



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



Hove Learning Federation School/Portland 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

admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 733386

Hove Junior School

portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 916609

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team

inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 916609

Best wishes,
Maddie Southern

Prospective parent visits

School Road Reception visits:

Tuesday 15th October - 9.30 & 10.45

Monday 11th November - 9.30 & 10.45

Wednesday 13th November - 9.30 & 10.45

Wednesday 20th November - 5pm

Monday 13th January - 9.30

Portland Road Year 3 visits:

Monday 11th November - 6pm

Monday 18th November - open morning

Diary Dates

14th October - Y6 Bikeability

17th October - PR Spooky Disco

22nd October - Flu Vaccinations

22nd October - Parent/Teacher

Consultations

24th October - Parent/Teacher Consultations

28th Oct - 1st Nov - Half Term

4th November - INSET Day

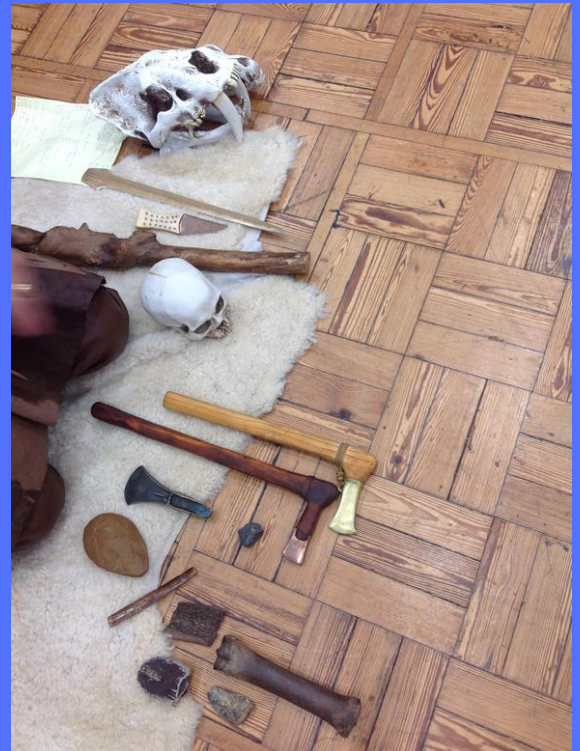
5th, 6th & 7th November - Year 5 Brighton & Hove Museum trips

7th November - SR Spooky Disco



Year 3 visit from "Portals to the Past"

On Thursday 12th September, Year 3 had a visit from "Portals to the Past" for their Stunning Start. During the day, they learned lots about life in Britain during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Ages. They got to handle some artefacts and even took part in a mammoth hunt! What a fabulous kick-start to their topic!

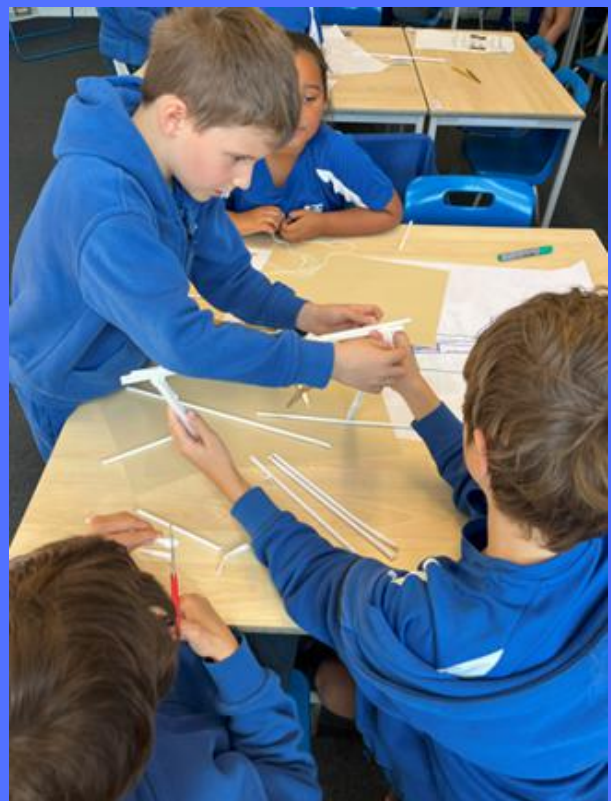


Year 4 Stunning Start: Survival of the Fittest

At the beginning of the new term, Year 4 truly got stuck into their 'Survival of the Fittest' topic when they were left stranded on a desert island. Throughout their stunning start day, the children were set a series of challenges to get themselves off of the island. From creating a map using the clues, to building a shelter to test against the elements, and even tying different kinds of knots that would be used to build a raft, they overcame many challenges and worked fantastically in teams to get themselves to safety.

