



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

"In all that we do we are guided by God"



JUNE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, here are the results to the recent parent survey and my responses to it.

Thank you again to those parents who completed it. If, after reading the information below you feel that you would like to talk to me personally about any concerns or ideas you have concerning our school visits and clubs, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

Please see separate on email for results.

Volunteer Day

Thank you very much to those that kindly gave up their time on Saturday 8 June to help us with our volunteer day. We achieved a lot in a short timeframe and have tidied up the area outside Forest and Coombe.

National Walk to School Week

The Eco Warriors of Balcombe School would like to share their results of the recent National Walk to School Week.

Walk = 384
Drive = 129
Part Drive/ part walk = 122

The children were all very keen to try and walk to school on at least one day during the week. For some, this meant parking in the village and walking the remainder of the journey.

We need a welder!!

Our basketball games are very one sided at the moment, as one of the baskets and backboard has come off.

Do you know anyone who might be do a bit of welding for us to fix it?

Grow your £2 Mini Market

Wow, how lovely to see all of our budding entrepreneurs at the mini market on Monday. The thought, creativity and hard work that has obviously gone into the "Grow your £2" project was wonderful to see. It seemed like most of the stalls were very busy and looked as though all of the children, whether selling or buying, really enjoyed the experience. If you have a child who ran a stall and they would like to do a re-run at the Summer Fair on Saturday, please let the office know tomorrow morning and we will leave a table out for you.

Don't forget to bring in your money on Monday 24 June!

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Pupil Leaders

We are really proud of our Year 2 play leaders who take care of our younger pupils at playtimes. They are fantastic at thinking of exciting games that involve all the children so everyone is having fun! The play leaders say ...

“We stand up in our infant assemblies and talk about how we will look after children at playtimes so they know” *Elsie*

“The best thing about being a play leader is helping little ones” *Isla*

“We play with them, we look out for people if they’re on their own. We play games too!” - *Eddie*

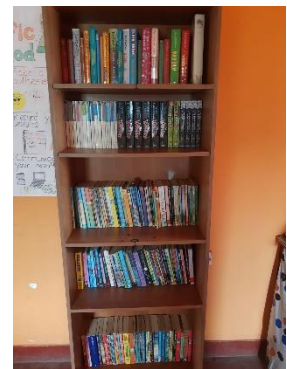


Books

Some of you may remember Deva who came to Balcombe every Saturday in his fish and chip van. He is involved in supporting the establishment of a new school in a deprived area of Sri Lanka and asked me some time ago if I could help him. He told me that what they really needed, were books.

Thanks to the money raised by FOBS and some generous donations by parents, we have been able to restock our library with lots of new books. In order to make space for these, we removed some of the older content from the shelves.

Thinking about Deva’s request I decided to recycle them. These books, alongside “doubles” donated to the school by parents and friends, have recently arrived at the school in Sri Lanka and as you can see by the photos have been put to good use already.



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Sports Day

It was great to see so many of you at the event yesterday. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as the children did. Didn't they do well?

I was really proud of our pupils, not only in terms of their sporting prowess, but in terms of their good sportsmanship and particularly for the way they supported each other.

Huge thanks go to Mrs Dunsby for her hard work in organising the day and to the team for all of the effort they put into preparing the children.

We had a well-deserved win by Badgers, but all of the teams deserve congratulations for their effort and positive attitude. Well done everyone!



Items from home

Previously we have allowed the children to bring in small items that fit into a book bag, like toys, from home. Unfortunately, this is beginning to cause issues at playtimes and as we have a good variety of resources that the children can use, we have decided that we now need to say no to any items brought from home. We would really appreciate your support with this

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Illnesses at school

For your information, we have been notified of two confirmed cases of slapped cheek and one case of covid. Please can you continue to be vigilant in checking that your child is fit and well enough to be in school so that we can try and prevent the spread of infection.

End of term finish time

Term will finish at 1.30pm on Tuesday 23 July.

Clubs

REMINDER: Clubs are due to finish week beginning 1 July and will restart week beginning 9 September. The office are working hard to get the Club Schedule finalised so it can be sent out before the end of term.

Dates for your Diary

Sat 22nd June – FoBS Summer Fair

Fri 28th June – Collective Worship - Coombe Class

Mon 1st July @ 10.30am – Y6 Leavers Service at Christ's Hospital

Sat 13th July – Balcombe Village Fete

Tues 16th July & Thurs 18th July @ 7pm – Junior Production

Tues 23rd July @ 1.30pm – SUMMER TERM ENDS

Mon 2nd Sept – INSET DAY, school closed

Tues 3rd Sept – Autumn Term starts

Weds 11th – Fri 13th Sept – Bowles Residential trip for Year 5 & 6

Fundraising for School

Amazon wish lists will remain open should you wish to purchase anything for your child's class.

Please ensure you include your child's name and the class on a gift receipt so we can get your gift to the correct class and thank you for your generosity!

Donate with
JustGiving

Remember to join easyfundraising - you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra, so please help us to raise funds.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/balcombeprimary>

REMINDER

Pupil Premium

If you are on a low income making a FSM application can greatly benefit your child.

It is often thought that parents of children in KS1 who currently receive Universal Free School Meals do not need to make a Free School Meals Application for the school to receive Pupil Premium. **THIS IS NOT THE CASE.**

Please contact the office if you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Any accepted applications for Free School Meals (whether or not your child takes the meal up) attract over £1300 per child per year which the school can use to greatly enhance the resources available for your child both within the classroom and for extra-curricular activities. We may be able to help with school uniform costs, trips and other extra-curricular activities like swimming and music tuition.

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Making an application is easy and confidential.



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SUMMER HOLIDAY
TENNIS CAMPS
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TENNIS CLUB
9AM - 12PM

WEEK ONE | MON 29 JUL - THUR 1 AUG
WEEK TWO | MON 5 AUG - THUR 8 AUG
WEEK THREE | MON 12 AUG - THUR 15 AUG
WEEK FOUR | MON 19 AUG - THUR 22 AUG
WEEK FIVE | TUE 27 AUG - THUR 29 AUG

BOOK NOW!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
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6 - 16yrs **M & M** Theatre School 9am - 4pm
KIDS SUMMER WORKSHOPS
Sing, Dance & Act With Active West End Professionals

5th - 9th August

19th - 23rd August

Balcombe School
Balcombe
West Sussex
RH17 6HS

£130
(Siblings £100)

PERFORMANCE AT
THE END
OF
THE WEEK!

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INSET DAYS: 2 September, 25 October 2024, 6 January, 4 April, 2 June 2025