



Barcombe CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is shining, so it must mean that summer is heading our way! This term has flown by – it has been incredibly busy for everyone and the children certainly deserve their half term break next week! It has been wonderful to see the work in all areas of the curriculum around the school and the excellent progress the children are making. This term's class assemblies have given the children to show off their work from lots of different subjects. It was good to see you support your children so well. Term 6 promises to be just as busy and exciting with a vast range of learning opportunities for our children.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday, June 3rd

Bikeability

You may have seen some of our older pupils cycling round the village during school time this week. These are Year 6 children who have been doing their Bikeability training, similar to Cycling Proficiency in the past. Half of the year group have been training this week, and the rest will be straight after half term. It is so important that young people learn how to ride safely and follow the rules of the road, so we are delighted that all of our Year 6 children have taken up this opportunity.



Sun Safety

Now that the sun has finally made an appearance, please make sure that your child has sunscreen in his/her bag which he/she can apply at playtime and lunchtime, and a hat. Please also remember that your child should have a water bottle in school every day.

Out and About

Once again, our pupils have been taking their learning outdoors in the last two weeks, using our wonderful surroundings to enhance their learning. Hedgehogs have been on their regular welly walks. They recently made a boat out of tin foil for the gingerbread man so he could cross the river. This week they have hammered nails into wood and cooked bananas and chocolate on the fire; Squirrels have been searching for animals outside, classifying them according to their diet, and having storytelling sessions outside; Foxes have been playing with perspective photography with some very professional-looking results; and Owls have been sword-fighting as part of their end-of-SATs celebration day! Today, Year 4 and 5 have been over to Wild about Barcombe to cook popcorn on the fire, carry out some art activities and find rocks to classify while Year 6 are at Newhaven Fort for the annual Safety in Action event.



Attendance

Our overall attendance figure is slipping – it currently stands at 95.93% which is below the national expectation. We are really looking to consolidate our attendance figures this term as the local authority and Department for Education expectation is 97%. Therefore, as ever, please make every effort to get your child in school every day on time. If your child is unable to attend school please contact the school office daily by 9.00am on 01273 400287

Values for Life

The Value for Life when we return to school will be Service. Words relating to 'servant' and 'service' are central in Christian theology. Service is not offered to gain some advantage for ourselves. 'Going the extra mile' involves sacrifice, putting ourselves out for someone else's benefit. Service is demonstrated at Barcombe when the younger children are paired with older children as buddies, the older children are being 'of service' to the younger, offering support and encouragement as they learn to become part of our lovely school. The Play Leaders programme empowers the children to be 'of service' to those children who find themselves alone on the yard or who have hurt themselves and need comfort.

Church Links

Ali Brown, our local Family and Children's Interparish Mission Initiator, and Rev James Hollingsworth have been in school regularly this term to lead RE lessons, take an assembly and lead Y Club. These are always thoroughly enjoyed by the children as they are interactive and fun.

A new regular club and a holiday club are about to start at St Mary's to which all our children would be very welcome. These are the details sent to school by Ali: Palm Club

Come and join us on 23rd June for the launch of the new Palm Club at the Conker Room, St Mary's Church from 9:45 until 11am, running every 4th Sunday. We will be playing games, crafting, acting, singing and learning about God in a friendly and fun environment.

Jungle Boogie

Barcombe Holiday Club at St Mary's Church 9:30 until 12pm on 20/21/22 August.

Free sign up coming soon on EventBrite.

Any questions? Contact Ali Brown on alibarcombe@gmail.com

Learning Behaviours

Our celebration of excellent learning behaviours continues to be a high priority with all our children. In every lesson, we are looking for examples of the children showing determination, respect, independence, resilience, curiosity and pride. The class tokens for these behaviours are very much sought-after and each Friday's draw in assembly is much anticipated. Well done to all our children for trying so hard to achieve the tokens.

Our attendance statistics to date are as follows:

Owls 96.7%
Foxes 97.01%
Badgers 95.67%
Squirrels 94.77%
Hedgehogs 94.7%

This week's attendance winners are Foxes with 99.35%. Well done!

Dates for your diary

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

May 2019	
Friday 24 th	Y6 to Safety in Action
Friday 24 th	Last day of term 5
June 2019	
Monday 3 rd	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 11 th	Class photos CHANGE OF DATE
Wed 12 th – Fri 14 th	Y6 PGL residential
Monday 17 th	Y5 Science at Lewes Old Grammar
Thursday 20 th	Hedgehogs class assembly
Friday 21 st	Sports Day
Tuesday 25 th	Year 6 Leaver's Service @ Crowborough
July 2019	
Tuesday 2 nd	Foxes to Shoreham Harbour
Friday 5 th	Patina Parade – Y6
Thursday 11 th	Year 5 to Connect with the Countryside
Monday 15 th	End of Year Production
Friday 19 th	Last day of school for pupils Leavers' assembly (Owls class assembly)
Mon 22 nd Tues 23 rd	INSET days
September 2019	
Wednesday 4 th	INSET DAY
Thursday 5 th	Start of Term 1 for pupils
October 2019	
Friday 25 th	End of Term 1
November 2019	
Monday 4 th	Start of Term 2
December 2019	
Friday 20 th	End of Term 2

Best wishes,



Ruth Force



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