



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

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



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a fabulous Christmas and thus far, are having a happy new year.

Despite the almost constant rain, the children have settled back into school very well and are already immersed in learning about hot and cold places, money, "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes and changes to fashion over time.

Please ensure that you have 8th February in your dairies – an opportunity for you to come into school and look at your child's work with them.

Modern Foreign Languages

Sadly, Madame Coulson, who taught French to Forest, Spring and Mill left us at the end of last term. This term, the children in Spring and Mill will be taught French on a Friday morning by Madame Cleere, who teaches languages at Ardingly College.

As the children in Forest class are learning about Spain this term, we will be pausing their French learning for a while, and they will be learning about the Spanish language. At Primary level, the curriculum for languages "should lay the foundations for further foreign language teaching at key stage 3" (National Curriculum 2014) and we have been offered an opportunity for some Ardingly College language students to come in and teach our pupils a little Spanish and something about the

country and its people. I am sure that our children in Forest will really enjoy this.

Wellbeing and Wellington Boots

This is just a reminder that we ask all pupils to leave a pair of wellies in school. This is so that even when the grass is wet/muddy, our children can still play outside at playtimes. During the spring term, classes will also be taking part in some "wellbeing" afternoons and some of the activities may involve being outside on the field or in the wildlife area. Spending the afternoon with cold, wet feet isn't very conducive to good wellbeing!

Fundraising – THANK YOU!

Since March 2022 we have raised an amazing **£809.90** supporting Children in Need, Red Nose Day and Christmas Jumper Day.

NSPCC Number Day

February 3rd is Number Day – a fundraising day organised by the NSPCC, where learning is based around number and child safety. During the day, pupils will be taking part in a variety of number related activities and for a charity donation (which will be collected outside in the morning), we invite

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pupils to dress in non school uniform, wearing as many numbers as possible. This might involve t-shirts, caps, trainers or something even more creative.

On February 2nd, all children will take part in an assembly about child safety, including information about Childline and the funds raised by us on number Day will contribute to the running of this valuable resource.

Thank you in advance for supporting our fundraising.

A Couple of Reminders ...

Due to our healthy school status and a number of pupils with severe allergies, we kindly ask that you **do not** bring in any cakes or sweets to give out to the children. If you wish to give the children in their class a gift to celebrate your child's birthday, a book for the book corner is always a welcome gift.

When dropping off or collecting during the school day, please make sure that the gate has closed properly. It needs to be pushed wide open so the magnet works when it closes.

Email communications

Following feedback and to reduce email traffic, we will only be sending accident notifications to one parent if both parents live in the same household.

If you currently receive all other school communications and do not wish to, please let the office know so we can amend our records so that only one parent in the household receives our communications.

Also a gentle reminder - please use parents@balcombeschool.co.uk to contact us.

FoBS Events this term

As you will be aware, FoBS are running a Cake Challenge for each class. Please make a note of the date for your child's class. Cakes can be home-made or shop bought, however, we **MUST** have list of the ingredients to display with the cakes.

Lake – 13th January

Coombe – 3rd February

Spring – 24th February

Forest – 24th March

Mill – 31st March

The next Quiz and Curry night will be in Victory Hall again and is on **Saturday 4th February**. Tickets are now on sale - £22 per person, teams of 6, payment by PayPal please.

Email ptatransure.balcombe@gmail.com with any questions.

Internet Acceptable Use Form

Thank you to those who have completed the Internet Acceptable Use form. We need a completed form for every child in school so if you have not yet done it, please use the link below to access the forms ensuring you use the correct form for your child.

[INFANT Internet Acceptable Use](#)

[JUNIOR Internet Acceptable Use](#)

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Dates for your diary

Fri 3rd Feb – NSPCC Number Day
Sat 4th Feb @ 7.30pm – FoBS Quiz & Curry night at Victory Hall
Tues 7th Feb – SATS information evening Year 2& 6
Wed 8th Feb – Book Look time TBC
Mon 13th Feb – Fri 17th Feb –HALF TERM
Mon 20th Feb – Inset day, school closed
Weds 22nd Feb @ 3.30pm to 5.30pm – Parents Evening
Thurs 2nd March @ 4pm – 7pm – Parents Evening
Thurs 2nd March – World Book Day
Mon 13th – Fri 17th March – British Science Week, details to follow
Fri 17th March – Red Nose Day
Thurs 23rd March – Open Morning
Fri 31st March – Spring Term finishes

Fundraising for School



[Link to Amazon Smile](#)

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

Donate with
JustGiving

Remember to join **easyfundraising** and **Amazon Smile** 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/balcombprimary>

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.

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OPENING HOURS:

9am - 5pm Monday
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opens 28th November

