of class on alternate Thursday mornings.

Mrs Pryor, Inclusion Manager, is responsible for coordinating the additional needs support across the school. This might be academic, social, emotional or behavioural needs. She will be in school on Thursdays.

Mrs Forster, Business Manager, is available in the office for other queries and direction.

If you would like to make an appointment to speak to one of the senior leadership team, please contact the office.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their new uniforms. We would like to remind you that our uniform is black shoes. Trainers are not to be worn during the school day except for playtime or PE. On Fridays, we will continue with our slipper days as voted for by the children last year.

Paperless newsletters

Our school newsletters will continue fortnightly but to reduce paper and ink usage, we will be moving to a paperless format. Newsletters will be emailed to parents so please make sure the school office has your up-to-date email address. They will also be available on the school website.

October 2017

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| Friday 6 th | Royal Tea Party 2.15pm – 3pm |
| Friday 20 th | INSET |
| Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th | Half term |
| Monday 30 th | INSET |

November 2017


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| Thursday 9 th | Squirrels class assembly |
| Thursday 16 th | Owls class assembly |
| Thursday 23 rd | Hedgehogs class assembly |
| Thursday 30 th | Foxes class assembly |

December 2017

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| Thursday 7 th | Badgers class assembly |
| Thursday 14 th | Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 9am |
| Friday 15 th | Year 6 Federation Big Sing @ Barcombe Village Hall time tbc |
| Tuesday 19 th | Carol Service at St Mary's 9am |

The children will break up for Christmas on Wednesday, December 20th. They will return to school on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018.

Best wishes,



Ruth Force



Stewart James