Weekly Bulletin – School Road

Whole School Messages

Thursday 12th November 2026

Smartphone Free Childhood Talk Tomorrow:

A reminder of our upcoming talk from the Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign which is taking place **tomorrow morning at 9:00am in the ICT suite at the Junior school.**

Run by two parent volunteers, this is a powerful talk covering the latest research, practical tips and one parent's personal experience. All families are encouraged to attend, whether your children have a phone or not. Please note that due to the sensitive nature of some of the content, this is not suitable for children. We look forward to seeing many of you at the talk.

Children in Need 2026:



This Friday, we will be supporting Children in Need and children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes. If you would like to make a donation to this fantastic cause, please do so via ParentPay by clicking here.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Ready, set, fundraise! The FOWHIS £26.27 Challenge is here for 2026/27.

Children can take on any sponsored activity between now and 30 April 2027 and raise as much—or as little—as they like. Every pound supports our school, and the top-fundraising class wins a trophy and treat day!

Taking part is optional, but every challenge counts—let's get creative and make it brilliant. Details should be in book bags; spare forms are at reception and a poster is attached with more details. Questions? Email fowhis@gmail.com.

Help FOWHIS win up to £1,500 for a new composting area and wormery:

FOWHIS has been chosen for Tesco Stronger Starts blue token voting from August to November. It's a free and easy way to support the school: simply ask for a blue token when you shop in store and pop it in the FOWHIS box. The more tokens we collect, the bigger the grant! Please spread the word to family, friends, neighbours and colleagues — every blue token helps!

Participating Tesco stores:

Hove Superstore, Portslade Superstore - Hove Express (Church Road) - Hove Denmark Villas Express - Droveway Hove Express - Westway Hove Express - Hove Western Road Express - Brighton Jubilee Street Express - Brighton Queens Road Express - Brighton Western Road Express - Woodingdean Express.

Winter HAF (Holiday activities and Food):

Funded by the Department for Education, the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides fully funded activities over the school Christmas holidays for those in Reception to Year 11 who receive Targeted free school meals. All participants are also provided with a meal. Winter HAF childcare and activity listings will be available to view over October half-term, to give families the opportunity to register interest and ask providers questions. **Bookings will go live at 10am on Tuesday 3rd November.** Everything available will be listed on Brighton & Hove's HAF online booking.

Dates available:

Week 1: Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th December 2026

Week 2: Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st December 2026

Brighton & Hove City Council's Childcare Inclusion Fund is available to support those with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) or Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children, to make additional funding available where additional staff (one-to-one) or resources would make any HAF provision more accessible.

Please visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/HAF to learn more about HAF, or contact HAF@brighton-hove.gov.uk with any questions.

Year Group Messages

No messages this week.

Key Dates

Reception	
November	
12.11.26	Parents Evening.
13.11.26	Children in Need – Dress Down Day.
13.11.26	Smartphone Free Childhood talk **– Junior school**. 9.00am – 10.00am.
16.11.26	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week.
18.11.26	11.00am deadline for consent form for nasal flu vaccination.
20.11.26	Flu vaccination.
25.11.26	Anti-Racist Coffee Morning – Junior School, 9:00am.
27.11.26	School Nurse Drop-in for Parents/Carers – 8.30am-9.30am
December	
10.12.26	Dolphins & Seahorses Christmas Performance, 9:30am. Maximum 2 adults
11.12.26	Turtles & Sealions Christmas Performance, 9:30am.
15.12.26	Christmas party day. Entertainment followed by a party in the classroom.

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December	
10.12.26	Caterpillars & Dragonflies Christmas Performance, 10:40am.
11.12.26	Bumblebees & Grasshoppers Christmas Performance, 10:40am.

Year 2	
November	
12.11.26	Parents Evening.
13.11.26	Children in Need – Dress Down Day.
13.11.26	Smartphone Free Childhood talk – **Junior school**. 9.00am – 10.00am.
16.11.26	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week.
17.11.26	Prospective Y3 Parent's Evening – 5.30pm at the Junior school.
18.11.26	11.00am deadline for consent form for nasal flu vaccination.
19.11.26	Junior School Open Morning for Prospective Y3 Parents/Carers.
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15.12.26	Toucans & Treefrogs Christmas Performance, 10:40am.

DONATE HERE

FRED SHED

Fred Shed is a school community non-profit sharing shed that stocks non-perishable items and school uniform for 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 and school uniform which can be dropped into either infants or juniors school reception areas.

OPEN every Friday after school

along with Fred's free bakery which comes from generous donations from Real Patisserie and The Flour Pot Bakery

Fred's shed is located in the juniors front playground just next to the main gates

If you need help, and don't feel comfortable approaching the sharing shed please email us at **portlandroadenquiries@hovjun.brighton-hove.sch.uk**

If you'd like to support Fred Shed with your time contact **hovejuniorpta@gmail.com**

To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both Infants and Juniors school receptions.

WANT TO DONATE?

Make a contribution to our School Fund! All money raised directly supports resources for our children.



Hove Learning Federation is a Nut Free and Sesame Seed Free School

Please help us keep our school an allergen-free environment and minimise the risk of any person suffering allergy-induced anaphylaxis or food intolerance whilst on the school premises.

The school has a 'Healthy School' award status. We therefore politely ask that parents refrain from giving out treats on the school premises.

Thank you for your co-operation.





Join us for an open, honest, non judgemental conversation about parenting in the digital age, everyone's welcome. You will still find this session very useful even if your child has a phone.

You will also hear from a parent who will share their own real life experience and practical tools to help keep your children safe online.

When

Friday 13th November

9-10am

Where

Hove Learning Federation

Portland Road Site,
Juniors entrance

Inviting all families with children in the Infants and Junior school

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

FOWHIS

£26.27 CHALLENGE

CAN YOU HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL?

BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL 30TH, WE CHALLENGE YOU TO RAISE FUNDS IN ANY WAY THAT YOU LIKE.

SELL 26 CUPCAKES

26 BIKE RIDES

26 ACTS OF KINDNESS

READ 26 BOOKS

FOLLOW THIS LINK TO OUR FUNDRAISING PAGE

GET YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SPONSOR YOU.
THE CLASS THAT RAISES THE MOST WILL WIN A TROPHY AND CLASS TREAT DAY IN MAY

SPONSORSHIP FORMS WITH ALL THE DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN BOOK BAGS FROM SEPT 21ST

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH FOWHIS@GMAIL.COM

THIS IS YOUR CHALLENGE, MAKE IT AS FUN AND CREATIVE AS YOU LIKE