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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new term, a new year and a new decade! I hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful time during the festive season-and that the snow has not played havoc with too many of your plans. To date, during this academic year, we have had five school closures due to snow. We make every effort to keep Barcombe CE School open, whatever the weather; decisions to close are made with the health and safety of pupils, parents and staff in mind. Thank you for your understanding with this. We will continue to use Heart FM and our school website as our main means of communication when closures need to be announced.

Term 3 promises to be a busy and exciting time. Much of our major building work is close to completion and we are looking forward to significant parts of our major extension being handed over to us within the next week or so. We will have space at Barcombe CE School! However, there is still major work being undertaken around the area of the Sports Hall regarding the new kitchen, for example. Consequently, we remain unable to offer after-school clubs at the moment. We are looking to start club opportunities at lunchtimes and children will be informed of these soon.

Diary Dates

Monday 18th January-Governors' Surgery 2.30-3.30pm. All parents are welcome to visit the Surgery which will be held at school; location to be confirmed.

Tuesday 19th January-Hedgehog Class Curriculum Meeting 2.45-3.10pm

Wednesday 20th January-Open Afternoon (1.30pm start) for prospective parents of children joining Reception in September 2010. Owl Class Curriculum Meeting 9.00-9.30am

Thursday 21st January-Fox Class Curriculum Meeting 9.00-9.30am. Squirrel Class Curriculum Meeting 2.45-3.15pm

Friday 22nd January-Badger Class Curriculum Meeting 2.45-3.15pm

Thursday 11th February-Squirrel Class Assembly 9.00am. Term 3 finishes for pupils

Friday 12th February-INSET Day; school closed to pupils

Monday 22nd February-Term 4 begins for pupils

Thursday 25th February-Fox Class Assembly 9.00am

Monday 1st March-Full Governing Body Meeting 4.30pm. Hindleap Residential Visit for Year 5 pupils (return Tuesday 2nd March)
Wednesday 3rd March-Hindleap Day Visit for Year 4 pupils
Thursday 4th March-Badger Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 11th March-Owl Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 18th March-Hedgehog Assembly 9.00am
Friday 19th March-Football and Netball Tournaments at Newick School (details to follow)
Tuesday 30th March-Easter Service at St. Mary's Church, Barcombe 9.00am
Wednesday 31st March-Term 4 finishes for pupils
Monday 19th April-Term 5 begins for pupils

Please note-the week beginning Monday 10th May is Key Stage Two SATs week for Year 6 pupils.

Teaching Assistants

Following Miss Baker's departure last month, we have a Teaching Assistant vacancy at Barcombe CE School. Details of this are available on East Sussex County Council's web site and we look forward to receiving applications. We deploy our Teaching Assistants by identifying the needs of children across our classes and allocating support appropriately. This support is reviewed periodically and, at times, it is necessary to make changes. From Monday 18th January our Teaching Assistants will be assigned as follows: Owl Class-Mrs Wise; Fox Class-Mrs Edwards; Badger Class-Teaching Assistant to be appointed; Squirrel Class-Mrs Pitt; Hedgehog Class-Mrs Coppard. A temporary timetable has been established by Mrs Phillips to ensure that support is in place for Miss Read and Badger Class until our appointment is confirmed. Our recent Ofsted report states *The focused support for pupils with special educational need enables them to develop confidence in their learning and achieve well*; we are committed to ensuring that this confidence and achievement continue for all of our children.

September 2010 Admissions

Parents of children eligible for admission in September 2010 are requested to contact the School Office with their child's name and details. Thank you.

Ofsted Report

Accompanying this newsletter is the report resulting from last month's Ofsted inspection; we are required to ensure that you receive a copy of this document. Our Section 48 Inspection report is also enclosed. A letter from our Chair of Governors, David Dyer, is also included.

Best wishes,

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