

# Hove Junior School Newsletter

## Parents & Carers

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for supporting our stunning starts over the last few weeks - the children have really enjoyed these curriculum opportunities and the teachers have worked really hard to provide an inspirational and exciting day of activities for your children!

### Attendance

Attendance has been really positive since our return to school in September with an average of 96% across the last three weeks of term. I would like to thank you all for ensuring your children are back in school and attending every day, unless of course they are unwell. We have worked hard to ensure that we are supporting the pupils with targeted 'live feedback' in lessons and 'pupil conferencing' to identify gaps in pupil's learning and adjust our planning and teaching accordingly.

### Parent Consultation Phone Appointments

It is great to see the large take up of these appointments on the dates below:

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm-6:30pm**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3:30pm-6:00pm**

This is an opportunity for parent/carers to book a time to speak over the phone with their child's class teacher and discuss their progress, both socially and academically since the start of term. If you are having problems with booking these appointments please phone the school office who will support you to book an appointment. If you are unable to make the dates above please email enquires stating your child's name, year group and class with a message for the class teacher to contact you and arrange an alternative time and date. Separate appointments have been set up via School Ping for those families in touch with our SENCO/Inclusion Managers. **We are committed to ensuring we have spoken with all of our families by half term.**

### Online learning and Homework:

A reminder that all pupils have been reintroduced to their learning platform during their computing sessions in school. We will continue to use Google Classroom in Years 4, 5 and 6 to share 'take home tasks' for year group topic work and for 'year group homework activities' between home and school in order to build on the children's computing skills. In Years 3 homework and take home tasks will be posted on the 'Seesaw' platform which is the online learning platform West Hove Infants used during the children's time away from school. This is to support their continued online learning and transition to junior school. **Please support your child to access their homework and to complete their homework on time.**

### Restrictions

As we are moving into tighter restrictions due to COVID 19 please can you support the school in adhering to our routines, rules and guidance that are in place to keep everyone safe. We are continuing to send out reminder texts, messages in the newsletter and keeping our website updated with all of the information that will help everyone - children, staff and families. Thank you for your support and enabling us all to work together to keep everyone safe, happy and in school at this time.

## Keeping In Touch

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

- **Portland Road**      [portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk)      01273 295484
- **Holland Road**      [hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk)      01273 294333

Best Wishes,

*Maddie Southern      Lorna Cummings*



## Midday Supervisor required

**Hove Junior School – based at Portland Road site**  
**Monday to Friday 12.20 – 1.20 pm (5 days per week)**  
**Temporary, term time only**  
**Scale 1-2 (£17,942 - £18,933) per annum, pro rata**

Hove Junior School (Portland Road site) is a large, popular, four-form entry school with just over 500 children on roll. We are looking for an MDSA to work with our friendly and supportive team of lunchtime staff and play leaders. You will need to:

- Supervise our children during lunchtimes, both in the playground and in the canteen
- Have a firm and fair approach with children from Year 3 to Year 6
- Have good inter-personal skills and a calm manner
- Be either first-aid trained or willing to undertake similar training

Hove Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

**To apply for this job or for more information, contact:**  
**Kate Newman, Office Manager**  
**Tel: 01273 291920**  
**Email: [katenewman@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:katenewman@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk)**

## Year 3 Stunning Start at Holland Road!

Year 3 had an exciting day for their stunning start. They dressed up as people from the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age.



They were given trays of sand that had been taken from an archaeological dig and they had to carefully dust away the sand to find the artefacts buried within.



They drew their very own cave paintings and created giant, woolly mammoths, using paint made from natural ingredients - berries and clay!



They carved their own spear- and arrow-heads from soap, using the same techniques that people in ancient times used for flint knapping and also researched the Stone Age, sharing the information they found with their partners.

