



# Balcombe

Church of England  
Primary School

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



## MARCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems as if the last few weeks have been busier than ever, with a variety of sport events, book related visitors and special days in school. Alongside all of these enrichment opportunities, the staff and pupils have been continuing to focus on the basics of learning and it's a pleasure to see the progress in books.

As always, we rely on your help and are grateful to you for supporting your children at home with regular reading and number practice. We also have a band of parents and friends of the school who come in to school to support this practice of keys skills on a regular basis. This support makes a huge difference to a large number of children. If you or someone you know, has an hour or so to spare once a week and you would be interested in joining our team of volunteers, please do get in touch.

### British Science Week

This week is British Science week and on Monday afternoon we enjoyed a whole school science afternoon answering many questions beginning, 'Do older children always...?' Children from Reception through to Year 6 worked together in their Bears/Bees/Bats/Badgers teams to investigate a range of ideas, including height, foot or hand size, arm span (and related it to their heights) and how far different aged

children can jump. We had a lovely afternoon being scientists and then at the end, the team leaders fed back what their team had discovered to the rest of the school.

If you would like to celebrate British Science Week further at home, please find the official packs attached to the Newsletter email, which have some different ideas to have a go at. We would love to hear about anything you get up to.

### Red Nose Day – Friday 15 March

**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**

Red Nose Day is on Friday 15 March and this year we will be supporting this cause but keeping things simple. The children are invited to wear red to school and come ready to share their favourite (appropriate) joke with their friends. We have set up a JustGiving page for donations, link below.

We ask that they children do NOT wear a red nose – they cause too much distraction in class and often end up lost.

[Click to donate to Comic Relief](#)

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## Volunteer Day – 27 April

We will be running a Volunteer Day on Saturday 27 April from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

We have a variety of jobs that need to be tackled; the main ones being reinforcing a fence and painting a shed and fencing. You do not need to bring any equipment, just a willingness to work and turn your hand to anything. Children are welcome to come but please remember that you will need to supervise them.

Please let the office know if you are able to help. Any time you can offer would be much appreciated.

## Lake – Collective Worship

Lake will be hosting our Collective Worship (Assembly) on **Thursday 21 March at 9am** in the school hall. It will last around 10 minutes and we warmly invite Lake Parents to join us.

## Downlands Dance Festival



We went to Downlands and did an 80's dance. Every school did a dance and each had a unique theme. It was very fun and very busy. Each of

the schools did very well, our favourite was a 70's dance and they did a song called carwash. The practice paid off! We would love to do it again.

Izzy & Maya

## Basketball



Some children in Balcombe School went to a basketball festival. The coaches were from a professional training company called Stormbasket. There they did mini games and matches. They also did dribbling, attacking, scoring and passing. The students said they loved it.

Jack We & Lawrence

## World Book Day

On Thursday it was World Book Day, I drew Phil Foden. Everybody had a good day. Sarah Oliver sent us a video on how to write about famous people. I had a good time.

Jack Wi

## Visit from M. G. Leonard

On 28<sup>th</sup> February, the famous author M. G. Leonard gave us an interesting assembly introducing us to her path to writing and about herself. She also told us about her passion for

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beetles and nature along with how she got her ideas for her books.

Later on, the year 5s and 6s got a workshop helping us create a world for a story with the same technique that she uses – we might even try to write a story in the future.

M.G. Leonard is a very likeable and inspiring person. We were very glad to meet her.

Bethany & Varvara

## Cricket Tournament

At the Cricket Tournament, we played three matches of cricket. We won all of our matches, and we made it through to the next round! We were the first in Balcombe History. We were so happy! In our first match, we only won by one point!

John

We went to a Cricket Tournament at The Triangle. We played three matches and won all of them, therefore, we are in the next round!

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## Easter Service – helpers required

On Monday 25 March, we are having an Easter Service at St Mary's Church at 1.45pm. Please let the office know if you are able to help us walk the children to and from Church.

## Bull Run – we need your help!

We're looking for bakers for the Balcombe Bull Run this Sunday.

There are over 150 runners registered for the race and the support is always fantastic, which means...we sell ALOT of baked goods.

If you are able to make (or buy) a contribution, be it a biscuit/cake/baked good of some kind, we'd be enormously grateful!



Donations can be dropped off at school on **Sunday the 17th March between 9:00 and 9:30 am.**

All ingredients need to be clearly labelled and provided with your bake and we adhere to a **STRICTLY not nut** policy.

Otherwise come along and support the FoBS Café, we'll have breakfast rolls, tea, coffee and plenty of cake to keep you fuelled to run or support our runners!

