

Balfour Primary News

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23rd October 2020



NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Most people agree that happy, fulfilling lives, stable and caring communities and protecting the planet for future generations all fall into this category of 'what we truly value', and yet far too little time is allocated to these areas in education today.



Simon Davies,
Head teacher

Global sustainability and social responsibility are at the heart of everything we strive for at Balfour and our vision is 'to empower pupils to acquire, demonstrate, articulate and value knowledge and skills that will encourage them, as life-long learners, to participate in and contribute to society'. To complement our vision, we are starting the process of looking into new houses for the start of the next academic year. We would like the four new houses to be named after inspirational and/or innovative figureheads from across the world, present or past, who have made a lasting and influential impact.

We are hoping to involve all stakeholders within the school community; parents, pupils, staff and governors will all be an integral part of this.

To strengthen our vision, we are also looking at updating our school values to more closely represent the attributes we would like all children at Balfour to have in order to prepare them as life-long learners and global citizens.

It would be fantastic if you were able to discuss both new houses and school values with your family and send any of your ideas to haveyoursay@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk by 9th January 2021.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

CHRISTMAS DINNER FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

A reminder to pre-book your child's Christmas dinner via School Ping, deadline is Monday 30th November. If your child is in Key Stage 2 the meal will cost £2.20 payable via Parentpay.

TOGETHER CO CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are delighted to announce that this year we will be working in partnership with the local charity 'Together Co', by sending hand written Christmas cards to lonely people.

Together Co is a Brighton & Hove based Loneliness Charity who provide Befriending and Social Prescribing services to local residents who are struggling with social isolation. We would like to ask families to support children to hand write a Christmas card. The cards can be handmade, shop bought or from the Christmas fundraiser pack. If they can please be hand written to 'Dear Friend', followed by a Christmas message and who the card is from. This could be the only Christmas card that some people receive. Please support and encourage your children to get involved and brighten someone's day. Please return the cards to class teachers by Monday 7th December. Alternatively you can pop it in the mailbox in the KS2 foyer. Thank you in advance for all your support.

TERM DATES FOR 2020/21

Autumn Term 1: 2/11/20 – 18/12/20

➤ Winter Holidays: 21 Dec – 1 Jan

Spring Term 1: 2/11/20 – 18/12/20

➤ Half term: 15 Feb – 19 Febw

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

FAB NEWS

We hope you've all been coping well during Lockdown 2, and are looking forward to the Christmas season.

As Covid restrictions continue, FAB is continuing to run what events we can to raise money for the school. So please get involved!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

VIRTUAL BALLOON RACES

Join our virtual balloon races with EcoRacing for the chance to win prizes including £500 cash or an iPad.

Balloons cost £3.00, 78% of which goes to FAB (that's around £2.34).

We've signed up to 2 races. Choose a race and purchase a balloon to compete:



Christmas Shopping Race

Launches from Harrods on 1st December, and lasts 7 days. With a northerly wind direction, we might see our balloons fly over Brighton!

To enter, please go to: <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1013>

Christmas Day Race

Launches from Santa's Village in Lapland on Christmas Day, and lasts 7 days.

To enter, please go to: <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1014>

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT

Following the success of our Halloween Adventure Trail, we're offering indoor and outdoor Christmas Scavenger Hunts.

Find the items on the Scavenger Hunt lists, tick them off your clue sheet, and take a photo of each one – make the photos as funny / original as you can. Then send them to FAB via our dedicated Facebook page or by email (details are on the clue sheets). There will be a prize for the best pic!

Clue sheets can be bought separately for £3.50 each, or as a bundle for £5.50. Please go to: www.ticketor.com/friendsatbalfour/

Please make sure you follow the latest government guidelines concerning Covid-19 while taking part in Scavenger Hunts.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We'd like to say a massive 'thank you' to the parents and local businesses who've donated prizes to our Christmas Raffle.

We now have over 25 awesome prizes including £150 cash courtesy of MyMortgage Company, and a roast dinner and wine for two at The Cleveland pub.

Information and tickets will be in children's schoolbags next week, and the draw will take place live (virtually, of course) at 6pm on Monday 14th December. More information to follow.

RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP

There are two REALLY easy ways to raise money for the school while doing your Christmas shopping:

1. *easyfundraising*

Join for free at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsatbalfour/

Then when you shop online, go to easyfundraising.org.uk, find the retailer you want, click through and shop in the normal way. The retailer will automatically make a donation to your cause when you check out.

There's a Donation Reminder you can download so you don't forget. That's all there is to it. There are no catches or hidden charges to you or the school. Just more money to help enhance the children's education.

2. AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. But Amazon donates 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of all eligible purchases to the charitable organisation of your choice.

Just make AmazonSmile your default for your Amazon purchases – go to: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

CHRISTMAS SHOWS AT THE BRIGHTON OPEN AIR THEATRE

HANSEL AND GRETEL? (A POSTMODERN PANTOMIME) 8+

8th-24th December 7.30pm/4.30pm (1 hr) £10-£15 (£45 family ticket)

Bill has been plucked from the audience to play Hansel, Simon the Dame is desperate to catch the early train home, Toni is doing her best to suppress her crush on Bill, and Mal the director tries to keep everything going as the walls start falling in.

THE SNOW QUEEN 2+

8th-24th December 5pm/2pm (1 hr) £8-£12.50 (£35 family ticket)

Greta's brother, Kay, has been acting strange. He's mean and moody and won't play games. The Snow Queen must have snatched him, and left an imposter in his place!



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 prize is £50, second prize is £30 and third prize is £15 – but the more people who enter the draw the bigger the prize fund!!

Join anytime to help the school raise much-needed funds. To sign up, or for more information, please email fab100club@gmail.com.

November's 100 Club winners were:

- 1st place: Reina M
- 2nd place: Julie S
- 3rd place: Anna S

The Balfour 100 Club is open to all Balfour parents, carers and staff and costs just £5 per number per month. You need to sign up for at least a year.

Half the monthly takings are given out in prize money; the other half is used for the benefit of the children at school.

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.



Balfour Primary After School Club

End of school – 6.00pm

High quality wraparound childcare is available on-site

Contact us for more information:

01273 733337

www.pioneerchildcare.co.uk

enquiries@pioneerchildcare.co.uk

**** Introducing a brand NEW After School Club session for Reception Year children only !! ****

Jumping Beanz



Wednesday

3.00pm – 4.30pm

Balfour Primary School Key Stage 1 Hall

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

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

For more details please contact ... Debbie May

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07956 153472 <https://www.jumpingbeans.biz>

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