



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

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



17 JULY - NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a successful academic year draws to a close, it is a fitting time to reflect on all that has been achieved and to celebrate the many reasons we have to be proud of our school community.

I am immensely proud of every child at Balcombe. Throughout the year, I have had the pleasure of watching our pupils grow in confidence, make excellent progress and demonstrate the values that make our school so special. Their curiosity, resilience, kindness and enthusiasm for learning have been wonderful to see.

I am delighted to share that our Year 6 pupils achieved exceptional SATs results this year, placing Balcombe among the top 15% of primary schools in England. This outstanding achievement reflects not only the children's hard work and determination, but also the dedication of our staff and the support they receive from home. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished.

Our Key Stage 2 production, *Panto Pandemonium*, provided a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year. It was a truly fantastic performance, showcasing the children's confidence, creativity and teamwork. Their enthusiasm and talent shone through from start to finish, and it is a show that will be remembered fondly by all who watched it.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and governors. The successes of this year would not have been possible without their unwavering commitment, hard work and care. Every day, they go

above and beyond to provide education and support for our children, and I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such dedicated colleagues.

This year, we must say a fond goodbye to three much-valued members of our school community: Mrs Dunsby, Mrs Couves and Mrs Bennett. Each has made a significant contribution to the life of Balcombe, positively impacting the lives of countless children and families through their expertise, kindness and dedication. We thank them sincerely for all they have given to our school and wish them every happiness and success in the future. We also send our best wishes to Mrs de Baerdemaeker who is going on maternity leave – we look forward to meeting the latest addition.

To all our parents and carers, thank you for your continued partnership throughout the year. The strong relationship between home and school is one of our greatest strengths, and your support—whether by helping with learning at home, attending events, volunteering your time or working with staff—plays an invaluable role in helping our children thrive.

As I complete my first year as Headteacher of Balcombe CofE Primary School, I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks for the incredibly warm welcome, kindness and support I have received. It has been a genuine privilege to join such a wonderful school community, and you have helped to make this first year both rewarding and memorable.

To our Year 6 pupils moving on to secondary school, and to any other children leaving us this year, we wish you every success and happiness in the next stage of your journey. You will always be part of the

Balcombe family, and we look forward to hearing about all that you achieve in the years ahead- you will all be amazing!

I hope you all enjoy a happy, restful and fun-filled summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Best wishes,
Ben Turney
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

***Be Respectful, Be Ambitious, Be Resilient,
Be Caring, Be Creative, Be Curious,
Be The Best That You Can Be***

This week, the following children have been celebrated for demonstrating one of our Values in Action:

Etta T - Lake Class – being so creative in our music sessions, helping others and performing so well.

Amelia - Coombe Class – being the best that she can be in maths. She is a doubling numbers expert!

Rose - Forest Class – always being the best she can be! Consistently challenging herself.

Iris - Spring Class – showing creativity in our art printing lesson.

Kika - Mill Class – ambition/resilience in learning an additional part in the play at short notice!

Behaviour Award



Platinum awards have been given to the following children

Pippa in Coombe Class

Rowan, Reuben, Isaac, Bella, Sam, Xander, Alex & Lillith in Forest Class

Edith in Spring Class

Indie, Eleanor and Sienna in Mill Class

Congratulations to you all!

Drama Club



Drama club have had a fun and exciting year. The Upper Group started in Autumn with a spy theme, working through a story where they acted out going on special missions in groups to defeat 'Baron Von-Strange' in his mountain hide-out. All their favourite games were played along the way! Meanwhile the lower Drama group had an introduction to Drama and all our games followed by working on a super-hero theme where we made up our own super-heroes and devised a plan to defeat 'Dr Evil' and his accomplice 'Slime-bot!'. As always both groups enjoyed the themes of Christmas and snow with fun-filled winter lessons before moving into working on scripts. The lower group performed a lovely 'Chicken Licken' to their parents and the school which they then took to Russetings care home. The Upper Group meanwhile, made up their own plays in groups which became part of a bigger adventure called 'The School Museum' where museum exhibits became alive at night!

Finally this summer we have focused on the theme of pantomimes to compliment the school show and also developed our spontaneous

improvisation skills. I will very much miss our large and talented yr 6 contingent and I hope they go on to continue to develop their Drama skills at secondary!

Helen Savage



Dates for your Diary

Tues 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 9am
Weds 22nd July – Summer Term finishes @ 1.30pm
Tues 1st Sept – INSET Day, school closed
Weds 2nd Sept – Autumn Term starts

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.

Fundraising for School

[Link to PayPal](#)

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.

5.5-12yrs
8:30am-3pm

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24 Science + Crafts	28 Lava + Dragons
	29 Dens + Splash
	30 Science + Cave Kids
	31 Pirates + Catapults

AUGUST

03 Dragons + Cavekids	10 Dragons + Cavekids
04 Nerf + Catapults	11 Nerf + Dens
05 Dens + Dinosaurs	12 Crafts + Splash
06 Crafts + Lava	13 Lava + Dinosaurs
07 Science + Splash	14 Science + Mudmonsters
17 Lava + Catapults	24 Lava + Catapults
18 Nerf + Pirates	25 Bugs + Splash
19 Dens + Fire	26 Dragons + Fire
20 Art + Dragons	27 Nerf + Pirates
21 Science + Splash	28 Dens + Cavekids

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