



Balcombe

Church of England
Primary School

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



24 APRIL- NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I sincerely hope that you and your families had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and that you were able to spend some valuable time together. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school last week, and there is already a real sense of energy and excitement around the school as we begin the summer term.

The summer term is always a busy and fun-filled one, with lots of opportunities for learning, enrichment activities and special events. We are very much looking forward to everything the term has in store and to sharing these experiences with the children. Please do take some time to look carefully at the diary dates included in this newsletter and on our website, as there is a great deal planned over the coming weeks and months.

We wish everyone a happy and successful summer term!

Warm regards,
Ben Turney
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

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

Since our last newsletter, the following children have been celebrated for demonstrating one of our Values in Action:

Etta B – Lake Class – creating such beautiful artwork. She works with such care – she always makes sure her work is the 'best that it can be!'

Harper - Lake Class – working so hard at everything and showing such resilience when sorting and ordering numbers in maths!

Erin - Coombe Class – creativity in art. Her picture of a rainbow rainforest is super.

Sofia - Coombe Class – showing creativity when making a wooden musical instrument at Nature Ninjas.

Rowan – Forest Class – being ambitious! Brilliant effort and improvement in maths.

Harrison - Forest Class – being the best he can be! A BRILLIANT first week back.

Frieda - Spring Class – working really hard and showing ambition in maths lessons and assessments.

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Edith - Spring Class – showing respect to your classmates and school adults all the time.

Daniel – Mill Class – resilience when proof-reading/editing his writing to make improvements.

Willow - Mill Class – being the best that she can be! Diligence and creativity in the completion of homework during the holidays.

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

Cecily - Lake Class – being so creative when making a fantastic safari park for her friends to enjoy ...

Archie - Coombe Class – being very caring towards his friends both in class and on the playground.

Xander - Forest Class – EXTREMELY creative collage work.

Alistair - Spring Class – being ambitious about greater accuracy in writing.

Esme - Mill Class – showing ambition and resilience achieving 1st place in the Team Gym British Championships!

Attendance

At parents evening during the Spring Term, attendance figures were shared with all parents. We want to work closely with families to support good attendance and ensure that our pupils have the best chance of success and happiness in their time at School. The Trust's attendance target is 97% and anything below this is likely to impact your child's academic achievement.

To that end, we will be sending out letters to parents of children whose attendance is a concern. If you receive a letter and would like to discuss this further, please do contact us.

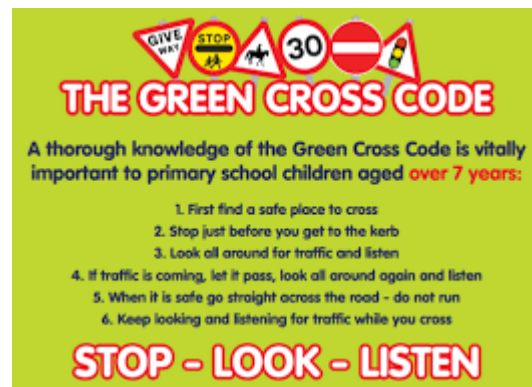
No Balls from home please!

Now that the weather is more settled, it is lovely to see the children enjoying our grounds to their fullest potential and playing lots of ball games. To minimise the risk of injury to the children, we kindly ask that no one brings in balls from home. They can be over-inflated and therefore, excessively hard which increases the risk of serious impact during play.

Road Safety

We want the children to enjoy the benefits of living in a village with their school within a short travel distance. Lots of our children are able to walk, scoot or cycle to school.

Unfortunately, nowadays traffic, even in a small village like Balcombe, does not always allow for a child on a scooter or bike so please do ensure that your child is aware of the potential hazards and familiarise them with The Green Cross Code.



Lego and Loom Band club

Monday: 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Our Lego & Loom Band Club is a fun and creative after-school club where children can explore building and crafting activities each week.

Here's what's included:

 **LEGO Building Zone**

Children can freestyle build, take on weekly challenges, or collaborate on big creations.

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Loom Band Making

From bracelets and rings to charms and mini keychains, children can get creative with colourful loom bands—perfect for sharing or swapping with friends.

✦ Sibling discount available at checkout.

