

FRIENDS OF BALCOMBE SCHOOL

Quarterly Newsletter of the Friends of Balcombe School (PTA)

UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

Birchanger Gardens
SUNDAY 15TH MAY

Summer Fair
FRIDAY 24TH JUNE

Camp Out
FRIDAY 1ST JULY

Balcombe Fete
FRIDAY 16TH JULY

COMING SOON

Cinema Friday



Welcome to our third quarterly newsletter.

It's been a busy term and we are looking forward to some downtime over Easter. During the last term we ran a pizza making experience; the famous village Curry & Quiz night; a Six Nations Screening and the Balcombe Bull Run Cafe.

Each and every event was so much fun with pinch - yourself moments of this idyllic village life! This was then made even more enjoyable with all the new and passionate volunteers that have become involved with FoBS over the last few months.

The best part? With all of your support we managed to raise over £3660 this term, reaching 66% of our fundraising goal for this year so far.

The money raised this term has been spent on a performance for the Spring & Mill classes, coach travel for swimming lessons (Years 4 & 5), with the remainder put towards the outdoor learning provision.

With Spring finally upon us, we've shifted our focus to deliver a schedule of events and fundraising activities focused on family fun.

Next term, we'll be kicking off with an afternoon tea and treasure hunt at the gorgeous Birchanger Gardens. Seize the opportunity to explore seven acres of this beautiful private garden, only open to visitors a few times a year.

Next, we'll host the annual Balcombe School Summer Fair after school with games and plenty of sugar!

We've also added a new event to the calendar this year in the form of a camp-out night. An opportunity for children and parents to camp at school (including a sunset ticket for those that prefer their own beds!) There will be dinner, breakfast, drinks and fun for all.

Finally, look out for FoBS at the annual Balcombe Fete. We'll be running games, face painting, festival glitter and a donut wall on the day!

Fundraising Goal 2021/22



£7,885 of £12,000

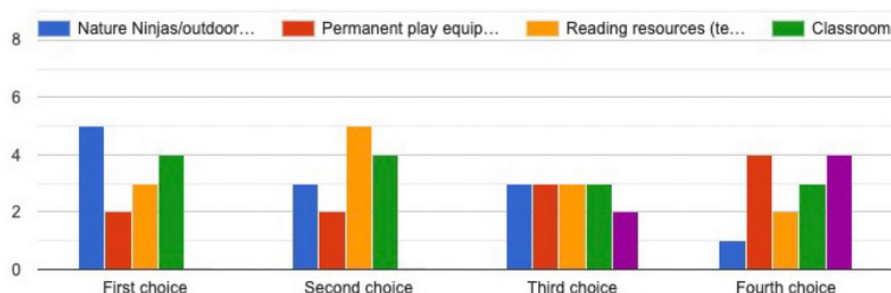


Bella from Lake class enjoying the pizza & cookie making experience!

Balcombe School Dads enjoying our first sporting event.

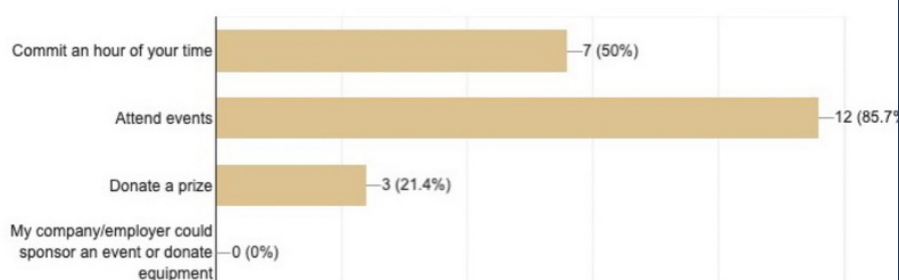
Survey Results

How would you rank the following investment priorities?



How could you support FoBS?

14 responses



At the start of the year we issued a survey to ask you what you thought we should spend the money we raise on. And this is what you said.. You prioritised the Nature Ninja's/outdoor learning initiative as well as Reading Resources as our next main investment priorities.

85% of you said you'd attend our events and with sell out events this term like the Quiz night, you've stuck to your word!

50% of you would commit an hour of your time to helping us put these events on so please use the sign up sheets in Classlist when we announce next terms events soon.

With more volunteers we can increase our profit margins by taking on more of the catering/hosting responsibilities, making these events even more successful!

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.

Amazon Smile

In 3 months FoBS made £85 in Amazon Smile donations, and we did absolutely nothing! Want to help make a difference while you shop on the Amazon app, at no extra cost?

Follow the instructions below, select Balcombe CE School Pta as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works...

1. Open the Amazon App on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) and tap "AmazonSmile within programmes and Features.
3. Select Balcombe CE School Pta as your charity
4. Follow the on screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the app.



Supporters cheer on the runners at the Balcombe Bull Run.

Would you like to become a member of FoBS?

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



Spring & Mill Class enjoying a performance, funded by FoBS.