



# Balcombe

Church of England  
Primary School

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



## NEWSLETTER

MAY

2018

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of our parents (past and present) at the quiz a couple of weeks ago and I think it's fair to say a good time was had by all (even if some of the quiz answers were questionable)! Many thanks to Lucy Chettleburgh and Vikki Cripps for once again leading their band of helpers to deliver such an enjoyable event.

Everyone's efforts are much appreciated as the quiz raised an amazing **£2,257** for our school.

Previously money raised by the PTA has been used to get our summerhouse up and running, although much of the work has been carried out free of charge, or at cost, by generous parents and members of the community. Thanks go to (if we have missed anyone please accept our apologies);

### For ....

- **taking it down, moving it and putting it back up** - Richard Cartmell / Duncan Smith / Steve Delpy / Rob Greer / Matt White / Georgia & Sean Betts / Fran & Vicky Cripps / Liam Tupper / John Butcher / Katie & Chris Archibald
- **railings and assembly** David Ericsson
- **laying the floor (and Balcombe fete committee donated it)** Ian Tremble and Mark Fairweather
- **the path and base** Stephen Malthouse
- **electrics** Chris Walker
- **digging the trench** Lee Martin
- **the heaters** Chris Pierpoint
- **their 'at cost' contribution** Lawsons in Crawley
- **felt** Natalie Walker
- **getting rid of the moles!** Tony Cox



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And a special, huge **THANK YOU** to Julia Fairweather for giving so freely of her time to organise and co-ordinate the whole project.

The summerhouse – or ‘**THE POD**’ is now officially open and will hopefully be used for much learning and many events to come.

Congratulations to Matilda for coming up with the winning name!

## SPONSORED SKIP

On Thursday  
24th May, each  
class will skip  
[read more .....](#)



## PTA POSTER COMPETITION FOR VILLAGE FETE

Details of the PTA poster competition for the Village fete were emailed to parents on 15 May, see below.

[Information](#)

## WEST SUSSEX POLICE ALERT TO SCHOOLS

PC Theresa Broad has advised us about the digital game a lot of young people are playing at the moment called Fortnite and possible risks around it. Please see the attached.

There has been quite a bit in the news around the game lately.

## [FORTNITE](#)

It has also come to our attention that some of our junior children are playing games which are intended for much older players. A game called The Forest is an example of this – it is rated 18 and although the title seems innocent enough has very adult content. Please do monitor carefully the games your children are playing and follow the age classification guidelines.

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Linking to our assembly theme this term of “awe and wonder”, we have just launched a competition for the children, with a chance of winning a digital camera.

The children have been asked to take a photo of something **in nature** that they consider **AWESOME**. We have discussed what the word actually means and looked at some examples together. We ask that the photos are submitted straight after



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half term, by the end of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June and are presented ready to be displayed in our gallery i.e. mounted on a piece of coloured paper or framed in some other way.

All of our pupils will then be asked to visit the gallery and vote for their favourites.

Good luck and happy snapping!

## **INSET DAYS REMAINING THIS YEAR**

Monday 4 June 2018

Friday 13 July 2018

## **NEXT YEAR**

Monday 3 September 2018

Monday 29 October 2018

Friday 15 February 2019

Tuesday 23 April 2019

Monday 3 June 2019



## **PAYMENTS INTO SCHOOL**

Further to our email of 11<sup>th</sup> May we would like to remind you that, after half term, our procedure for taking payments at school will change: ALL payments for clubs/trips etc., may be made by sQuid (our preferred method which we'd encourage you to use!) or, if you choose to pay by cash, any cash payment(s) MUST be in a sealed envelope, stating clearly on the front of the envelope; child's name/amount/what the payment is for. Any cash paid into the office must be the correct amount as we will be unable to give any change.



Unfortunately, if this system does not work we may have to cease taking any cash payments.

Please speak to the school office if you have any questions, issues or concerns regarding this or if you require help setting up sQuid (see the link below).

<https://www.squidcard.com/support/parents>

Once again, thank you for your support in helping us improve our systems.

## **GDPR**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will be applicable and the current Data Protection Act (DPA) will be updated by a new Act. A letter will be going out to parents and information will be available on our website shortly.



## **OUR SUMMER 'WISH LIST'**

### **A GOOD QUALITY GAZEBO FOR LAKE CLASS.**

If any parents are able to provide Lake with a gazebo or know someone who could, please let us know.

## **READERS**

If you have time to come to school each week to listen to our younger children read, Mrs Hoddell and Mrs Butcher would very much like to talk to you!



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# CALENDAR

(See [website calendar](#) for all dates)

- 18/5 Spring class visit to Planetarium, Chichester
- 22/5 Year 6 transition meeting – Angie Whyte from Warden Park visiting
- 28/5 *through to Friday 1 June* - Half Term – School Closed
- 4/6 INSET Day – School Closed
- 11/6 *through to Friday 15 June* – Year 6 - Bikeability. Reminder – we have Permissions outstanding
- 15/6 Junior Production tickets on sale via Parents Evening System for Year 6 only
- 18/6 Helpers' Tea Party @ 1.45pm
- 19/6 Ardingly College Drama Group  
Junior Production tickets on sale via Parents Evening System for Years 3 – 5
- 21/6 Lake visit to Woodsmill
- 22/6 PTA summer fair
- 25/6 Sports Day – details will be sent out soon  
Warden Park parents evening for new parents
- 28/6 Coombe visit to Woodsmill
- 29/6 Year 7 Induction Day @ Warden Park
- 2/7 Handcross Park Athletics
- 6/7 Final Balances due for Bowles trip
- 9/7 Back-up sports day
- 10/7 Year 6 Leavers Celebrations @ Worth Abbey
- 12/7 Balcombe School Open Morning for parents
- 13/7 INSET Day – School Closed
- 14/7 Balcombe Village Fete
- 17/7 Junior Production – 7pm
- 19/7 Shuffle-up afternoon / Reports home / Junior Production – 7pm
- 23/7 Leavers' Service @ St Mary's. Parents welcome – 1.45pm
- 24/7 Final Celebration Assembly – 9am – all welcome

INSET DAY  
4 JUNE & 13  
JULY

CLUBS – see [website](#) for all club information

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## FRENCH CLASSES WITH LA JOLIE RONDE

French with La Jolie Ronde has been running successfully at Balcombe CofE Primary School for over seven years and has proved to be extremely popular. These small, informal and fun classes are now led by Caroline Dernoncourt from La Jolie Ronde and are held over lunchtimes for children in years 1-6.



If your child is interested in starting French, or if you would like to know more about the classes, please visit the La Jolie Ronde website on [www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk) or contact Caroline directly.

Telephone: 07591932307 / email: [learnfrenchwithcaroline@gmail.com](mailto:learnfrenchwithcaroline@gmail.com)

## PARENT / COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Summer Holiday sporting activities @ Warden Park - [LINK](#)

Victory Hall Films – Finding Your Feet – 22 June - [LINK](#)

### 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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# **POP UP PIZZA ONE NIGHT ONLY SATURDAY 16 JUNE**

The pupils in Year 6 will be leaving Balcombe Primary School at the end of this term. They have decided that they would like to produce a year book commemorating all the fun times they have had together while at the School. They are raising funds to help with the costs of producing their year book.

On Saturday 16th June for one night only, they will be delivering delicious hand cooked pizzas to your door. They would be delighted if you would support them by ordering lots of pizzas.

Please see the attached flyer for what is available and how to order.

Thank you for your support.

Year 6 pupils

[ORDER YOUR PIZZA](#)

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