After escaping the island, they got arty in the playground, working together to create a giant river inspired by our class text 'The Tree and the River'. They showed amazing enthusiasm and even more team work, and the outcomes were just fantastic!

Take a look...



Year 4 Stunning Start: Survival of the Fittest



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Year 5 Brighton Rocks Stunning Start

As part of their Brighton Rocks Stunning Start, Year 5 shared a fantastic day designing, making and playing their own fairground rides. We were amazed by the ingenuity and creativity that was in display and we really enjoyed introducing them to our new topic. We even made and tasted our very own ice cream!



#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

TICKETS £5



SPOOKY DISCO

**YEARS 3&4 • 4.15 - 5.30PM
YEARS 5&6 • 6 - 7.15PM**

**THURSDAY
17TH OCTOBER**

**ZOMBIE NERF ATTACK • TUNNEL OF TERROR
PRIZE FOR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME
SWEETS • DRINKS • GLOW STICKS**

FREE DRINK AND CRISPS WITH TICKET



BUY TICKETS YRS 3&4



BUY TICKETS YRS 5&6

**TICKETS WILL ALSO BE ON SALE IN THE FRONT PLAYGROUND
FROM 3PM ON MON 7TH AND FRI 11TH OCTOBER**



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.

To book your place, please visit
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**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

BAG2SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school,

West Hove Infant School



Bag2School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember - the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



Please use your own bags or Bag2School bags, there is no limit.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies, children's & babies' clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. Please see our website for the full list of what we can and cannot accept.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets, or pieces of fabric please)

Please donate pre loved uniform to the cage in reception for resale

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there is no limit

***Please return your
Bag2School to the back
playground on:***

Tuesday Oct 1st at drop off and pick up, and Wednesday 2nd
October 2024 by 9am.

Donations after this date will not be accepted



01609 780 222



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com

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and we will donate **££s** to schools.

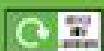
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- 1** Download the Asda Rewards app & sign up today
- 2** Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and follow the steps in your app
- 3** Shop, scan and we donate

With
Parentkind



Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30.11.24

FRED THE SHED



Fred the Shed is a school community non profit sharing shed that can help with non perishing items to those who are finding it especially hard in the current climate.



Our aim is to help as many families in our school community as possible and it is run by volunteering parents and carers, the sharing shed completely relies on donations of non perishable items which can be dropped into either school reception areas.

OPEN every Friday
after school

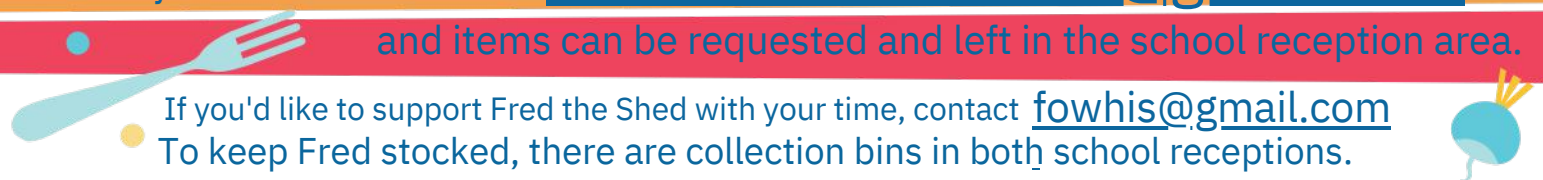
along with Fred's free bakery
which comes from generous
volunteers from Olio

Fred the Shed is located in the juniors
front playground just next to the main gates



If you don't feel comfortable with approaching the sharing shed, please email our
anonymous email address fredshedschoolroad@gmail.com

and items can be requested and left in the school reception area.



If you'd like to support Fred the Shed with your time, contact fowhis@gmail.com
To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both school receptions.

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:

mrsppprimarytutor@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
are proud to be
partnered with
**West Hove Infant
School and Hove
Junior School.**

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Sell or let your property with Brand Vaughan and receive **20% off** our standard selling or lettings fee.

Each time you sell or let your property through Brand Vaughan, West Hove Junior School will receive **10%** of the referred selling or letting fee.

Our partnership with West Hove Junior school, not only benefits you, but also benefits your children's school.

Speak to our team today, we offer free, no obligation valuations.

Use code **WESTHOVEBV20** to claim your **20% discount.**



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