To secure your child's place, please log in and book early using the link below:

Magic Booking Login:

<https://cool4schoolclubs.magicbooking.co.uk/Identify/Account/Login>

Dates for your Diary

Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May – SATS for year 6

Mon 25th May to Fri 29th May – Half Term

Mon 1st June – ** INSET DAY **

Mon 22nd June – Year 6 new parents evening at Warden Park

Fri 26th June – Year 6 Warden Park induction day

Tues 30th June – Lake & Coombe class trip

Fri 3rd July – ** INSET DAY **

Tues 14th July @6pm – Junior Production

Thurs 16th July @ 6pm – Junior Production

Fri 17th July @ 2pm – Rock Steady Concert

Weds 22nd July – Summer Term Finishes

Tues 1st Sept – INSET Day

Weds 2nd Sept – Autumn Term starts

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.

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.



CREST
Swim School

Swim till Summer for £100!

LIMITED TIME OFFER!

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Book by 30th April!

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Terms & conditions apply. New swimmers or second class only.

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BALCOMBE TENNIS CLUB


TENNIS SEASON STARTER
SUNDAY 10TH MAY - 2PM

Come and join us in celebrating the start of the Tennis season at a fun family afternoon at the village courts.

BBQ
FREE COACHING
PIMM'S STAND
CAKE STALL

Card and cash taken and all profits go towards the upkeep of the tennis club.

balcombetennisclub@gmail.com



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Young Voices

MIDHURST
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Tuesdays
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme
Junior Orchestra

CRAWLEY
The Mill Primary, RH11 0EL
Fridays
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme

CHICHESTER
St Joseph's CE Junior, PO19 1DQ
Saturdays
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme
Drum Lab
Junior Orchestra
Youth Orchestra

HORSHAM
Millais School, RH13 5HR
Saturdays
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme
Drum Lab
Junior Wind Orchestra
Junior String Orchestra
Training Wind Orchestra
Training String Orchestra
Young Voices
West Sussex Youth Choir
West Sussex Youth Wind Orchestra
West Sussex Youth String Orchestra
West Sussex Youth Orchestra

WORTHING
Bohunt School, BN14 8AH
Saturdays
Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme
Drum Lab
Junior Orchestra
Youth Orchestra
Young Voices

Northbrook College, BN12 6NU
Wednesdays
Play In A Band

QM Studios, RH12 1GZ
Thursdays
Play In A Band

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Hurst
Holiday Camps

Tuesday 26 May to Friday 29 May

Hurstpierpoint College
9am - 3pm

Tennis: £25 per day
Multi-Sport: £25 per day
Street Dance: £50 for two days

Early bird prices available until
1 May, prices increase by
£5 per day thereafter

To book, please scan
the QR code

For more information, please contact: camps@hppc.co.uk
Stay up to date on Instagram:

 [hurstholidaycamps](https://www.instagram.com/hurstholidaycamps)

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JOIN OUR ACTION PACKED MAY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMP IN HANDCROSS

AGES 5-11 YRS



DATES & LOCATION
Handcross Primary School, Handcross
Tuesday 26 May - Thursday 28 May
We accept childcare vouchers

BOOK NOW: www.southcoastsports.org.uk



JOIN OUR ACTION PACKED MAY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMP IN HAYWARD'S HEATH

AGES 5-11 YRS



DATES & LOCATION
St Wilfrid's CoE Primary School, Hayward's Heath
Tuesday 26 May- Thursday 28 May
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Enrichment Beyond The Classroom

COOL 4 SCHOOL

MAY 25th - 29th

HALF TERM CAMP



Holiday Activities

- ✔ Creative Arts & Drama Games
- ✔ Play - Led environment
- ✔ Drama Play & Party Games
- ✔ Outdoor Quest
- ✔ Sports: Dodgeball, Football, Cricket, & More.

9am - 6pm FROM £16.99

 **4 Quick Bookings** 

Holiday Location
BIRCHWOOD GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL RH15 ODP

Hot / Cold Lunch/ Tea available
Drop off service available
We Accept Vouchers & Tax Credits

C: 07475724576 **BOOK NOW** info@cool4schoolclubs.co.uk
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