

Hove Junior School Newsletter

Parents & Carers

Friday 16th October 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

The teachers have been really impressed with the wonderful responses and engagement that the children are having with their 'Take Home Tasks' and homework. Please ensure that you upload any photos and comments to your child's class page on Google Classroom or Seesaw. We are unable to have all the amazing and creative tasks in school at the present time, but we really do want to see what they are doing at home! I know some parents/carers have asked for paper copies even though they have access to digital resources. It is important for the safety of both pupils/staff that we minimise any paper copies and homework in school and we strongly recommend that you use Seesaw and Google Classroom to support this area of learning at home.

Year 3 Only Portland Road Reminder

After half term we would like to slightly change the drop of and finishing times for year 3 pupils only at **the Portland Road site**. This is because we have adapted quickly to the staggered starts and exits and would like to reduce the waiting time for some parents/carers on the front playground. We will ask all year 3 pupils to arrive at school by 8.55am and to leave at 3.25pm.

Lunchtimes

The children are still having their lunches in the classroom and this is likely to continue for quite some time at **Portland Road** as we all feel it is safer not to share the canteen within the current restrictions and to continue to minimise any risk. It is working well and the children have adapted to this new routine. After half term at **Holland Road** we are going to trial having hot dinners again.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening this year will not be in the way that you are used to, as we are not allowed to have parents and lots of visitors in school. Instead of the face to face meetings we are offering 10-minute telephone appointments for you to have with your child's teacher. Please use this opportunity to make contact with your child's class teacher to find out how they are doing in school. There are still appointments available for the 22nd October session. Please call the School Office to book.

Home Learning

In line with DfE guidance which states: 'Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate remote education.' (Department of Education, September 2020). Currently, home learning letters are being sent to pupils who are not attending school due to Covid-19 related absences when the parent/carer informs the school this is the case. Our home learning programme will follow the current learning objectives being covered in school and will relate to the current year group topic where possible. Work can be uploaded to share with the teacher as you have been doing for homework tasks.

If we have to close a class/year group bubble, we will continue to use the online platform Seesaw for Year 3 or Google Classroom for Years 4, 5 and 6. All children have had computing lessons in school and therefore should be able to use these learning platforms easily. Pupils will be given class related activities closely linked to the provision in school and the school will continue to make good use of video resources from Oak Academy to support all areas of the curriculum. Completed work can be uploaded for the class teacher to see. All work will be seen by a teacher.

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 01273 295484
- **Holland Road** hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk 01273 294333

Best Wishes,

Maddie Southern Lorna Cummings

Dates for Diary:

Last day of term	Friday 23rd October
Half term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
INSET DAY	Monday 2nd November
All children return	Tuesday 3rd November
Last day of term	Friday 18th December
All children return	Monday 4th January 2021

Please continue to keep up to date with us through our website
<http://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/>



Staying Safe Online – free webinar sessions

Dear All,

On Tuesday 3 November 2020, **Get Safe Online** are offering three **FREE** webinar sessions aimed at **parents/carers**, titled **Staying Safe Online Children's Digital World - the good, the bad and the in between**. These can be booked via Eventbrite. The webinars will cover the following:

- Children's online habits
- The risks and dangers children face online
- How you can support your child and report any concerns.

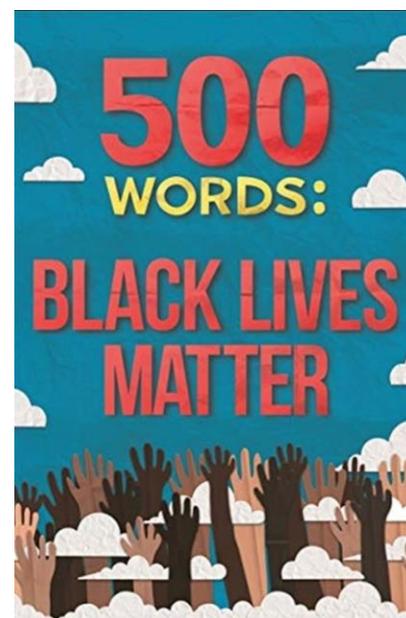
3 November 10:00-11:00 book via [Eventbrite](#)
3 November 13:00-14:00 book via [Eventbrite](#)
3 November 18.00-19:00 book via [Eventbrite](#)

Kind Regards
Claire

Police Constable Claire KILROY DK140
Prevention Youth Officer Brighton & Hove Division
Police Station, John Street, Brighton, BN2 0LA

Class Reader

All classes on both sites have been given this book to share and read together over the course of this term. It is written by children for everyone and has already provoked some poignant discussions in class assemblies.



