

# Hove Junior School Newsletter

## Children

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020



Dear Children,

It has been wonderful to hear from so many of you this week about how you are getting on at home. We've enjoyed your messages on Google classroom and all of your teachers have been really impressed with your home learning. You've been very busy! We have loved hearing about all the activities you are doing at home with your families. You've told us about going for walks, looking after your pets, baking and practising playing instruments.

We hope you are also helping at home. Do you make your bed in the morning? Help set the table for dinner? Or maybe help with housework, keeping things tidy and clean. We'd love to hear how you've been helping your family at this time.

We do know that many of you are missing school – we know you miss seeing your friends and your teachers face-to-face. We miss you very much too. We are all looking forward to the time when we can be back in school, but we know that this can only happen when it is safe. That time will come but it isn't just yet. So just for now we need you to:

- Continue to stay at home safe with your family.
- Carry on doing your best with your home learning.
- Let us know how you are getting on through Google classroom – your teacher is there to help you.
- Keep yourselves healthy and well – enjoy your PE and exercise.
- Try something new you haven't done before and tell us about it!

Thank you for being the brave, sensible and amazing Hove Junior children we know you to be.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Southern & Mrs Cummings*



## Children's Parade At Home



Did you take part in the Children's Parade at home on Saturday? If so, we would love to see a photo showing us what you got up to or a costume you dressed up in. Please send these through to the office team at [portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk), so that we can celebrate these in the next Children's Newsletter.

## Poetry Corner

We were delighted to receive the following poem by Chloe M in 3 Green. I'm sure that you will agree that Chloe has shared some lovely imagery of all the things she loves most about coming into school.

### 'This Is Not My Classroom' – by Chloe M, 3 Green

Dear Google, this is NOT my classroom....  
Squares, blank spaces, grey circles instead of faces  
Dull, uninspiring, no noise or learning toys  
No space for ideas, no paintings on walls  
No creativity or P.E balls  
No learning heroes, classroom rules, cant's or cans  
No register, 'what's for lunch?', elbow nudges or playground plans  
No music lessons, for keyboard, guitar or violin  
Just a screen to stare at and a button to 'turn in'  
This is NOT my classroom  
My classroom has colour and light,  
Full of laughter, smiling faces, so bright  
A teacher who's silly, fun and fair  
Full of facts, ideas and so much care  
My classroom has pencils to sharpen, water bottles, ruck sacks and my snack box  
Stories to read, space posters, fossils and rocks  
My classroom has studies of history, cave people, oceans, dolphin and shark  
Walls covered in drawings and bright windows,  
With views of the playground and the road to the park  
My classroom has friends with ideas spilling over, so full to the brim,  
Sharing, caring so simply inspiring  
This is NOT My classroom  
But for now, I'll stay home and I'll try my best  
To navigate this online desk  
But Google, let me be clear,  
And Coronavirus, make sure YOU listen and hear

THIS IS NOT MY CLASSROOM!

