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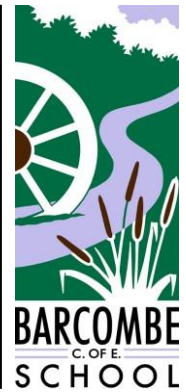
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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and wonderful half term it has been at Barcombe! We have all really enjoyed the last seven weeks, and it has been so good to get back to our school trips and Harvest Festival. As we break up today for half term and a well-earned rest, we would like to thank all members of the school community for their help and support: the PTA for their fundraising, volunteers coming on school trips and into school to hear readers, and all those who walked back with us from the church. It is really special to have such a supportive school community, so thank you.

We are now looking ahead to Term 2 and the fantastic opportunities on offer for our pupils. You have already had information about the changes to PE days for next term and the work Viv Berry and Sports Cool are doing with us.

Christmas

Thinking ahead to Christmas, we have now fixed the dates for the Nativity, Born in a Barn. This will be performed by Hedgehogs, Badgers and Squirrels. There are two performance dates so we can reduce the audience size to help keep everyone safe:

Tuesday, December 7th at 9.30am – for parents of Hedgehogs and some Squirrels

Thursday, December 9th at 9.30am – for parents of Badgers and some Squirrels

The split for Squirrels parents will be communicated to you after half term.

Our Carol Service at St Mary's will be on Tuesday, December 14th at 9am, followed by a walk back to school.

Christmas lunch will be on the same day as the Carol Service.

INSET reminders

These are our upcoming planned INSET days for the academic year:

22nd Oct, 1st Nov, 11th February and 21st July. Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, all schools in East Sussex will be closed on Friday 22nd July. To recognise this additional bank holiday we will therefore finish for the Summer Holidays on Wednesday 20th July 2022.

Progress towards SDP

Every year, schools in England are asked to create a School Development Plan to drive school progress. So far this term, Barcombe CE Primary School has made good progress towards the stated aims of its School Development Plan (available on the school website). Already, we have:

- Continued to embed the delivery of our project-based curriculum with a whole-school focus on Conflict;
- Allowed pupils to develop their understanding of kindness and generosity with our Harvest Festival
- Re-established our strong links (post-covid) with St Mary's, Barcombe

We hope many of you will attend our Curriculum Evening on Monday, November 15th to hear more detail about the exciting project-based curriculum we are developing across our Skylark schools.

We hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming back our pupils on Tuesday, November 2nd.

Kind regards,



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