Portland Road Site



Dear parents/carers/adults at home,

School Streets will stop at half term – we need your help to keep it going!

We've been running the School Streets project on School Road outside the Junior School for the last few weeks using Sustrans volunteers and now we need your help to keep it going. Sustrans are providing volunteers until half term and we would like to help with the transition over to the school community by training up and supporting volunteers before we leave.

The road closure times are 8.20 – 9.20am and 2.50- 3.40 pm. Volunteers are required to arrive 15 minutes before the shift to set up and it takes about 10 minutes to put the equipment away at the end.

School Streets temporarily restricts motor vehicle access to streets near school entrances during school opening and closing times.

Benefits of School Streets:

- assist with physical distancing requirements by reducing the street space which motor vehicles occupy
- safer roads for everyone - improve road safety for children and others who use the street, by creating a more walking and cycling friendly street
- give children the chance to get to school 'actively', which helps them stay healthy
- provide a more pleasant environment for the local community

We are looking for volunteers for School Streets each morning and possibly the afternoon as well. We would love your help to do this. The main role is to act as a Volunteer Marshal to set up the barriers on the road, inform drivers of the road closure and why they are happening and decide which vehicles are allowed access during the restriction.

Volunteers will also be encouraging active travel and suggesting alternative places to park for those not allowed into the restriction. All volunteers receive training.

Please contact Lucy on 07768424363 or lucy.dance@sustrans.org.uk to get involved with your School Streets. For more details about the project in Brighton: <https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/school-streets-brighton-and-hove>

Kind regards

Lucy Dance
Sustrans Bike It Schools Officer

PE News

Since we can't have PE celebration assemblies at the moment or attend matches or competitions, we're even more interested in seeing what you're up to at home. Please upload photos of you getting involved in physical activity in the 'PE Celebration' assignment on Google Classroom or bring them in and give them to your teacher. These will be put up on the PE Celebration display for the whole school to admire! This could be anything from running, football, rugby, swimming, other sports... Show us your medals, certificates, trophies etc. too! We can't wait to see them all!

Thank you

Miss Alum & Miss Bines PE Leads



Let's Celebrate!



About my achievements:

I do horse riding and this a picture of me riding a Friesian black stallion. I have been riding for a year and a half



Name: Erisa



Let's Celebrate!



About my achievements:

I have taken a photo of myself practicing a bridge whilst reading my book- 'The Good Thieves' by Katherine Rundell.



Name: Clara 5A



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Body at Hove Juniors. Governors contribute to the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school; supporting and challenging the school to continually improve. This is an opportunity to bring new skills and experience to the GB, helping it to become more effective in order to drive school improvement.

We welcome applications from all parents/carers who have a child registered at the school. Data shows that younger people and people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities are under-represented in school governing bodies. We are keen to ensure we have a team of Governors that reflects the diversity of our school community and would like to encourage parents from all under-represented groups to consider applying.

We require a wide range of skills on the Governing Body and regularly carry out a skills audit. We would currently benefit from additional Health & Safety and Safeguarding expertise. You do not need to have experience of working in education, as training is provided. It is expected that Governors will attend induction and other relevant training.

If you are interested, please complete the attached nomination form (copies can be collected from the school office if required) and return to the school office for the attention of 'Senior Clerk to Governors'. We have included some information about being a Governor including the time commitment, which you should consider carefully to ensure you can commit to the role.

You will be required to ask another parent to propose and a different parent to second your nomination. Both must be parents/carers of children who are currently registered at the school and not your spouse/partner. If we receive more than one application, we will hold an election. All applicants must complete a statement of between 150 and 200 words to support their nomination, so that parents can make an informed decision when voting. You should outline why you wish to be a Parent Governor and what you feel you can offer the school. You may include any information which you consider relevant – whether that be your work and life experiences, or your experience as a parent.

The closing date for the return of completed applications is midday on Friday 23rd October 2020. If we receive more than one application, the information on each nominee will be sent out on Monday 2nd November 2020 and parents/carers will be invited to vote for their preferred candidate until midday on Monday 16th November 2020. Voting slips will be opened and counted on Monday 16th November 2019. Parents are welcome to attend the count.

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.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the role, please contact:

Louise Wilkinson, Co-Chair of Governors: louisewilkinson@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

or Belle Howard, Senior Clerk to Governors: bellehoward@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

"It's really rewarding to be part of a team that is making a real difference in our children's lives. The work is interesting, and it challenges me to learn new skills. As a school we aim to provide a positive and exciting learning environment and I can see the impact daily of the work we governors do!"



Anne Marie Williamson Co-opted Governor (and parent)