



# Balcombe

Church of England  
Primary School

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



## MAY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe another half term holiday is almost upon us. The last few weeks have been packed with learning, exciting experiences and for some, assessments. I would like to congratulate our year 6 pupils for their mature and responsible attitude to the SATs and am proud of the way in which they knuckled down and did their very best. Of course, the visit from Ofsted was also a notable event this half term. I don't have a report to share with you yet, but it shouldn't be too much longer.

### Book Look

You are invited in to school on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** between 9:15 – 9:45 to spend some time with your child(ren) looking at their work. If you won't be able to attend, to avoid disappointment for your child, please let us know so that we can keep them gainfully employed elsewhere.

### Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. In the morning, we have games and activities on the playground with the traditional running races taking place on the school field in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to come for the entire day or come to school the field at

noon, bring a picnic to share with your child/children and stay to watch the afternoon races. REMEMBER to cancel hot lunches now – there will be no hot lunches available that day!

The children should wear their normal royal blue PE shorts with a t-shirt in their house colour – a reminder of the team colours is below. Long hair should be tied up neatly please.

T-shirts can be purchased from Amazon – see link below for an example:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fruit-Loom-Childrens-Cotton-Orange/dp/B00V3ICEU2/ref=sr\\_1\\_10?crid=1Z7WC1WU76WW2&keywords=fruit+of+the+loom+t-shirt+kids&qid=1684147433&srefix=fruit+of+the+loom+t-shirt+kids%2Caps%2C96&sr=8-10](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fruit-Loom-Childrens-Cotton-Orange/dp/B00V3ICEU2/ref=sr_1_10?crid=1Z7WC1WU76WW2&keywords=fruit+of+the+loom+t-shirt+kids&qid=1684147433&srefix=fruit+of+the+loom+t-shirt+kids%2Caps%2C96&sr=8-10)

Badgers – green  
Bats – purple  
Bears – orange  
Bees - yellow

### Staff Changes

Sadly, Mrs Jasmine Waters will be retiring and leaving us at the end of next week. Mrs Waters has worked at the school for a great number of years and remembers many of our current parents as pupils at the school. As well as fulfilling the role of teaching assistant and first

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aider, Mrs Waters has been in charge of running our library – stocking it and training our pupil librarians. We are hugely grateful to Mrs Waters for her years of commitment and dedication to the school and wish her a very long and happy retirement.

## Nature Ninjas

After half term, each class will be getting some additional time at Nature Ninjas – sessions will be from 1.15pm – 3.15pm with the exception of Spring who will be doing a full day's activities.

In order for this to go ahead, we do need parent volunteers to help us. Details are below, please let the office know if you are able to help out – we are particularly in need of help for Lake, Coombe and Forest.

Lake	Monday 12 June Thursday 15 June Thursday 22 June
Coombe	TBC
Forest	Thursday 29 June Monday 3 July
Spring	Thursday 13 July AM & PM
Mill	Monday 19 June Monday 26 June Thursday 6 July

We have ensured that all the children have had lots of opportunities to do Nature Ninjas throughout the academic year.

## Poster Competition

We have been asked by the Balcombe Fete Committee to run a competition to design a poster advertising the village fete.

Posters should be on A4 paper and include some or all of the following information -

Saturday 15th July 2023  
12 Noon to 5pm  
7pm to late

Craft tent  
Dog show  
gun dog demonstration  
fun dog scurry  
Bar  
Bouncy castle  
food  
dance display  
tug of war  
children's races  
food  
ice cream  
candy floss  
classic cars  
Band and food in the evening

**Entries to be handed in to the school office by 9 am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Poster Competition

This year, we are reintroducing a long held tradition at our Summer Fair. One of the stalls will be a "Cheerful containers" raffle. We ask that all children decorate a pot, bottle or box with a plant or animal based theme and fill it with sweet treats (please no nuts). We will then raffle these off at the fair. It's a great stall for the children and historically has always

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proved very popular. The most creative entries for each age group, will win a prize. **Containers to be handed in to the class teachers by the end of the day on Weds 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

## Djembe

This term Forest Class have been learning to play djembe drums with West Sussex Music. It has been a very enjoyable (and at times, noisy!) experience so far.



## Junior Production

At the end of the summer term the Junior children (year 3-6) all take part in the Junior Production with the key roles going to children in year 6. Watch out for more details about this just see event after half-term.

## School Uniform & Appearance

As we approach the end of the academic year, please ensure that the children are wearing correct school uniform. With PE kit now being

worn for the whole school day, it is beginning to show signs of wear with a few items being worn that are definitely not on our uniform list!

Please remember that long hair should be tied up neatly. No jewellery (unless it is a watch) or make up should be worn to school.

## First aid & Medical Items

We would like to remind parents and carers that children should not bring any first aid or medical items (including over the counter medicines) to school in their bags. Please speak to the office staff if you are unsure about an item being in school.

## Dates for your diary

- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May** – 9.15am – 9.45am Book Look
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May** – FoBS Crazy Hair Day
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – HALF TERM
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Inset Day, school CLOSED
- Weds 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – FoBS Summer Fair
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Warden Park Induction Day Year 6
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers Service @ Christ's Hospital
- Tues 11 July** – Junior Production @ 7pm
- Thurs 13 July** – Junior Production @ 7pm
- Thurs 18 July** – Leavers Service @ St Mary's Church, time TBC
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July** – End of term

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## Fundraising for School

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.

## Holiday Activities / Camps



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**MAY HALF TERM  
HAYWARDS HEATH  
ACTIVITY CAMP**

**St Wilfrid's Primary School, RH16 3NL**  
Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June

5-12 years:	School attending 4 Year olds:
9.00am - 4.30pm/8.30am - 5.00pm	9.00am - 1.00pm
£27.00 per day/ £32.00 extended	£16.00 per day
£100.00 for 4 days/ £120.00 extended	£54.00 for 4 days

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**MAY HALF TERM  
HORSHAM  
FOOTBALL CAMP**

**The Tythe Barn, Pondtail Road, Horsham**  
Tuesday 30th May - Thursday 1st June

**Time:** 10am - 3pm  
**Ages:** 5-12 years  
**Price:** £55.00 for 3 days

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