

FRIENDS OF BALCOMBE SCHOOL

Quarterly Newsletter of the Friends of Balcombe School (PTA)

UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

Odd Clothes Day
FRIDAY 18TH NOV

Christmas Card
Order Deadline
TUESDAY 8th NOV

Christmas Wreath
Making Workshop
THURSDAY 1ST DEC

Christmas Fair
SATURDAY 3RD DEC

Bags2School
TBC - JANUARY

Curry & Quiz Night
SATURDAY 4TH FEB



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2021 - 2022



Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year.

We're really grateful for all of your support last year and extremely proud to have hit 84% of our fundraising goal by raising over 10 thousand pounds for Balcombe School.

Determined to achieve our goal this year we've set it at £12,000 again. We've spent the last 2 months planning and we've already locked in a few of your favourite events to help us get there. We'll update you on how much we've raised throughout the year via this newsletter.

We started the school year by welcoming our new Lake parents with welcome drinks and a welcome pack on their first day of school.

Since then, we've held our annual general meeting where a number of FoBs volunteers helped us reflect on the last year and identified areas where we could improve. Together we discussed ideas on how we could raise even more funds and voted on how we should spend our investable profit this year.

Next we met with Mrs Millbanks who had gathered a list of priority projects for us to consider.

And this is where YOU come in!

Attached you'll find a link to a survey. Please could you take a few minutes to vote on how you'd like us to spend the money we raise. We'll gather this information and prioritise our spending accordingly.

Are you thinking of running a marathon or taking part in a sporting challenge? We'd love to be your charity of choice! We'll help you raise funds and promote your story to help you reach your goal - get in touch if you're interested.

Fundraising Goal 2022/23



Our newly installed
Outdoor Play Equipment.

Help us prioritise our investments...



We've shortlisted the following areas where we would like to focus:

- Music curriculum improvements
- Outdoor teaching/learning equipment
- Additional reading resources
- Computing equipment - for teaching and learning
- Transport to shows/swimming lessons
- Reading resources
- Outdoor learning area in Coombe/Forest
- Development of outdoor breakout/sensory space for pupils with SEND or emotional needs
- Large outdoor play equipment

Have you followed us on Social Media?

Simply search for 'friends of balcombe school' to find us and be kept up to date with exciting village events!

Why join Classlist?

Free and GDPR compliant, joining Classlist will mean the school can send you less emails and instead, we can share details of upcoming events and key dates with you directly. If you are new to the school or to Balcombe, Classlist can be a great way to make friends! See who's who in your child's class, put a face to a name and make deeper, more meaningful friendships by signing up today.

Upcoming Events

So what's next we hear you ask? We'll be raising awareness for Anti-Bullying Week by holding an "odd clothes day". We'll be encouraging children to celebrate uniqueness by wearing odd clothes and socks. We ask that they donate £1 to FoBs on the day.

This year, the annual Christmas card and gift drawings will be done at school and you'll be able to place an order online if you wish. More details on this to follow after half term.

Our Christmas Wreath Making Workshop has been announced and is already proving to be very popular (let's just say Balcombe has some competitive wreath makers!) Join us on the 1st December in the Balcombe Club.

Next, arguably one of our biggest events of the year - The Christmas Fair, without social distancing and a storm to deal with, we're really looking forward to this. Please save the date (Saturday the 3rd December) in the meantime and if you can volunteer on the day, we'd be really appreciative as it does take a lot of hands to put on!

We will be running another Bags2School collection in January so do start saving up those charity donations in the meantime - more details to follow.

And finally, diarise the 4th February for the famous village Curry & Quiz night! We'll start taking bookings early next year for this sell out event.



Welcome packs for new reception parents.

Would you like to become a member of FoBS?

Simply drop us an email at pta.balcombe@gmail.com
