

Hove Junior School Newsletter

Children

Monday 27th April 2020



Dear Children,

It's good to be talking to you. The first thing we want to say is that we hope you are all well at this difficult time and have stayed safe.

As you know school is closed with the exception of our key worker children and a small group of staff each day.

It is very quiet and we miss you all so much. We know at this time the most important thing is your wellbeing and there are many different ways to help with that. Your teachers will be supporting you with this and we sent you a newsletter last week about us all working together to train for a school run to raise funds for the NHS. I know I've found making sure I've gone for my walk, cycle and especially running which I've always enjoyed, a really good way to switch off and energise myself.

It is important as well to establish a routine. We have a timetable online to help you with this and creating your own with your family will help you to plan out your days. Many of you will recognise you have responsibilities around the house and helping out with small jobs for your family each day will make family life easier for everyone. You'll also be learning things for the first time you may not have had the chance to do before. Help out when you can and stay positive for your family.

Your teachers are gaining experience in using Google Classroom now and can't wait to begin to communicate with you more. If you get stuck with your online learning please ask us for help and we will contact you and find ways to help you and your family out.

Year 6

In **Year 6**, we recognise that this is a difficult time for you with transition coming up, but please do not worry. You have all worked so hard over the last four years and we are so proud of the incredible individuals you've all become. This isn't how we wanted your last term at junior school to be but please don't worry. We will still be having our leavers assembly and a party to celebrate your success – you will also get your leavers hoodies to remember us. We will be supporting you with your new secondary schools in every way we can over the next few months.

Year 3

For those of you in **Year 3**, we know you had only been with us for a term and a half and this new change must be very strange, but again we are so proud of you and you have all had such a great start to your time here at HJS.

Year 4

Year 5

If you are in **Years 4 and 5**, keep on working hard and being the fantastic role models you've become. We can't wait to start working with you all again soon back at school.

Please stay in touch with us. Use Google Classroom to talk to your teachers and share your work. I hope you enjoyed reading your teacher's letters to your class – I know I certainly loved reading them and I enjoyed their photos. Try writing one back and letting them know how you are.

We are all here for you and are thinking about you all each and every day, but even though most of our school community is at home we know that our ethos and school LEARN will be joining us all together. Never has our 'L' in LEARN been so important. Look after each other, yourself and your family and stay safe. We miss you.

Best wishes,

Madeline Southern

Mrs Southern, Headteacher



Eggstravaganza Competition

Over the Easter break, children were set the challenge of drawing or making an Easter egg design of their choice. We received a colourful array of submissions, more of which have been included below. Submissions are still coming in – winners to be announced this week!





WE NEED YOU!

Dear parents and children,

Everyone involved in the Brighton Festival and Same Sky were really disappointed that we could not have the magnificent Children's Parade this May due to the coronavirus crisis.

However, we'd like to invite your children to participate in a new way:

CHILDREN'S PARADE AT HOME

SAT 2 MAY, 2020

10.30AM (for about 5 minutes)

We hope to bring together thousands of children across Brighton & Hove to celebrate their creativity and feel connected during the lockdown period.

Where? In your garden, doorway, window, front room.....anywhere that is safe.

Be creative! Dress up, make some noise, take some photos.

What can you do? Dress up, make a headband, a mask, a costume, face paints

Make lots of noise! Sing, shout, blow whistles, bang drums, rattle a shaker, play music 🎵

Dance, prance and pose!

Who can join in? Anyone can join in the fun! We want as many children as possible to take part, any age, from every school.

Head to [brightonfestival.org](https://www.brightonfestival.org) or [Facebook.org/brightonfestival](https://www.facebook.com/brightonfestival) for lots of inspiration.

Also watch out for more postings of ideas of how to make musical instruments from recycled materials.

You will be able to share your photos of the day if you join the Parade event here.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/639017436635850/>

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Louise Thomas and Miss Georgia Buss



Join us to celebrate the Children's Parade at Home

Let's make this city sing this May and come together for creativity! All of us at Brighton Festival and Same Sky were really disappointed that we could not have the magnificent Children's Parade this May. But with your help we can still celebrate our children and their amazing creativity across the city in a new way. This joyous celebration of creativity and imagination on the date the Parade would have taken place will bring together thousands of children across Brighton & Hove in their own homes.

Children's Parade at Home

Sat 2 May, 2020

10.30am (for about 5 minutes)

In your garden, your doorway, your window, your living room...anywhere that is safe.

Be creative, dress up, make some noise, takes some pictures and share your creativity with us.

#childrensparadeathome

What to do?

There are lots of ways you can take part depending on how much time you can spare.

- Dress up, make costumes, puppets, a mask, a headband, face paints
- Sing, shout, bang drums, play music, blow whistles (whatever you have at home to make a noise!)
- Dance, prance, and pose! Why not make up a routine?

We will help by sending you some inspiration from our Same Sky artists on creating trumpets, shakers and home-style makes from recycled materials. Look out for these coming soon, or head to brightonfestival.org or facebook.org/brightonfestival

Who can join in?

Anyone can take part! Tell your friends, family and neighbours – we want as many children to take part as possible, no age limit and children don't even have to be a student of one of the schools that were planning to take part in the parade.

On the day

At 10.30 we will mark the event open by sharing some drumming herald, this is your cue to start the parade on our social media pages. Follow us, tag us and share your own photos and videos on the day so we can create a visual parade online and bring everyone together! #childrensparadeathome

Join the Parade event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/639017436635850/>

If your child's school has a Facebook page you can also tag them so we know which school they are from.

Brighton Festival

Facebook: @brightonfestival

Twitter: brightest

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Same Sky

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