

FRIENDS OF BALCOMBE SCHOOL

Quarterly Newsletter of the Friends of Balcombe School (PTA)

UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

Pizza & Cookie Making
Experience

FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Curry & Quiz Night

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

Six Nations Big Screen

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH

Balcombe Bull Run

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH

COMING SOON

READING CHALLENGE



Welcome to the second edition of our quarterly newsletter.

With your help, we managed to raise over £4k in our first term as a PTA.

For a small school of 129 pupils this is a remarkable achievement and one we should all be proud of.

The money raised this term has been spent on five interactive 'Clever Touch' displays; a theatre performance for the youngest three classes and coach travel costs for years 4 & 5 swimming, with the remainder put towards the outdoor learning provision.

As a next step and as promised, we've now gathered a list of resources that Balcombe CofE Primary School have prioritised for this year's funding.

We'd love to hear from you as parents, and your children too, so attached is a short form for you to vote for your priorities and make any further suggestions.

Upcoming events and fundraising activities include a pizza and cookie making experience for you and your children to do together at home (a chance for the main cook of the family to put his or her feet up!).

The famous "Curry & Quiz" night at the Balcombe Club which is probably our most asked about event and a village tradition!

A screening of the Six Nations Super Saturday for sports fans and friends to enjoy the deciding games of this year's tournament. The Victory Hall turns into the FoBS RFC clubhouse with big screen, food, drink and maybe even some singing.

Last but not least, we'll also be supporting the Balcombe Bull Run with a cafe and bake sale at the school, to energise all the budding athletes and supporters.

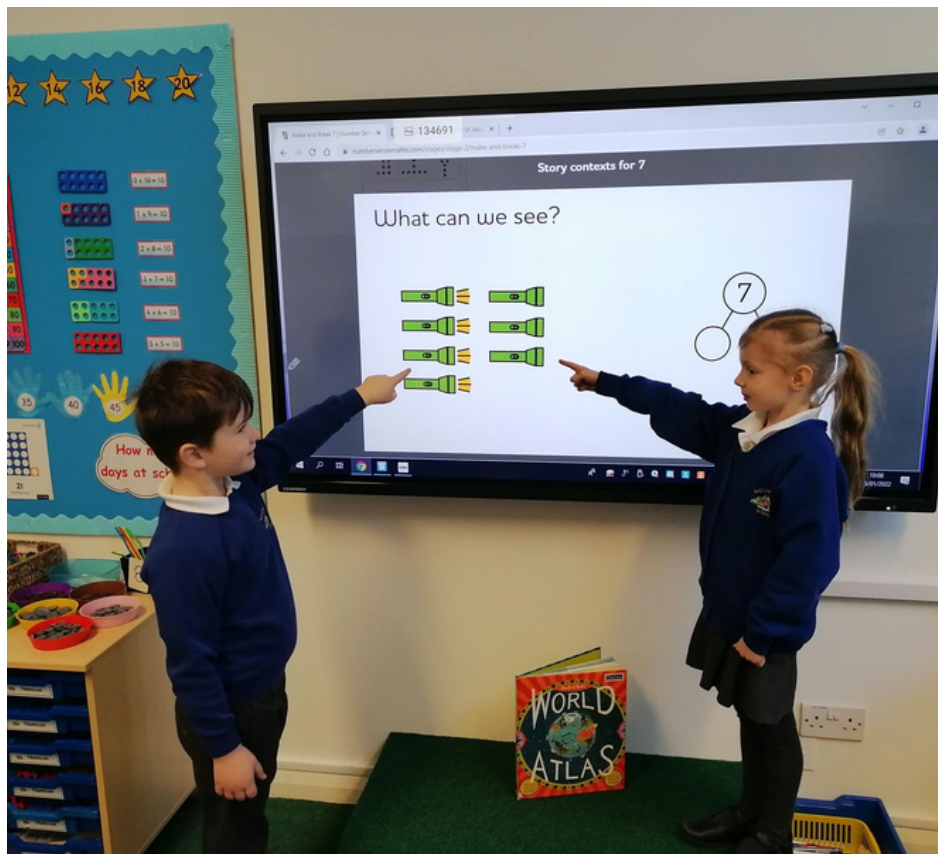
Fundraising Goal 2021/22



£4,225 of £12,000



Some of our wonderful stall holders at the Christmas Fair. The Balcombe Pie Kitchen above and The Balcombe Brewery to the left.



INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS

We've now met our goal and have installed 5 interactive displays in Balcombe Primary School.

Why did we prioritise purchasing these tools?

Many of our children are accustomed to engaging content on devices at home, which means to keep their attention we need to create interactive and engaging lessons.

The interactive displays :

- Help teachers save time lesson planning, providing them with access to lots of resources and learning activities.
- Feature numeracy tools, handwriting-to-text recognition and the ability to insert images and shapes, making learning more interactive.
- Allow teachers and children to make live annotations on almost anything to work through problems together.
- Facilitate access to the internet and educational apps that are supported by the National Curriculum.

Can you donate
an air purifier
to Balcombe
School?

Get in touch at
pta.balcombe@gmail.com

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.

Introduction to a new PTA member

PTA CO-CHAIR

Hi, I'm Dominique, Mum to Isla in year three (Forest) and Lexi in year one (Coombe). We moved to the village in September last year. We are loving village life, enjoying meeting such a wonderful community and all the lovely dog walks the area has to offer.

I'm an active person, I love yoga, running, coffee and cake. In my professional role, I work in education as a Teaching and Learning Coach and I run my own coaching business supporting Women to thrive in their professional roles.

Prior to this my 15 years as a primary school teacher will support me to bring great organisational skills and much experience of running school events to the PTA while meeting many lovely people in the village.

I look forward to supporting the school and the community to raise much needed funding so our kids can thrive at school - here's to many fun, family focused events!



Would you like to become a member of FoBS?

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

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!



Some of the beautiful wreaths created at our Christmas Wreath Making Workshop in December.