



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

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



JULY NEWSLETTER

parents@balcombeschool.co.uk

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Dear Parents,

Well, it's arrived. The end of term is upon us and I'm sure I speak for all of our pupils and staff when I say we are all looking forward to a jolly good rest.

This year has been as busy as ever, packed full of fantastic visits, inspiring visitors, motivating learning activities and of course, lots of fun along the way. Your children have been an absolute pleasure to spend time with and have contributed brilliantly to making this academic year a most memorable one.

On behalf of all of the staff, huge thanks for the lovely cards and gifts, they are so appreciated and also for your support throughout the year. We all wish you a wonderful summer!

SATS Results – Year 6

Congratulations to our outgoing year 6 pupils, who achieved so well in the SATS tests. We were particularly proud of their attainment in grammar punctuation and spelling (12/14 86% at the standard and 7/14 50% reaching greater depth) and reading (13/14 93% at the standard and 10/14 71% at greater depth). When you consider that the national average for pupils reaching the standard was 72% for GPS and 74% for reading, you'll understand just how well they've done.

Grow Your £2

Thank you very much for all of your efforts with our "Grow your £2" fundraising challenge. As you will know from the FOBS newsletter, it was certainly worth doing!

Meet the Teacher

Meet the teacher sessions will take place early in September. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher (or meet them again) and to find out about expectations for the coming year, learning topics on the horizon, homework, PE days etc. They take place straight after school, last about 40 minutes and we offer child care for school aged children whilst you are attending.

3rd September – Coombe

4th September – Spring

5th September – Mill

6th September - Forest.

Please try and attend if you can.

Pencil Cases

Pencil cases – all Junior children should come to school with their own pencil containing basic supplies – 2 pencils, (fountain pen if they have their pen license), ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, white board pen, green biro and highlighter. A few coloured pencils would also be useful.

Clubs

REMINDER: Club information has been sent out, clubs will restart week beginning 9 September. Any clubs where you need to register and pay for using MCAS will not be available to book until we return to school – sorry for any inconvenience.

Parking

Parking at drop off and pick up seems to have been particularly problematic recently, resulting in complaints to the school from local residents. Please only park where you can do so safely and without obstructing the vision of pedestrians crossing the road. Please consider parking at the club and walking to school, or even in the huge lay by just past the church.

Please do not drive down the lane beside school (Westup) during drop off or pick up times.

FoBS

Huge congratulations to the FOBS for their fantastic efforts this year with fundraising. They are a small but extremely hard working group of parents, whose support is incredibly important and very much valued. Thank you to all who have helped in organising, running or attending any FOBS events this year.

Drama Club Round-up!



Thank you for all those children who attended this year, it has been so rewarding to see obvious improvements in so many children's abilities to present themselves in front of their peers and adult audiences. The lower group had a lot of fun with the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves; Christmas elf dramas; snow stories; parachutes and games. They produced a lovely take on 'The 3 Little Pigs' which we performed in assembly, at Russettings care home and only last week, at Balcombe Fete! I couldn't be prouder of them.

The Upper Group did a lot of brilliantly creative work developing their own performances using 'magic realism' - the idea that something magical could take place in what seems like a normal scene, a shop where the toys come alive for instance. They began work in the Autumn for our biggest show yet 'Alice in Wonderland'. This magical show performed to parents and in assembly and transported us all to its strange dream world. The students demonstrated great focus and super acting skills and they should all be very proud! The term finished with all sorts of spontaneous improvisation exercises and this group have proved to be full of comedians in the making!

My secondary age group do monthly workshops and performed a comedy Macbeth over the Spring term. If anyone is interested in receiving

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the information about that group after leaving Balcombe then please get in touch!

Helen Savage (Butcher)



Pre-loved Uniform

In preparation for next year at school (yes, already!) we have a wide range of pre-loved school uniform cleaned and available for collection in the village. We have items with the school logo, as well as white polos, PE kit, trousers, skirts, dresses and more.

Donations are voluntary and any money raised goes to FoBS.

We are also in need of donations, so please think of us when you sort through your little ones

uniform over the holidays. We will happily take anything they have outgrown and find a new home for it.

