



**WEST HOVE
INFANT SCHOOL**
.....
A family of friends



Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter



Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Families,

The staff have been so impressed by the children's positive behavior and team work settling back into the autumn term. We have been busy working on setting up strong routines and high expectations both in class and around the school. In the first few weeks our pupils have been busy setting up their Class Charters in Year 1 to 6. The use of a Charter helps to bring the children into the heart of discussion and to help them develop into self-controlled, mindful and respectful citizens. We believe that positive behaviour can be taught and shaped like any new skill and is based on trusting positive relationships. We have also been busy setting up our school and eco councils across each site.

We aim to create a culture where positive relationships drive the behaviour within the classroom in order to promote a 'Ready to Learn' ethos. Our class learning compass guides the children towards making more positive choices and relationships. The aim is to create a culture of mutual respect and trust using the Learning Compass to ensure our children are aware of appropriate behaviours while developing a high self-regard and esteem. We believe in the power of frequent positive and meaningful praise for good and caring behaviours as an effective way of improving standards and relationships between individuals. Please see our learning compass below:



Parents/Carers Appointments

A reminder that appointments are now available to book on Arbor. This time is really important to meet the class teacher and talk about your child. If you feel you will need a longer appointment please speak to your child's class teacher separately.

Attendance at Hove Learning Federation

Hove Learning Federation believes that in order to facilitate teaching and learning, good attendance is essential. Pupils cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend school. This means that your child should attend school every day unless they are unable to do so for reasons of genuine illness or have been given leave from the school. We monitor the attendance of all children at the school and where concerns about a child's attendance arise, we will contact you to discuss further and to see if there is anything we can do to support you and your child. If you have any queries or if there are any ways that you feel the school can support you and your family in ensuring that your child attends regularly please do contact us.

Uniform

Please see information on our uniform policy on our websites:

<https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/> and <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/uniform>

Parking

We have been really proud of just how much improvement there has been regarding parking illegally outside the school over the last year. Sadly, there are still some families parking illegally, within our school community, both at the start and end of our school day. Please park safely and respectfully for all our pupils and school community.

Please continue to keep in contact with us – should you have any questions or concerns, contact us via the following:

West Hove Infant School

hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 916707

Hove Junior School

hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 916707

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team

inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 916609

Best wishes,
Maddie Southern

Prospective parent visits

Holland Road Reception visits:

Thursday 17th October - 10.45am

Tuesday 12th November - 10.45am

Thursday 14th November - 10.45am

Thursday 21st November - 6.15pm

Thursday 9th January - 10.45am

Holland Road Year 3 visits:

Tuesday 12th November - 6pm

Wednesday 20th November – open morning

Diary Dates

11th October - HR School Nurse Drop In

17th October - Spooky Disco

18th October - Flu Vaccinations

22nd October - Y5 Brighton & Hove
Museum trip

22nd October - Parent/Teacher
Consultations

24th October - Parent/Teacher
Consultations

28th Oct - 1st Nov - Half Term

4th November - INSET Day





Year 3

Stone Age Day



This week, for our stunning start, we had an exciting day learning about the Stone Age. We learnt how to hunt, make fire and looked at lots of different tools that were used during the Stone Age.



Year 4 Stunning Start: 'Survival of the Fittest'

'On Friday 13th September, Year 4 completed a variety of different activities to celebrate the start of their topic 'Survival of the Fittest'.

The children started off their morning stranded on a desert island! Firstly, they had to decide on their character and their backstory, as to how and why they had become stranded. Next, they worked as a team to draw a map of the island, using clues and compass bearings. Then, they learnt construction skills such as how to tie different knots and the names of different types of shelters, before designing and building their own. Fortunately, all the children worked exceptionally well within their groups and so were able to escape the island, ready to return home for the weekend!

Mrs Lowen and Miss Allum were very proud of them!'





At Hove Junior School we celebrate languages from all communities.

**Thursday 26th September was The European Day of Languages.
Over the next couple of weeks, children will have the opportunity to
share and celebrate, languages within their own classes.**



The European Day of Languages (EDL) is celebrated across Europe on the 26th of September every year. It aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone. It was set up by the Council of Europe and was first celebrated in 2001.



#HelloYellow

This World Mental Health Day, Thursday 10th October, the children can wear yellow to raise awareness for Mental Health.

We are asking for donations – all money received will go towards Wellbeing projects at school.

Lots of us struggle with our feelings sometimes, and when this happens it's tough. It's important to know that there are people around us who can help and we're not the only one's going through this.

We're not saying the children have to dress up as Pikachu (although they can if they want!), but just a touch of yellow somewhere would be great. A t-shirt, a yellow bow in their hair, yellow socks – whatever you have got.



**Wear
it loud.
Wear
it proud.**

Thank you

Holland Road PTA

Presents...

Spooky Disco

Thursday 17th October

Infants 3.15-4pm with Parents/carers

Years 3&4 4.15pm-5pm

Years 5&6 5.15pm-6pm

Included in Price

Squash, dance prizes
plus goodie bag

Additional items

Face Painting £1

Tattoo's 50p

Hot dogs £1

Sweets £1

Fizzy drinks £1

Fruit Shoots 50p

Baked Treats 50p-£1

Tickets

£5 child £1 adults

Adult to accompany Infant's Children

Pay online via ParentPay

or on the gate at specified drop/pickups



Dear fellow parents and carers,

Here at Smartphone Free Childhood we have hit the ground running this new school year and have some exciting news to share with you all...

