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# NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

Welcome to the June edition of our newsletter. Yes that is correct - June! I don't know about you but the time this year has just whizzed by. This was really brought home to me last week when I was introducing our Reception classes' assemblies, it hardly seemed possible that it was a year ago I was welcoming them to the school as the New Headteacher who hadn't even yet started.

So much has happened this year and so many positive outcomes.

In the last newsletter I asked for feedback about the newsletters. You confirmed the view that the newsletter is too long and had too much information and that families seldom read all the articles. Please watch out for a rebrand in the Autumn!

The main thing I want to share with you is an update on the school streets. The School Streets design consulted on in 2022 and 2023 is planned to launch at the start of the new school year in September 2023. The School Street will launch with an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO), which allows the scheme to be further reviewed, consulted on and changes made while it is in operation for 6-18 months. Following this a decision will be made on whether it is to be made permanent.

On Friday 14th July we will be taking part in a School Streets Taster Day in partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council. We will be trialling the School Streets road closure on Friday 14th July from 8.15am until 9.15am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm

The closure will take place on Balfour Road from Ditchling Road to Bates Road, and Loder Road from Loder Place to Balfour Road.

This Taster Day will provide pupils, their families, and local residents an opportunity to experience a School Street in action in advance of the new scheme being introduced in September.







Alan Gunn

Headteacher



On the day, sections of Balfour Road and Loder Road will be closed to non-essential, non-exempt motor vehicle traffic during the morning school run from 8:15am until 9:15am and again from 2:45pm until 3:45pm on Friday 14th July.

This closure will be managed using barriers on the road that will be operated by Brighton & Hove City Council staff and trained stewards in high-visibility jackets. The barriers will be removed outside of these times.

Motor vehicle restrictions will not apply to

- · Residents living within the closed sections,
- · Care visitors of residents,
- $\cdot$  School staff and other employees of businesses within the closed sections,
- · Emergency services vehicles,
- · Contracted school transport vehicles,
- · Blue Badge holders
- $\cdot$  Tradespeople and deliveries conducting business within the closure.

If you are exempt from the closure, please approach the barriers slowly and a council steward will speak with you to confirm your exempt status and let you through.

Any parking restrictions will operate as normal.

We would love it if you could support us by walking, cycling or scooting to and from school on the day! However, if you need to use a car, please use this as an opportunity to better understand how the street will operate full-time next year and try to park as far away from the school as you can. It is important to be mindful of local residents by not obstructing driveways and public transport routes.

We are excited about this opportunity and encourage you to discuss School Streets with and provide feedback to BHCC Staff during Taster Day.

Thank you as always for all your support.

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## **TERM DATES**

Summer Term 1: 17/4/23 - 25/5/23 → Half Term: 29 May – 2 June Summer Term 2: 5/6/23 – 21/7/23 → First day back day for students: TBD

INSET days: 26<sup>th</sup> May



Additional dates for your diary

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# Y6 BLACKLAND FARM

What a fabulous time Year 6 had at Blacklands!

It certainly didn't disappoint and we had it all: storms, sunshine, tent inspections, hot chocolate around the fire, capture the flag against the teachers and Trekco staff, so much fun! Other activities included rock scrambling, canoeing, log walk and the all aboard.

Thank you to all of the children, who were brilliant!

Lots of them hadn't stayed away from home before and really showed their growing independence, resilience and were so kind and supportive of each other - such an important step as they are moving onto Secondary. Also, a big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to come and enjoy it with us, and to the amazing Trekco staff.

If you haven't heard, Girl Guiding UK are planning on selling the Blacklands site.

Blackland Farm opened in 1938 and was donated to Girlguiding. Since that time it has offered many outdoor and adventure opportunities for young people. Our children at Balfour have made many happy memories there over the years and it would be such a shame to potentially lose such a wonderful resource.

You can sign the petition against that happening here:

Petition · Girlguiding UK to review and reconsider the decision to sell the five activity centres · Change.org

# INCLUSION

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Summer holidays - Parents guide to help keep children safe online

School's out for summer!