Please email Amy and Lizzie at FoBSuniform@gmail.com and we can let you know about browsing, collection and donation Arrangements.

Dates for your Diary

Tues 23rd July @ 1.30pm – SUMMER TERM ENDS

Mon 2nd Sept – INSET DAY, school closed

Tues 3rd Sept – Autumn Term starts

Tues 3rd Sept – Coombe Meet the Teacher

Weds 4th Sept – Spring Meet the Teacher

Thurs 5th Sept – Mill Meet the Teacher

Fri 6th Sept – Forest Meet the Teacher

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/balcombprimary>

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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.



FRIENDS OF BALCOMBE SCHOOL & THE BALCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR FUN AFTERNOON

Slip n' slide
Games
Ice-cream sale
BBQ
Happy hour & more...

Tuesday 23rd July | From 2pm
Balcombe Cricket Club



TMU SPORTS UNLOCK YOUR TENNIS POTENTIAL
Serve.Grow.Excel.

SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

@ **BALCOMBE 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 BOOK YOUR PLACE, CALL OR EMAIL
TOM 07921 517692 | DAVE 07568 320450
enquiries@tmusports@gmail.com
TMU-SPORTS.CO.UK

SCAN ME



M & M Theatre School
9am - 4pm

KIDS SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Sing, Dance & Act With Active West End Professionals

6 - 16yrs

5th - 9th August

19th - 23rd August

Balcombe School
Balcombe
West Sussex
RH17 6HS

£130
(Siblings £100)

PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE WEEK!

BOOK NOW - LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
flynnandfloproductionsltd@gmail.com

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I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS

I WANT TO HAVE FUN!!

I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY

I WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF A TEAM

PLAY NETBALL AND HAVE FUN!

FREE TASTER SESSION

SATURDAY 27TH JULY - 10:30-11:30am
TRIANGLE LEISURE CENTRE, BURGESS HILL
Triangle Way, Burgess Hill, RH15 8WA

Mid Sussex Netball Club are excited to invite players who will be going into **Year 3** (Sep 24) to join us for a **FREE TASTER SESSION!**
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!!

Come start your netball journey, meet our fab coaches and take part in fun sessions where you can learn new skills, play games and make new friends.

For more information or to request a place please email: u8@midssussexnetball.org.uk



IF YOU WANT TO TAKE PART IN GYMNASTICS OVER THE SUMMER - WE WILL BE TRAINING AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES / TIMES. EVERYONE IS WELCOME FOR ANY HOURS. PLEASE FIND US ON FACEBOOK TO FIND OUT INFORMATION

JULY : THE ARK, TURNERS HILL -
MONDAYS 550-630
TUESDAYS 550-730
MEATHE GREEN SCHOOL, HORLEY
SATURDAYS 1130-130
AUGUST: THE ARK MONDAYS 550-630
MEATHE GREEN SATURDAYS 1130-130

SUMMER CAMP AVAILABLE THROUGH AUGUST AT TILGATE HUTS EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 10-3

Info@nickysworkshop.co.uk

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST 12PM-2PM
MUSTER GREEN, HAYWARDS HEATH

Bring your own picnic blanket and your teddy bears to the picnic. We will be providing a small packed lunch, free ice cream* and a small teddy bear for children up to the age of 10 years. Tickets will be available from Thursday 1st August at 9am. Tickets are free, but must be booked via www.eventbrite.co.uk. If you don't get a ticket, you're welcome to attend, but food will not be provided.



ORGANISED BY -  IN PARTNERSHIP WITH -  HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

Please Note: Tickets are free but MUST be purchased in advance via Eventbrite. The Teddy Bears Picnic is for children up to the age of 10. *One free ice cream per ticket booked.



FREE family fun

Wednesday 21st August 2024
Balcombe Rec,
Balcombe, RH17 6HP

1.00 - 3.00pm

Activities include

- ✓ Circus skills
- ✓ Music & DJ workshops
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Shows (puppets/magician)
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Dance + more

No booking required

www.midssussex.gov.uk/playdays



[ATTACHED PRINTABLE INVITE READING CHALLENGE FROM LIBRARY](#)

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