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Dear Parents and Carers

A Message from the Head Teacher

I would like to say how proud I am to have been appointed the Head Teacher of Barcombe CE Primary School. I am dedicated to ensuring every child at this school is given the environment where they are able to fulfil and exceed their potential and realise success has no limits.

Over the coming weeks I will be writing to you, to ask your views on what you would like Barcombe School to become in the future. I believe as a community we must all have an input into the vision of our school in the future.

I know we are all working really hard and the school is in a very good position. Everyone at school is dedicated to providing the best education for the children; however I would like to create a primary education unique to Barcombe and I would be keen to listen to your views on what you would like for your children.

Parent Consultations

As the interview process for the Head Teacher position has been a very busy time for the school I would like to make a change to the dates for the Parent Consultations. The consultations will now take place on:

Tuesday 22nd October from 4 to 6pm

Thursday 24th October from 6 to 8pm

Wednesday 6th November from 3.30 – 5.30pm

The changed dates will ensure yourselves and the class teachers will have plenty of time to communicate your preferred date and time choices for the meeting. **Please return the completed slip as soon as possible to ensure you receive your desired time.**

Planned Industrial Action

On 17th October there is a planned strike by teachers throughout the country. I would like to inform you that all our teachers will be working on 17th October and school will be open as usual.

Parent Representatives

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the potential parent representative letter. I will be contacting you individually next week. I have had a number of nominations; however I still need a nomination from a parent in Badgers and Owls Class. If you have some spare time please can you inform the office as soon as possible of your nomination

PE Footwear

It has come to my attention that the new black pump PE shoes have had a change of design. The new shoes are causing lots of black rubber marks on our school hall floor. In turn the school caretaker is spending many hours scrubbing the marks off the floor. I have been in contact with Clarks shoe shop in Lewes who are aware of the problem and have offered to change the shoes or offer a refund. Please can I urge parents to buy shoes that have a white or yellow moulded sole instead of the black soled shoes. I am sorry for any inconvenience this has caused but it has only just come to the school's attention.

PTA

I would like to say a very big thank you to the PTA. They have agreed to provide funds for a Planetarium to visit the school on Tuesday 22nd October. This exciting event will be a fantastic way to conclude our 'Take One Scientist' learning journey and provide another opportunity for the children to really bring their learning to life and experience the solar system at a closer range. The PTA are busy planning a Pumpkin Sale and competition as their next fundraising event; more information about this soon!

Our next learning journey in Key Stage One and Two will be 'African Adventure'. If anyone has exciting first hand experiences linked to this topic please speak to myself or the class teachers so we can continue to 'bring learning to life' with your help and support.

Friday 11th October

Tomorrow the Hedgehogs Class will be having an animal 'dress up day' to help raise money for their class charity; Raystede Animal Sanctuary. I am looking forward to seeing the wonderful Hedgehogs in the costumes tomorrow!

If either you or your children have any concerns or worries about anything at school, please talk to the Class Teachers or myself so we can help sort them out.

Best Wishes

Mr Stewart James

Head Teacher

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PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Please fill in as many times as possible.

Tuesday, 22nd October

4.00..... 4.10..... 4.20..... 4.30..... 4.40..... 4.50.....

5.00..... 5.10..... 5.20..... 5.30..... 5.40..... 5.50.....

Thursday, 24th October

6.00..... 6.10..... 6.20..... 6.30..... 6.40..... 6.50..... 7.00.....

7.10..... 7.20..... 7.30..... 7.40..... 7.50.....

Wednesday, 6th November

3.30..... 3.40..... 3.50..... 4.00..... 4.10..... 4.20..... 4.30.....

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Name of Child(ren)

Class(es).....

Signed.....

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS).....