#### It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

## **Parents** please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

A Parent's Guide to

**Online Influencers** 

Schools please <u>contact us</u> if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

#### **Skips Educational**

Web: www.skipssafetnet.org Email: info@skips.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941 142 Newton Road Great Barr Birmingham B43 6BT

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

### Keeping children safe online www.skipssafetynet.org

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## GOVERNORS



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If you wish to contact the chair of governors, Kirstin Baker, the email address is: <u>KirstinBaker@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk</u>

If you wish to contact the school governors, the email address is: <u>balfour.governor@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk</u>

Governors can also be contacted via the school office who will be happy to forward any correspondence, or to the clerk of governors, Kristina McCulloch: <u>kristinamcculloch@balfour.brighton-hove.sch.uk</u>

# PUPIL PREMIUM UPDATE



Sandra Mulholland Deputy Headteacher

Natasha Paling Pupil Premium Deputy It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another academic year! When we look back over this past year, we are amazed at how much we have managed to achieve as a school and we are looking forward to moving forward with the feedback received from the reviews we had carried out this year.

For those families who are in receipt of Pupil Premium, the Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme bookings are live now! HAF offers **FREE** activities, plus a meal, throughout the summer holidays. To access HAF the child or young person must be school-aged in Reception to Year 11 and receive benefits-related free school meals. There's something fun for everyone, and each eligible child will have access to up to 16 HAF sessions this summer.

Families can book now with their chosen Summer HAF providers! Visit: <u>www.eequ.org/brightonhovehaf</u>

For more programme information go to: <u>www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/HAF</u>or email <u>HAF@brighton-hove.gov.uk</u>

In September we will have a facility for our families to access food, toiletries, school clothes, coats, wellies and much more! So, watch this space.

As always, please do get in touch if you have any queries regarding Pupil Premium.

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#### AN UPDATE ON SHEILA THE BALFOUR SHEEP

We have been very busy behind the scenes painting the Balfour sheep in aid of the Martlets. We have taken 6 children's designs and amalgamated them together to create 'Sheila - the Saviour of our Species'. Lailly (from Red Vipers), Leo (from USA), Imogen (from Fern), Rory (Lemon Tree), Herb (Laurel) and Elsie (from Armadillos) have been busy creating their vision on Sheila! She is looking fantastic and we are so proud of these talented children. As you can see from the pictures, they have been busy at work.









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In September she will be part of the trail around Brighton and you will see our finished piece of Art on display.

The Martlets is such an important charity in Brighton. If you are able to donate any money, it would be great to raise the total on our Justgiving page - please see link below.

Balfour Primary School is fundraising for Martlets Hospice (justgiving.com)

## AN UPDATE FROM SMARTER UNIFORMS

We now have an <u>online market place</u> where parents and carers can buy and sell second hand uniforms. It's a great way for parents, carers and pupils to make some money whilst doing a good thing for the environment by reducing uniform waste.

We will also be hosting pop up events where parents will be able to get second hand uniforms, as well as get help to upload uniforms they want to sell to the marketplace.

For more information visit Smarter Uniforms

### FREE SWIMMING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY

BHCC Healthy Lifestyles Team & Saltdean Lido CIC are partnering to deliver free swimming for children and young people this summer.

Children and young people who live in Brighton & Hove, or attend a full-time education setting in the city can swim for free until 06 September 2023.

Free swims can be exchanged for a Free Swimming Voucher. These are available to collect from Saltdean Lido reception when arriving for your swim. Terms and conditions can be found here: <u>VOUCHER — Saltdean Lido</u>

#### Other free Swimming opportunities in the city:

Children and young people can also swim for free throughout the year at pools operated by Freedom Leisure. You can find out more about free swimming available at Freedom Leisure pools in the city here: <u>www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/freeswimmingbh or call 0845 8035519</u>

# FAB UPDATE

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

So.... wasn't the circus good! Once again we were really lucky with the weather and we were spared the worst of the heatwave (don't we love to complain about the weather). As a result we saw lots of families out on the grass enjoying picnics, ice cream and Pimms. It really was fabulous seeing so many happy faces and that's not just the kids with candy floss. It was also great to see all those volunteers come and help. The team on the bar especially were phenomenal as were the enterprising girls who sold doughnuts to everyone. Big thanks to all of you and also to Georgia and Chloe from Move Revolution for their sponsorship and help at the ticket desk. The winners for the word search competition they ran happily received their prize this week too.

#### https://www.moverevolution.com/blog/a-successful-happys-circus-with-moverevolution-brighton-hove/

Next to come is the end of year showpiece - the Summer Fair. FAB's biggest and best event is coming soon. Lots of fun for adults and children alike. There will be the usual assortment of inflatables, games, food, drink and of course Balfour's Got Talent. If you haven't been yet then don't hesitate to mark it in your diary. Saturday 15th July.

