



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



Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome our families into school this week to watch our Infant performances. The children were just amazing and the shows left us all with a warm, Christmassy feeling! We look forward to enjoying our Junior 'fabulous finishes' next week. A huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work on these.

Thank you so much for all your messages of congratulation following the publication of West Hove Infant Ofsted Report. We are so incredibly proud of our schools and pleased that the Inspectors saw the amazing work we do each and every day. We have really appreciated all your messages.

The final report can be found here - <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/114428>

We will be having our usual own clothes day on the last day of term (Friday 20th December). Children may wear something festive on that day if they wish although this is optional and we encourage our families not to buy anything new for this.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 7th January and wish you all a very happy holiday in the meantime.



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

<https://forms.gle/uOP6S3GWF893UxCd6>

West Hove Infant School

hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 916707

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Best wishes,

Maddie Southern

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Diary Dates

16th December - Y3 Fab Finish
17th December - Y4 Fab Finish
17th December - YR Christmas Parties
18th December - YR Christmas Parties
18th December - Y5 Fab Finish
19th December - Y6 Fab Finish
20th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
20th December - Last day of term - non-uniform day
6th January - INSET Day
7th January - First day back for pupils

Prospective parent visits

Holland Road Reception visits:

Wednesday 18th December - 10.45am

Thursday 9th January - 10.45am





West Hove Infants is Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted November '24

*'Classrooms are a joy to visit.
Pupils are happy and engaged.'*

**Holland Road Site Open Day Dates-
more added by popular demand!**

Wednesday 18th December at 10.45 am

Thursday 9th January at 10.45 am

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please call our office on 01273 916707. Alternatively, you can email our office at hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.gov.uk



'We can't wait to meet you!'

Find us online at: www.westhoveinfants.co.uk





Merry Christmas from the Smartphone Free Childhood Working Group

- **We need your help!** The [Safer Phones Bill](#) will have its second reading in parliament in just a few weeks. We really need our MPs to back the bill on behalf of everyone in Brighton & Hove. [Please use this SFC template to email your MP](#), and tell them how much it means to you. It really does only take 30 seconds and could have a huge impact. Thank you!
- **One to watch:** [Channel 4 documentary, Swiped](#), about a secondary school banning smartphones for children, aired this week and is available to view/stream on channel 4. Billed as “the series that every parent must watch”, it examines the effects of smartphones on children.
- If you’re feeling a bit overwhelmed by concerns, in the face of growing pressure from your child to get a smartphone, help is at hand! **Join your school SFC whatsapp group**, for friendly, informal discussion, support, and a space to ask questions about all things smartphone.
 - [Portland Road site](#)
 - [Holland Road site](#)
- If you are looking for a phone for your child, the SFC website has some interesting **alternative “brick” phone options** - [check them out here](#). This has recently been updated to reflect several new models that have come to the market, so do take a look at the latest options.
- If your child receives a device this Christmas, you might want to think about a **device agreement**, setting rules and expectations as a family, so you’re all on the same page from the start. You can find a template agreement on the SFC pages of the school websites - scroll to the bottom to find this in the useful links and resources section:
 - [West Hove Infants](#)
 - [Hove Juniors](#)
- And finally... Our [parent pact](#) is still going strong, with more people signing up all the time. Every parent or carer who takes the pledge helps take the pressure off all the children in our community, ensuring they won’t feel left out for not having one.

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the course of this year. What a year it’s been since the SFC campaign started in February! Thanks to everyone’s open mindedness and collaboration, we really are beginning to see the tide turn. It is so wonderful to start to see such progress and positive change for the children in our school and across Brighton & Hove. We can’t wait to continue the journey in 2025!

Wishing everyone a wonderful festive season!

All the best, the West Hove Infant and Hove Junior SFC Working Group

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to WIN!



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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.

CYBER PROTECT

The Digital Dilemma



**Keeping Your
Kids Safe Online**

December 4th, 11th, 18th



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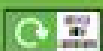
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**Vanessa Patterson
Primary Tutor**



**Term time
sessions
running until
May**



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**

**Vanessa Patterson
Primary Tutor**



**Suitable for
ages 7-10**



Times Table Booster Group

What the classes involve:

- Support to learn key multiplication facts
- Fun games and interactive activities
- Tips for recalling 'tricky' facts
- Building confidence and speed

**Term time
Wednesdays
5.30pm-6.00pm
online
£10 per session**

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

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