

FRIENDS OF BALCOMBE SCHOOL

Quarterly Newsletter of the Friends of Balcombe School (PTA)

UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

Sponsored Walk

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Deadline for Christmas
Card/Gift Submission

MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Bag2School Collection

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Christmas Fair

**SATURDAY 27TH
NOVEMBER**

COMING SOON

**CHRISTMAS WREATH
MAKING WORKSHOP**



Welcome to the first edition of our new quarterly newsletter.

A new school year blew in some changes to the Balcombe CofE School PTA and as the existing PTA hand over the reins to an all new committee we'd like to take the opportunity to thank them for all of their effort and thank you for your generosity so far which, has delivered new flatscreen displays to classrooms, a Summer House and new playground equipment to name but a few investments.

As a first step we'll be meeting with Mrs Millbanks and the teachers of Balcombe School to determine what resources we should prioritise for this year's funding.

We'd love to hear from you as parents, and your children too, so we'll be issuing a short survey to gather this feedback. We will be publishing our goal and our progress towards it in the coming months.

We plan to host fun and engaging events and fundraising activities that will be a joy for you to take part in, helping to enrich our childrens' education along the way!

We'll introduce ourselves below and will be publishing all events on our new social media channels so do give us a follow and get in touch if you would like to get involved.

Introduction to your new PTA

PTA CHAIR

Hello! I'm Alecia, I'm a Mum to Isla who has just started in Lake Class and Maeve who has just turned 1. I'm originally from Cape Town, South Africa and emigrated to the UK more than 15 years ago now. We moved to the village from SW London the weekend of the first lockdown back in 2020 and since then, have fallen in love with the village and the community here.

I'm a craft, red wine and coffee enthusiast and in my professional role, I head up a sales team for an IT consultancy in the City. I also run a lifestyle product business with my own Mum back in South Africa and am now excited to be taking on the role of the PTA Chair.

We plan to host fun and creative events that you and your children will love, enhancing their learning and allowing us to buy key resources for the school.

Alecia x

Find us on Social Media

Search for "friends of balcombe school" on Instagram and Facebook and follow along.



SECRETARY

I'm Alex, Mel's husband and Bella and Sam's dad. With Bella in Lake and Sam a couple of years behind, I expect to have at least one child at the school for quite some time and apart from anything else, see the PTA as a way to contribute directly to improving their experience. Both of my parents were involved in fundraising when I was little so if I bring anything to complement the drive and organisation of Mel and Alecia, it's that instinct to help out.

Sports fans may also be pleased to know that you have an advocate on the committee, so whether playing or watching with a beer and a curry, look out for more of these activities on the calendar!

In pre-child life I did a fair bit of organising for various rugby clubs and work is providing change management, coaching and talent development services for companies big and small.



Have you selected 'Balcombe CE School PTA' as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile via the Amazon app yet?



TREASURER

Hi! My name's Mel and I'm 'Mummy' to 4yo Bella, who has just started at Balcombe school in Lake class, as well as her little brother Sam, who is 2.

Alex and I moved to Balcombe over 5 years ago now, having fallen in love with it just driving through. Things I love include good food, baking, swimming, watching Disney with the children, and the odd cocktail here or there. Oh, and caffeine!

For work, I head up the Financial Planning and Analysis team for a Property Finance lender and have been based in London for about 10 years since moving down from Newcastle.

I feel really passionate about my new role in the PTA, directly contributing to the school my daughter already adores. I hope I can carry on all the wonderful work those have done before me (and in Lara's case, continue to do!) and will try to add some extra value where I can along the way. I look forward to meeting you all if I haven't already.

Mel x

Can you donate
a prize to our
Christmas
Raffle?

Get in touch
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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.



CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS

Our next activity is the annual Christmas cards and gifts - designed by your budding artists.

At the end of the week your child will have a plastic folder in their book bag with their leaflet and booking form with paper for designing their card inside.

We'd ideally like to get these sent back at the end of half term if we can as then they'll be ready by mid November!

The price list will be with your child's booking form and we ask that you make payment via our new Paypal account, simply search for PTA Balcombe School.

If you have any questions please just email us at: pta.balcombe@gmail.com

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a stall at our
Christmas Fair?

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