

Hove Junior School Newsletter

Parents & Carers

Friday 6th November 2020



Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for all of your support at the start of a new half term and for working with the staff to keep the children engaged in their learning and safe at school. We have been so impressed with the way the children have returned to school on Tuesday. As a reminder, please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and footwear and the same high standards are maintained on PE days. As the weather becomes colder and the school sites need to remain well ventilated for health and safety reasons, we would encourage all pupils to wear an additional layer of clothing under their uniforms to keep warm in and around the school.

Home Learning

We will be continuing to support pupils with their home learning in Google Classroom and SeeSaw this half term by using more audio and instructional resources produced by the year teams themselves, Oak National Academy and other interactive resources. This is to ensure pupils build up their confidence and are familiar in working this way if we were in an unfortunate position where we had to close down a class/year group bubble for isolation purposes. Please support us by ensuring your child is completing their homework activities online and accessing these learning platforms. This can be by completing the work directly onto the platform using the year group's homework format or by uploading scanned paper copies of their work or photos onto the platform. We will be publishing an updated 'Online Learning Policy' for you next week.

Family Pastoral Support

We are aware that lockdown can be a difficult time for all our families. Please let us know if you need extra support and an opportunity to talk. We are here to help you through this difficult time. You can get in touch with us via the Inclusion Team at inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

BBC Children in Need

2020 has so far been a year of uncertainty and rapid changes. However, there is one thing to be certain of - Children in Need is getting everyone fundraising and getting ready for the live appeal show on **Friday 13 November 2020! The school will be dressing up 'funny for money' on the day to raise donations.** Please see the poster with full details. You could also take part in their 'Act your Age Challenge' in your family bubble.

This year, Children in Need are asking you to take your age and do something good with it. Simply take your age, the combined age of your friends, family or classmates, or the age of something or someone special, and turn it into a fundraiser. E.g. Maddie is 9 years old and reading 9 books a day for 9 days, Lorna is 40 and hiking 40 miles over the weekend to celebrate Pudsey's 40th. Whatever you decide to do, stay safe.

On behalf of all of the staff we would like to thank you for all of your continued support and look forward to seeing the children back in school after the weekend ready to learn and continue working hard in every aspect of school life at Hove Junior School.

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

Reminder re Social Distancing at Pickup/Drop off

We would like to remind all parents/carers to respect and follow the guidance regarding Social Distancing and to avoid congregating in bigger groups at the end of the school day. We have also asked that all children wait with their adult and do not run around the playground at the end of the day. With the current COVID situation both locally and nationally it is essential that all adults take responsibility to support and adhere to all of our safety guidance.

Thank you

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



Dates for Diary:

Children in Need non-uniform day	Friday 13th November 2020
Parent Council Meetings	Friday 20th November 2020
Last day of term	Friday 18th December 2020
All children return	Monday 4th January 2021



Friday 13th November 2020

Dress up 'Funny for Money'

You could wear a funny wig or hat, miss-matched clothes or odd socks!

Please do not bring cash into school

**You can make a donation to
Children in Need directly via their website:**

www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk

Alternatively, you can make a payment by bank transfer:

Account name: **BBC Children in Need**

Account number: **70438847**

Sort code: **40-11-60**

If you're paying in money on behalf of a business or other group, please include your organisation's name along with your payment.



Parent Council Meeting

Friday 20th November 2020

**9.30am – 10.30am (Portland Road)
11am – 12pm (Holland Road)**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Minutes of the last meeting/matters arising
4. Continuity planning
5. Home/online learning
6. PTA update
7. Issues from parents/carers
8. AOB/Date of next meeting

Meetings will take place via Zoom

**Portland Road meeting
(9.30am – 10.30am)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81965122805?pwd=Rk9WNHdiZHVxbUdHQlJiWUhoYUtidz09>

Meeting ID: 819 6512 2805

Passcode: NHqZ3A

**Holland Road meeting
(11am – 12pm)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85470160023?pwd=TUdNUmlkZnJYUGcvTGZIMisxM2Jkdz09>

Meeting ID: 854 7016 0023

Passcode: Gx9kaq

Look at what you've achieved this #HelloYellow!

2020 has been a tough year so far and the impact of Coronavirus is continuing to pose a mental health risk for our society. This year's #HelloYellow campaign has meant more to us than any yet.

With your unwavering support for #HelloYellow, we were able to brighten up schools, homes and offices across the UK. Thank you for coming together and showing solidarity with young people for World Mental Health Day.

Here are just a few of many highlights from the day:

- **Over 8,000** of you signed up to wear something yellow and show children and young people they're not alone.
- Our JustGiving campaign page has raised £75,000 and so far the grand total stands at **£120,000**, wow!
- Thanks to everyone's amazing yellow posts on social media, **#HelloYellow trended in the top 10 on Twitter** all day long!
- We spent time with our YoungMinds Activists to share **stories of hope**.
- **Added new gifs to Instagram** – check them out if you haven't already by searching #HelloYellow!

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