

Balfour Primary News

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23rd October 2020



NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Well, as the first half-term draws to a close I'd like to thank everyone for their adaptability and support with the 'new normal'.

Just wanted to let you know that we're going to be moving to a monthly newsletter starting in November. However, we will continue to keep the website up-to-date - particularly the [Year Group pages](#) – so I encourage you to look there for information.



Simon Davies,
Head teacher

Our Virtual Open Events are happening 9th – 11th November with tours taking place all throughout November and December. You can find details below. I would be grateful if you could share this with any other families you may know who have a child entering reception in 2021!



VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

9TH - 11TH
NOVEMBER

See the ["New Parent"](#) section on our website for more information!

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WHY BALFOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL?



We have amazing outdoor facilities on our shared 28 hectare campus; including four playgrounds, running track, playing field, outdoor gym and pool!

OFSTED 2020

"Leaders promote pupils' personal development effectively. Pupils learn how to share their ideas and feelings with confidence."

Our children's results are significantly higher than other local and national schools!



OFSTED 2020

"Children get off to a good start to their education in the early years. They develop quickly into confident, independent learners. Children develop good learning habits and respond well to knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff."

We have additional dedicated indoor & outdoor learning environments just for our reception children, above & beyond the classroom!

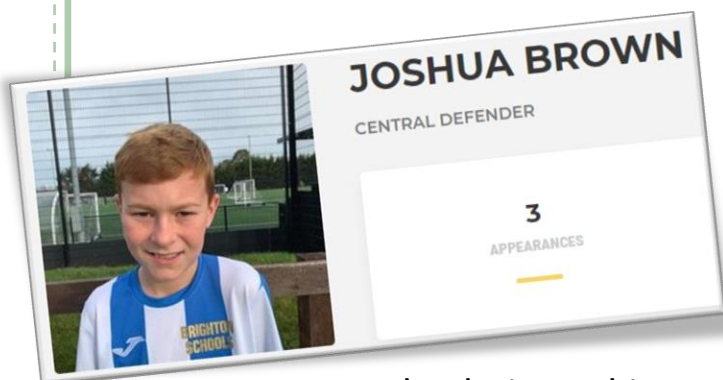


OFSTED 2020

"Pupils enjoy coming to this school, where they are well cared for. Pupils respect each other and have positive attitudes to learning. Pupils have their own school parliament sessions and know they can make a difference to what happens in school."

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CONGRATULATIONS JOSHUA



Joshua in River Jacks, along with a handful of other Balfour pupils, went to the trial for the Brighton & Hove District FA Football team (Brighton Boys under 11's). He had 3 trials over 2 weeks which began with over 50 other boys from other schools in Brighton & Hove

and culminated in a match against Kent Schools to decide who would be selected to join the squad of 16 players for the 2020/21 season.

Joshua made the grade and has since played 2 games at centre-back for them (matches against Bexley District and last weekend Greenwich Schools). You can see the team here:

<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/brightonschoolsu11/teams/246202/the-team>

Well done Joshua!! And we all wish you the best of luck with your future matches!

CYCLE TRAINING

Please see the [news section](#) of our website for information on upcoming cycle training!



HEALTHY SNACKS, HEALTHY LEARNING!

Please remember that a healthy snack should be fruit/vegetables and not, for instance, Wotsits. Thank you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



[Can be found on our website.](#)

TERM DATES FOR 2020/21

Autumn Term 1: 4/9/20 – 23/10/20 **Autumn Term 2:** 2/11/20 – 18/12/20

➤ Half term: 26 Oct – 30 Oct

➤ Winter Holidays: 21 Dec – 1 Jan

INSET days 20/21: ~~3 Sep, 4 Sep~~, 2 Nov, 4 Jan, 7 June

GOVERNORS

If you wish to contact the school governors for any reason, their email address is: balfour.governor@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk

FAB UPDATE

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

First, a massive thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Card Design fundraiser – cards and gifts will be arriving back in school shortly.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions and guidelines we are unable to put on any of our 'usual' events this term such as Fireworks and the Christmas Fair... but we are busy trying to find other fun fundraisers to replace them that hopefully will raise money for the school!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

HALF TERM HALLOWEEN (ISH) ADVENTURE TRAIL.

Tickets cost £3.50 and can be bought via www.ticketor.com/friendsatbalfour

It's a bit of fun fundraiser to wipe away the cobwebs and relieve a bit of boredom in the October half term. Tickets with an email link to the map and questions will be able to be purchased throughout the half term break.

The Brightonian cartoonist, Paul Stapleton, has designed a map for us in the style of one of his boardgames ZomBN1... and it looks AWESOME!!!

Your mission, should you decide to take it, is to visit 15 well known locations around the city.

Tick off each location, take an original/funny/awesome photo in front of each one and answer a question related about each place... then send the photo's and answers to FAB via a private Facebook page that we have set up (or email them to us if you don't use Facebook).

As always, you and your family must follow the latest governmental guidelines concerning Covid-19; in particular limiting social contact, keeping to your own household bubble and maintaining the Rule of 6 requirement at all times. We have carefully selected locations within the city that are not

typically crowded and so adhering to these rules and social distancing will be possible.

