



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

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



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

We do have learners with allergies, so please remember - no nuts in school.

From Mrs Millbanks

Dear Parents,

Our Christmas trees arrived today, so there's no denying it any longer..... Christmas is definitely coming! As we rapidly approach the end of term and things get busier, please excuse us if we don't respond to emails and phone call requests with our usual efficiency and please do not be afraid to remind us! As you can imagine, with the build up to Christmas, this half term in school is a particularly busy time; there are so many things to think about, children are excited and tired (and often very emotional) and we have to work really hard to maintain the usual quality and pace of learning. Please help us by making sure that your child gets plenty of sleep and continues the normal reading/spelling etc routine at home as much as possible. Please also make sure that you make a note of the key dates at the end of this newsletter, so that you or your child do not miss out on any opportunities.

Wendy Millbanks

Christmas Lunch



Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 18 December.

Remember, Juniors need to order via Chartwells two weeks before to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Jumpers!

This year the NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day falls on the same day as one of the nativity performances. Children and staff can wear Christmas jumpers **all day** on Wednesday 18th December when Christmas Lunch is being served. We would ask for a minimum voluntary donation of £1, half of this will still go to NSPCC, the other half to the school PTA.

Finish Time End of Term

Term will finish on Friday 20th December at 1.15pm.

Treetops After School Club

We are delighted to announce that there will be a provision for this service from January run by Treetops who run our Breakfast Club. Bookings can now be made on their website, where you can also find more details about prices and times available.

<http://www.treetopsclubs.co.uk>

Job Vacancies at Oathall

Oathall School have three job vacancies – Assistant Business Manager, Assistant Premises Officer and General Catering Assistant. More details and information about how to apply can be found on their website:

www.oathall.org

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Fundraising for School

Remember to join easyfundraising and 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/balco mbprimary>

School Diary

Mon 2 Dec – Fri 6 Dec – Bikeability (Year 6)

Weds 11 Dec – Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Thurs 12 Dec & Fri 13 Dec – 9.30am Nativity (Infants)

Mon 16 Dec – Music Workshop (whole school)

Wed 18 Dec – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day!

Thurs 19 Dec – 1.45pm St Mary's Church, Carol Service, All Welcome!

Fri 20 Dec – 1.15pm TERM ENDS

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 read the linked information letter which explains that any accepted applications for Free School Meals (whether or not your child takes the meal up) attract £1320 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.

[LINK](#) to pupil premium letter

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