Of course being the biggest event of the year also means we need lots of volunteers... without enough of you these events can't function so please take a moment to donate an hour of your time using the online sign-up sheet. It makes so much difference it really does. You can sign up to volunteer here: https://friendsatbalfour.org/2023/06/21/summer-fair-volunteer-slots/

As always FAB is looking for enthusiastic people to come and be part of our mission. If you want to make a difference to our children's school experience and have a bit of time then send us a message, see us in person at the fair or come to our regular monthly meetings and say Hi! The next FAB committee meeting is on Tuesday 11th July at 8pm KS2 – all welcome!

See you at the fair...









### FAB NEEDS YOU!

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Do you have any skills that you think would come in handy? We'd love to hear from you. We have lots of places for parents just like you. If you have a background in anything, it doesn't matter; we are a diverse bunch at FAB and would gladly welcome you aboard. We are currently looking to fill the roles for: Vice-Chair, Website, Volunteer Coordinator, Food Team members and Activity Leaders.



Drop us a line anytime if you are curious or interested in ways you can help. There is no obligation to do more than that, we are a friendly bunch of parents just like you!

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#### **EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS**

#### **SUMMER FAIR**

#### Saturday, 15th July 2023, 12-3pm

Come along for a fun filled family afternoon at the Summer Fair!

Inflatables, tombola's, games, cakes, candyfloss, music from our Samba Band and Orchestra, Balfour's Got Talent (register on the day), delicious food from the FAB Food team, a bar and the Summer Raffle being drawn towards the end. Looking forward to seeing you there!



#### SUMMER FAIR- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- IMPORTANT!

Friday 30th June - non-school uniform day in exchange for tombola donations:

- 1. Kids' tombola new or very good condition toys and games, kids sweets or chocolates
- 2. Adults' tombola booze, chocolates or gifts

**Friday 14th July** - bring in cuddly toy tombola donations and cakes for the cake stall (this is NOT a non-uniform day)

# SUMMER FAIR VOLUNTEER SLOTS

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Come and get involved by volunteering!

Each KS1 class has been allocated a stall - please work together to get your slots covered. Check out your classroom window for an easy QR code or refer to this week's Weduc message to sign up.

KS2 families, put your name down for an hour serving food or running the bar, come and help us set up or be a marshal or help out on the FAB desk to sell some more raffle tickets.

Full list of volunteer slots can be found here:

https://friendsatbalfour.org/2023/06/21/summer-fair-volunteer-slots/

#### **BALFOUR SWIM SCHOOL**

The swim school is run for all levels and is priced very keenly to support the children of the school. In light of upwards pressures on costs we have been forced to increase prices slightly however these have been kept as minimal as possible.

Places are still available. Please email <u>balfourswimmingschool@yahoo.co.uk</u>if you're interested, or would like more information.

#### **100 CLUB**

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.

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



### **RAISE MONEY WHILST YOU SHOP**

There is a really easy way to raise money for the school while shopping online:

1. easyfundraising

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

Then when you shop online, go to easyfundraising.og.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.

#### **STAY IN TOUCH**

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

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

Facebook: Friends at Balfour



**Twitter:** @FABatBalfour

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





# TIME FOR YOU, TIME FOR FAMILY THE GREAT OUTDOORS IS WAITING!



Hi Parents, Guardians, Teachers!

We are Pop Up Campsites based just outside of Hastings. We offer camping breaks for Primary school classes and would love to welcome you and your family / class friends for a relaxing, nature inspired getaway at our beautiful site!

We have three separate meadows with woodland attached, spanning over 20 acres. The land is car-free and music-free giving you every opportunity to **connect** with your surroundings and nature, and with each other around a cosy campfire! It's the perfect place to **recharge** batteries and for children to **explore** and learn.

Wandering through fields and woodland you will discover swing-seats, hammocks, cargo nets and a cooling stream. With Habitat Hunts, Den Building, Forest Schools and Foraging courses, there's something for everyone to enjoy here.

We even have freshly-made wood-fired oven pizzas on a Friday evening!



Sound good? Get in touch to book your break!