Extra information....

We will be offering two prizes for the best/funniest/most original picture – one for a KS1 child/family and one for a KS2 child/family. The KS2 prize will be a copy of the board game ZomBN1; the KS1 prize will be a similarly spooky age-appropriate board game.

You can do as much, or as little, of the adventure trail as you want... five locations are in green spaces/parks within a 15 minute walk of the school. All it takes is one awesome photo to be in with a chance of winning one of the board games!

VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

After the success of our Virtual Quiz in July, we will be holding another Online Quiz Night over Zoom on Friday 13th November at 8pm.

As we can't run the event 'live' in the usual way, we're not charging for entry. Instead, we're asking for voluntary contributions via <https://chuffed.org/project/virtual-quiz-night> – all funds will of course go towards enhancing the educational experience of the children at Balfour Primary.

While taking part in the quiz, you must follow the latest government guidelines concerning Covid-19 – in particular, following the Rule of 6 and adhering to social distancing guidelines at all times.

To join the event, event please donate via <https://chuffed.org/project/virtual-quiz-night> AND email Fabvirtualquiz@outlook.com to register your team and receive the Zoom link.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Sadly the only bit of the Christmas Fair that we can save is our annual Christmas Raffle – and our FAB elves are already busy hassling local businesses for some awesome prizes!! If anyone know of any company who would like to donate prizes for our raffle please email info@friendsatbalfour.org

DONATIONS

In the absence of the usual fundraising events, you can still donate money to help us enhance the educational experience of every child at the school. Please go to <https://chuffed.org/project/fab-fundraiser>.

Also, we're still raising money for the play structure we were hoping to buy during the summer. If you'd like to contribute to this fund, please go to <https://chuffed.org/project/outdoor-playgroup-equipment-for-balfour-primary-school>.

And lastly, if you'd like to contribute towards the school's Black Lives Matter resources, you can do so at <https://chuffed.org/project/black-lives-matter-resources>.

100 CLUB

This is the easiest and best way to raise money for FAB and the school – all it involves is picking a number, setting up a direct debit for £5 each month and then you have the chance of winning one of three prizes. At the moment, the top prizes is £50, second prize is £30 and third prize is £15 – but the more people who enter the draw the bigger the prize fund!!



To find out more information please email fab100club@gmail.co

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Half Term Halloween (ish) Adventure Trail – Saturday 24th October to Sunday 1st November
- FAB Committee Meeting – Tuesday 10th November 8pm KS2 Sports Hall
- Virtual Quiz Night – Friday 13th November 8pm

GET INVOLVED

If you'd like to be added to our committee email list, drop us a line at info@friendsatbalfour.org. You'll be kept informed of committee meetings, and contacted if we need a little help from time to time.

STAY IN TOUCH

Follow us for the latest information on our events and meetings:



Website: <http://friendsatbalfour.org/>



Facebook: [Friends at Balfour](#)



Twitter: [@FABatBwalfour](#)

We also have private Facebook Group pages for each year group.



NOW KNOWN AS PIONEER CHILDCARE

October Half-Term Camps

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Bookings are now available for our upcoming [Half-Term Camps](#).

- **Half-Term Camps** run from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020 and are located at schools across Brighton, Burgess Hill & Haywards Heath.

Much like schools, our childcare is safely operating in bubbles, but consequently, this limits the number of spaces available. This means we are no longer able to guarantee spaces. So, if you think you may need to use childcare in the holidays, we urge you to think about this sooner rather than later.

[Bookings are now open, all you need do is click here to book and guarantee your sessions.](#)

Thank you and kind regards,

The Team at Class Of Their Own

01444 411 388

www.pioneerchildcare.co.uk

Class of Their Own has now changed its name. Please find their new information below.



Gymnastics after school on Mondays

Yrs 2/3/4 5.15 to 6.15

Yrs 4/5/6 6.15 to 7.15

Contact us via our website at
www.starsgymclub.co.uk to book a trial.

Other sites days and times are available





RUNNER BEANZ

MONDAY

3.20pm – 4.30pm
Year 2

Runner Beanz... lots of 'running around'; active, pulse raising activities; the pirate game, space invaders, focus on different sports each week, free play & large wall apparatus!!

JUMPING BEANZ

THURSDAY

3.10pm – 4.30pm
Year 1

Jumping Beanz... theme based, fun physical activities; using a range of large and small equipment, music and activities, themes include Circus, Jungle, Dinosaurs, Superheroes & Space!!

Physical activity clubs that boost confidence and self-esteem, help to develop physical, social and language skills and encourage co-operation and consideration!

£7.50 per session (inc. snack) payable half termly/termly

Balfour Primary School Key Stage 1 Hall

Sessions led by an experienced, qualified teacher (B.Ed Hons)
DBS checked Public Liability Insurance First Aid qualification

For more details contact ... Debbie May
01273 232525 www.jumpingbeanz.biz debbie@jumpingbeanz.biz

**** Debbie also offers 1:1 tutoring to KS1 & KS2 children ****