## Missing Library Books



We are still missing approximately 40 Schools Library Service books. Please can you have a final check at home and in book bags to make sure you don't have any that do not belong to you. We will be charged a fee for missing books.

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## Dates for your Diary

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar** – British Science Week

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Red Nose Day

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Mar @ 2.30pm** – Forest Class Ukulele Performance

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Mar @ 9am** – Collective Worship Lake Class

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar @ 1.45pm** - Easter Service, St Mary's Church

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** – SPRING TERM ENDS

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr** – SUMMER TERM STARTS

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April** – Volunteer Day

## 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.

Making an application is easy and confidential.

Easter Sports courses at Warden Park:

[Football Course - 2nd - 4th April - Easter 2...](#)

[Netball course 2nd - 4th April Easter 2024](#)

[Cricket Course - 10th - 11th April Easter 202...](#)

[Rugby Course 2nd - 4th April- Easter 2024.docx](#)

[Multi sports 8th 9th April - Easter 2024](#)

**M & M**  
Theatre School

### KIDS EASTER WORKSHOP

6 - 16yrs 8TH - 12TH APRIL 9am - 4pm

Sing, Dance & Act With Active West End Professionals

**MARY POPPINS**  
THE STEADY STATE MUSICAL

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**BACK TO THE FUTURE**  
THE MUSICAL

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Balcombe  
West Sussex  
RH17 6HS

**£130** PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE WEEK!  
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BOOK NOW - LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

[flynnandfloproductionsltd@gmail.com](mailto:flynnandfloproductionsltd@gmail.com)

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## EASTER HOLIDAYS FOOTBALL CAMP

LIMITED HAF SPACES AVAILABLE

# HORSHAM FOOTBALL CAMP



AGES 5-12 YRS

TUES 2ND - THURS 4TH APRIL  
TUES 9TH - THURS 11TH APRIL

10AM - 3PM  
£60 FOR ALL 3 DAYS

Tythe Barn, Pondtail Rd, Horsham, RH12 5JF

BOOK ONLINE: [www.southcoastsports.org.uk](http://www.southcoastsports.org.uk)



## EASTER HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY CAMP

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!

# HAYWARDS HEATH

MORNING SESSIONS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL ATTENDING 4 YEAR OLDS:

TUES 2ND - FRI 5TH APRIL  
8.30AM / 9AM - 4.30PM / 5PM

(Prices available on our website)

HAF PLACES AVAILABLE!!

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School, Eastern Rd, RH16 3NL

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## BURGESS HILL CRICKET CLUB GIRLS WINTER TRAINING



HARDBALL	SOFTBALL
SUNDAYS 6 - 7 PM @ HURST COLLEGE	TUES 6 - 7.30 PM @ THE BHA GYMNASIUM
4 FEB (THEN EXAM BREAK) START AGAIN 3/10/17/24 MAR LAST SESSION 7 APR	13/20/27 FEB 5/12/19/26 MARCH 2/9 APRIL
6PM - 7 PM U12-U15 GIRLS	6PM - 6.45 PM Y2 - Y4 GIRLS 6.45PM - 7.30 PM Y5-Y6 GIRLS

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## BURGESS HILL CRICKET CLUB YOUTH SOFTBALL TRAINING



### TUESDAYS 6 - 7.30 PM

STARTS 6TH FEBRUARY plus... 13/20/27 FEB 5/12/19/26 MARCH 2/9 APRIL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO EXAMS	GYMNASIUM 6PM - 6.45 PM Y2 - Y4 GIRLS 6.45PM - 7.30 PM Y5-Y6 GIRLS MAIN SPORTS HALL 6PM - 7.30 PM Y2-Y5 BOYS
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## Easter HAF - Adventure Camp 2024

FREE for Children aged 6-16 on Benefit related  
Free School Meals

Adventure Activities from Archery to Zorb with some Climbing in the middle.

Lots more to do including:  
Sports, E-scooters, Campfire, Art



# Fun  
# Friendship  
# Adventure

SAC SummerAdventureCamp.co.uk

To book follow the links on our FACEBOOK page or [SummerAdventureCamp.co.uk](http://SummerAdventureCamp.co.uk)

Cardinal Newman School in Hove  
Weekdays 2-5 April & 8-12 April  
Fast Grinstead Sports Club  
Weekdays 2-5 April  
The Mill Primary Academy in Crawley  
Weekdays 8-12 April



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\*Minimum of 2 days

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INSET DAYS: 3 JUNE 2024