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Welcome to the new school year – events and updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope pupils have enjoyed their first few days back at school with their teachers and friends as much as we have. It has been a joy to see the children again – they have already settled into their new year-groups and are relishing the opportunity to play together again in the late-summer heatwave we have recently had.

This letter is to update you on a number of events and goings-on planned at Barcombe CE Primary School this term.

PE days and SportsCool update

Thank you for sending your children into school this week in PE kits on their class PE days.

With new sessions added (information below), a reminder of PE days might be useful:

Hedgehogs: Mondays and welly walk Wednesdays

Squirrels: Tuesday and Thursday

Badgers: Tuesday and Friday

Foxes: Monday, Wednesday (dance) and Thursday (swimming)

Owls: Monday, Wednesday (dance) and Friday

As well as leading some of our new After-School Sports clubs, *SportsCool* will also be offering an extra afternoon of high-quality Sports lessons throughout this year on a Tuesday afternoon. Our first classes to have these sessions will be Badgers and Squirrels. Other classes will have a turn later in the school year. *SportsCool* will also run activities during Tuesday lunchtimes.

Class meets and curriculum overviews

You have received an email copy of this term's curriculum overview for your child's class. They are also on the school website on the 'useful information' tab. Though all pupils are getting their teeth stuck into our whole-school *Conflict* project – with children learning about castles, the Romans, the Second World War and the Battle of Hastings (to name a few!) – the curriculum overview outlines the learning in all subjects for the first term of the academic year in detail (and will include some handy dates for your child's class, too). After you have received your child's curriculum overview this Friday, we invite you to attend an informal 'Class Meet' with your child's class teacher next week.

These will all take place at 9am in your child's classroom (see below for dates):

Monday 13th September – Squirrels

Tuesday 14th September – Badgers

Wednesday 15th September – Foxes

Thursday 16th September – Hedgehogs

Friday 17th September – Owls

Vision

A small and mighty school where everyone flourishes in the heart of the community

After much work with stakeholders, including governors and pupils, we have created the above motto which we hope will underpin all that we do at Barcombe CE Primary School. Our project-style learning allows us to get involved with community projects and to invite the community into school, as with the art exhibitions at the end of the summer term, and we plan all our learning experiences so everyone can flourish and be the best they can be.

Parent Consultation Meetings – advanced notice

For your diaries: in the last week of this term (the week commencing Monday 18th October) we will host our Autumn Parent Consultation Meetings. We will share with you the exact dates and times in due course.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is planned for Tuesday, October 5th at St Mary's Church. After the service, we will all walk back to school together as we have in the past. More details will follow shortly.

Remaining Covid measures

We would like to inform you that we are continuing to employ a small number of anti-Covid measures this term: pupils are still washing their hands regularly; classrooms, halls and other spaces remain well-ventilated; and members of staff continue to take two LFD (Lateral Flow Device) tests each week.

We are also continuing to ask contractors and infrequent visitors – including parents and carers – to our school to wear a mask when working or attending a meeting on the school site.

Instrument assemblies & SportsCool tasters

In the next fortnight, we are restarting our instrumental lessons and after-school sports clubs.

Dance Club will run on Mondays.

SportsCool will be running after school clubs on Tuesdays.

Rhino Rugby will run a rugby club on Thursdays.

Please look out for information from the school office about signing up to the range of opportunities on offer.

Music, dance and drama

We are delighted to announce that we have a new music, dance and drama teacher at Barcombe CE Primary School, too. Ms Viv Berry has previously worked at Hamsey Community Primary School and

will now work will work at all schools in the Skylark Federation this year. During the Term 1, Ms Berry will work with Foxes and Owls to create music, dance and drama pieces linked to our Conflict project; in Term 2 she will work with pupils from Badgers, Squirrels and Hedgehogs to prepare for their Christmas performance. On these days, children will need to wear PE kit as the sessions are very active.

Thank you for helping to make the start of term such a successful one. We look forward to you finally being allowed back in the school building after all the restrictions of the last 18 months and hope you will be able to join us for our curriculum meetings next week.

Kind regards,

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Mrs R Force