Website: Popupcampsites.com Email: info@popupcampsites.com Phone: 07812 605094



For children aged from 4 to 16 years All abilities welcome! Join us at Preston Park Public Courts



## Summer Holidays Tennis Clubs

Early Week 1: Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th July Early Week 2: Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th July Early Week 3: Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th July Week 1: Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th July Week 2: Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd August Week 3: Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th August Week 4: Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st August

10am to 12pm £20.00 10am to 1pm £30.00 10am to 2pm £40.00 \*price per day \*10 % sibling discount Choose any combination of days Book as little as 2 hours or as much as a full week! \*Advanced Bookings only \*Tennis Rackets Provided \*Small Groups of 8 max For more information please email: vanessa@tennistigers.co.uk Text / Whatsapp 07531 879 404 External Providers





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# Balfour After-School Autumn Cricket Club



Balfour After-School Cricket - YRS 3-6. Autumn Term 2023, Tuesdays from Sept 5th to Dec 5th. End of school- 4.45pm

A cricket club centred around games-based learning with the emphasis on FUN! We take an ecological approach to coaching that encourages children to be creative, expressive and to problem-solve. ECB qualified Level2 coach and All-Stars Activator with vast experience of coaching at Primary level. Enhanced DBS. First-Aid Qualified.

Please text message Dom Ashton for info 07894 332 867

# HAF SUMMER DRAMA CLUB 2023

Drinks, snacks and hot lunch included

# LITTLE YETIS

### Ages 5-7 (KS1)

Where?

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#### 7th -11th August

Whitehawk Library 9.30-3.30 BOOK HERE - <u>https://eequ.org/experience/372</u>1

#### 14th - 25th August Jubilee Library 9-3 BOOK HERE - <u>https://eequ.org/experience/3</u>521

At Little Yetis children will play, explore drama skills and take part in fun activities. They will explore being storytellers and how to stage simple tales. Each day they will have a visit from a special workshop leader to teach a new drama skill eg puppetry, dance and movement or music to keep things really exciting and varied. External Providers

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# HAF SUMMER DRAMA CLUB 2023

Drinks, snacks and hot lunch included

# STAGE STOMPERS

## Ages 7-11 (KS2)

#### Where?

**31st July - 4th August** Hangleton Library 9.30-3.30 BOOK HERE - <u>https://eequ.org/experience/3720</u>

7th -11th August Whitehawk Library 9.30-3.30 BOOK HERE - <u>https://eequ.org/experience/3722</u>

14th - 25th August Jubilee Library 9-3 BOOK HERE - <u>https://eequ.org/experience/3716</u>



At Stage Stompers children will play, explore drama skills and take part in fun activities. They will explore being storytellers and how to stage simple tales. Each day they will have a visit from a special workshop leader to teach a new drama skill eg puppetry, dance and movement or music to keep things really exciting and varied.

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#### Drama Club with Jeanette Austin (member of equity)

Monday and Tuesdays 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Would your child like to have the chance to have great fun, gain confidence and embrace their individuality? My Drama club encourages children to use their imaginations develop characters and find their voice!!!

They particularly enjoy the lesson on stage fighting as well as dressing in costumes to develop character building skills. We use puppets, film production and improvisation.

If you think your child might be interested, please contact me directly:

**\** 07539641108



jeanetteaustin@hotmail.co.uk

Monday classes: 11/09/23, 25/09/23, 2/10/23, 9/10/23, 16/10/23 Break for half term 6/11/23, 13/11/23, 20/11/23, 27/11/23, 4/12/23, 11/12/23

£96 for 12 sessions.

#### Tuesday classes:

08/09/23, 12/09/23, 19/09/23, 26/09/23, 03/10/23, 10/10/23, 17/10/23, 31/10/23 Break for half term 07/11/23, 14/11/23, 21/11/23, 28/11/23, 05/12/23 and 12/12/23

£112 for 14 sessions.

£56 for half a term.

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Balfour After School Club Wednesdays from 13 September - 13 December (excl 25 Oct). 3.15pm - 4.30pm, £84.50 for 13 weeks.

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holidays (10th July - 25th August). If you need childcare, they have a huge range of fun & engaging activities ran by energetic & enthusiastic instructors. Weekdays 9-3pm, 100% outdoors, Ofsted registered.

For full info: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/brighton/holiday-clubs-details/

# Safe. Active. Together.

Every session promotes teamwork, togetherness, problem solving and the importance of being active.

Sessions will be delivered outside so that children can get lots of fresh air which provides vital vitamin D!

We have wet weather contingency plans for any days that the weather won't allow us to be outdoors.

Sessions at: Balfour Primary SchoolDates: Fri 8th September - Fri 13th October 2023Times: 15:20 - 16:30Price: £45Class: Y3-Y6Additional Info: Dodgeball

#### How to Book...

Go to **www.premier-education.com/parents** and search for your child's school using our handy school activities finder.



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