[The Parent Pact is live!!](#)

Our parent smartphone survey in May showed that an overwhelming 76% of parents at our school would support a voluntary pact to pledge to delay getting their child a smartphone. We are excited to tell you that SFC has been beaver away over the summer, and last week, the Parent Pact was launched!

Already, parents at 20% of schools across the UK have made the pledge. 1,267 have signed across East Sussex, with a brilliant 51 here at West Hove Infants and Hove Juniors. You can [click here to sign](#) and [click here to see the numbers](#), including how many are in your year group, and to see how other schools in our area are doing too.

[Watch this great interview with Headteacher, Tony Plunkett, and SFC co-founder, Joe Ryrie, on BBC Breakfast yesterday, to find out more.](#)

The collective action trap we're in can only be solved by parents in local communities committing to take action - together. If this seems like a long-term commitment, remember it's anonymous and voluntary, and you are absolutely not tied in should circumstances change. The more of us who sign, the more powerful it becomes in shifting the social norm for our kids, and we'll use the data to show the Government how much this matters to parents everywhere.

If you have any questions, please do join our SFC Parents WhatsApp group and chat to us: [Holland Road](#) or [Portland Road](#).

Many thanks,

The West Hove Infant and Hove Junior SFC Parent Working Group

Why is school attendance so important?

Attending school **regularly** helps to build **confidence** and develop vital **life skills**



School



is the **key** to **future success!**

Missing **2 days** of school each month



Missing nearly **3 weeks** during a school year



15 minutes

late every day



two weeks of learning lost each school year

Data shows pupils with more than

95% attendance

Achieve better **GCSE results!**

at least one grade higher!



Even **90%** attendance is still 19 days of education lost in a school year



ATTEND! AIM HIGH! ACHIEVE!

Please speak to a teacher, or the attendance lead at your school if you have any concerns. Further information can be found at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/support-at-school or by emailing Brighton & Hove's Attendance Team – attendanceteam@brighton-hove.gov.uk



Are you concerned about your child's mental health?



- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Difficulties regulating emotions
- Self esteem and confidence
- Sleep difficulties
- Fears and phobias
- Separation, loss and bereavement



Scan the QR code below to *refer* your concern to Hove Learning Federation's Mental Health Lead. Link also available on our school website.

<https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2023/03/Capture-1.png>



Naomi Miller (Mental Health Lead) will contact you within a week of your referral.

New referrals will be discussed at half termly triage meetings and support allocated.

NB: If you have an urgent concern about a child's mental health please call 0300 304 0061 during office hours or 0300 5000 101 outside of office hours.



FOUNDATION

Fast, Fun & Free Street Cricket

Fast-paced tape ball cricket in a relaxed & welcoming environment. Open to **Girls Only** aged **7-13 yrs.**

Brighton

Mondays (exc. Bank & School Holidays)

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Cost: FREE



Sir Rod Aldridge Cricket Centre

BACA, Brighton, BN1 9PW



Contact

Matt Whippey

matt.whippey@sussexcricket.co.uk

What to Expect?

- ✓ **Have fun & make new friends** whilst improving your skills!
- ✓ **Wear what you want** (comfortable sports shoes recommended)
- ✓ **No equipment required & all sessions are free!**

**SCAN QR CODE
TO VISIT WEBSITE**



**CHANCE TO SHINE
STREET**

FOR MORE INFORMATION



WWW.SUSSEXCRICKET.CO.UK/CHANCE-SHINE-STREET

Level 1 & Level 2

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park and Hove Park



Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Monday 28 – Thursday 31 October
10am – 12.30pm each day
Ages 9 –15

Levels 1 & 2 together is £45 per person.

Concessions available

If the course is not fully booked, then course length could be shorter

Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

Progression to level 2 training is subject to achieving level 1 standard.

Places are limited and on a first- come first-served basis.

To book your place, please visit

<https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/>

or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Level 3

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park and Hove Park



Monday 28 – Wednesday 30 October

13.15 – 15.15 each day

Ages 11 – 15

Level 3 costs £50.00 per person

Concessions available .

If the course is not fully booked, then course length could be shorter

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Day 1 is an assessment of Level 2 activities. Progression to level 3 is subject to achieving Level 2 standard. Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

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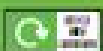
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Vanessa Patterson Primary Tutor



20 years experience
working as a primary
school teacher across
Sussex

Key Stages 1 and 2
maths and English



Face to face or online
sessions available

1:1 sessions tailored to
your child

What I can offer:

- Outstanding teaching delivered on a 1:1 basis
- Learning personalised to your child's individual needs
- Free 15 minute phone or zoom consultation
- Expert advice and dedicated time to discuss your child's needs
- Building your child's confidence
- Weekday and weekend sessions

Contact Vanessa at:

mrspprimarytutor@gmail.com or

07540827713 to discuss your child's needs.

Scan the QR code to visit my Facebook
page and see testimonials.



**Vanessa Patterson
Primary Tutor**



**Starting
in October**

Year 6 SATs Maths Booster Group Classes

What the classes involve:

- Developing arithmetic calculation methods
- Applying arithmetic methods to problem solving
- Practical ways to answer questions
- Building confidence to answer questions

**Thursdays
5.45pm-6.45pm
online
£20 per hour**

- Fully qualified teacher
- DBS checked
- Friendly and supportive tutor
- 20 years classroom experience

**Contact Vanessa at:
mrspprimarytutor@gmail.com
or 07540827713 to secure your
child's space**

Thank you to Brand Vaughan who have recently donated 10% of their selling fee to our school from a recent house sale. The money is greatly appreciated and will go towards Year 4's Activity Day.

Brand Vaughan
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partnered with
**West Hove Infant
School and Hove
Junior School.**

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