

Hove Junior School Newsletter

Parents & Carers

Friday 13th November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children continue to amaze me in how responsible and aware they are of all the changes taking place, and how respectful they continue to be to each other and adults in school. As always, many of you have been busy working at home with your children especially on the Take Home Tasks - they look fantastic!

When you are able to, please upload a photograph to Google Classroom/Seesaw. If you need any help with either of these please do not hesitate to ask and contact the school. Our new 'Online Learning Policy' is now available on the website [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support in wearing face coverings at all drop off and pick-up times. This is in place to support all of us, including my staff, and we want and need to keep everyone healthy and well over this next half term. We are continuing to take on board the guidance for schools in light of the Second National Lockdown by reviewing and updating our Covid-19 Risk Assessment where appropriate. Please continue to maintain a good social distance from each other on the playground and leave the premises as soon as possible once your child has been 'released' by their teachers. Our clubs will continue to run as planned for the next half-term, as they meet the specified criteria as well as having the appropriate risk assessments in place.

Parent Council

At Hove Junior School we are committed to working in partnership with our parents and carers.

Our Parent Council is a forum for parents/carers to learn more about how the school operates, express their views and make a difference to the education and welfare of the children.

Parent Council meetings are held once a term for about an hour. All parents/carers are welcome to attend and we would particularly like to welcome any of our new parents/carers of Year 3 pupils to our first meeting this term.

This term's meetings will be held on the morning of Friday 20th November via Zoom. Please contact the school office for the Zoom details.

Further information on our Parent Council can be found [here](#).

Christmas

Wednesday 16th December is our 'saved date' for Christmas lunch. This year, in line with our Eco School status, we will not be providing Christmas crackers because the waste that is created is not in line with our environmental 'green LEARN' ethos.

We will be holding an online Christmas Panto, [Jack and the Beanstalk](#), on Thursday 10th December and Christmas Jumper Day will be on the last day of term. More details to follow soon about these and other events within the 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
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Best Wishes,

Maddie Southern Lorna Cummings

Dates for Diary

Odd Socks Day 'Anti Bullying Week'	Monday 16th November
Parent Council Meetings	Friday 20th November
Online Christmas Panto	Thursday 10th December
Christmas lunch	Wednesday 16th December
Last day of term/Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 18th December
All children return to school	Monday 4th January 2021

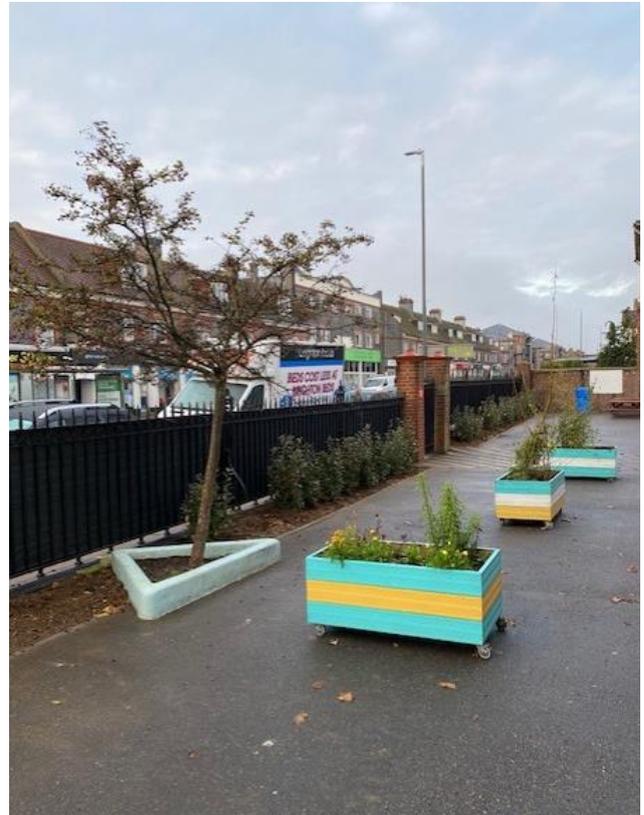
School Hedge Project

We are delighted to be able to report the exciting progress that has been made with our hedge project.

Deborah and Ian Griffiths have continued their drive to reduce the air pollution on our playground, caused by the proximity of Portland Road, by planting a hedge made up of plants that have been scientifically proven to filter pollutants. The project was put on hold over the summer because of the Covid-19 pandemic, but we are pleased to say we have now been able to dig a trench into the end of the playground and plant the first set of trees.

As you can see in the pictures below, the hedges look beautiful and will grow into an environmental barrier against vehicle emissions. Ian has also created specially designed data loggers that are currently recording data in two of our classrooms. By looking at readings for before and after the hedge was planted, we will be able to see the impact on air pollutants from this project. We will be sharing details of these loggers, the way they work and the science behind the findings with the children so they can understand the reasoning behind the hedge and the outcomes for them.

We will keep you updated on this exciting enterprise including details of the companies and individuals who have contributed to making it possible.





Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and will start with Odd Socks Day to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week. Last year 75% of schools in the country took part, reaching well over 7 million young people.

All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2020, it couldn't be simpler!

Thank you for your support, The PSHE team

Due to current restrictions, we are not going to ask you to bring money into school. However, if you would like to donate, please read the following information from the website:

How can you donate to the Anti-Bullying Alliance? We are a small team and are always so very grateful for any fundraising that you do for us to help us keep running Anti-Bullying Week each year in England. If you raise money for us through your Odd Socks Day or anytime in Anti-Bullying Week you can give it to us in the following ways:

- You can donate directly to us via our [Virgin Money Giving page](#).

- You can send us a cheque, made payable to the 'Anti-Bullying Alliance' and posted to Anti-Bullying Alliance, National Children's Bureau, 23 Mentmore Terrace, Hackney, London, E8 3PN. Please make sure you include your name and your address as we like to acknowledge all funds raised wherever possible.

- You can pay by bank deposit or BACS transfer - please email aba@ncb.org.uk for further details. *Please note that we do not have paying in slips and this is not a requirement for deposits to our charity account.



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A big THANK YOU to the children of Brighton and Hove schools for all their lovely drawings.

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