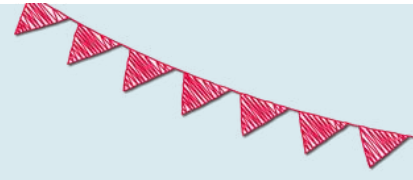




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Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Families,

It was spooktastic to see so many scary families at the School Road spooky disco event last week. A huge thank you to our fabulous FOWHIS and all the volunteers. It was such a special community event for all the children.

It has been wonderful to see so many stakeholders at our consultation events this week. We have three further meetings on 18th, 25th and 26th November. We encourage all parents/carers to attend and come to these sessions with our SLT, governors and Aurora Academy.

Monday 18 th November 6.00pm	In person: Parents/Carers Holland Road	AAT Head Governors
Monday 25 th November 6.00pm	In person: Parents/Carers Portland Road	AAT Head Governors
Tuesday 26 th November 6.30pm	Zoom webinar online meeting Link to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88971413131 Webinar ID: 889 7141 3131	AAT Head Governors

Don't forget to use the consultation email address, a.consultation@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk, to register your questions. Responses will be provided in the final consultation report.

Information regarding the consultation is available on our [infant](#) and [junior](#) websites.



Anti Bullying Week - Respect!

This week in school we have been talking about Anti-Bullying Week to raise awareness about the negative impacts of bullying, encourage people to stand up against discrimination, and promote the importance of individuality. It's a week dedicated to celebrating the values of inclusivity, respect and kindness.

An important aspect of Anti-Bullying Week is encouraging individuals, particularly young people, teachers, and parents, to speak up against bullying, seek help when needed and be proactive in creating a safer environment in their schools and communities.

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2024 is Choose Respect. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowers them to do something positive to counteract the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Too often, we stay quiet when we see bullying going on, stay silent about the pain it inflicts, or play it off as a joke. But we shouldn't! Instead, let's shout about it and speak up when we see prejudice or discrimination.

Anti-Bullying Week encourages us all to speak out about bullying. By raising awareness, we not only support those who are being bullied but also let potential bullies know that their actions are unacceptable. Whether this is speaking to a trusted adult or reaching out to a person who is being bullied, let's make a noise this Anti-Bullying Week!



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

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01273 733386

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01273 916609

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team

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01273 916609

Best wishes,

Maddie Southern

Prospective parent visits

School Road Reception visits:

Wednesday 20th November - 5pm

Monday 13th January - 9.30am

Portland Road Year 3 visits:

Monday 18th November – 9.30am & 11.15am

Diary Dates

22nd November - Y2 Superhero Dress up day

18th November - Y6 SATs workshop PR

2nd December - PR Author Visits

5th December - Reindeer Run and PTA Events - PR

11th December - Christmas Dinner

12th & 13th December - YR & Y1 Christmas Performances

16th December - Y3 Fab Finish

17th December - Y4 Fab Finish

17th December - YR Christmas Parties

18th December - Y2 Christmas Performances

18th December - Y5 Fab Finish

19th December - YR Teddy Bears Picnic

19th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Entertainment and Parties

19th December - Y6 Fab Finish



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed using chalk to make rangoli patterns in RE after learning about Diwali.



Year 2

Last week, Susan Luxford from Timeless Toys on Portland Road very generously led a session with Year 2 about materials.

We are learning about materials in Science so we were delighted to be shown lots of different toys made from a wide range of materials.

We loved discovering more about the properties of different materials and making more sustainable, environmentally-friendly choices.

We were particularly fascinated that cork comes from the bark of trees and cotton grows on shrubs!



Rockin' Rock Stars Day!

Last week, our Junior School children took to the stage as rock stars for a day, participating in a number of mathematical activities for the re-launch of our fluency app Times Table Rock Stars!

The day began with a show-stopping assembly in the hall followed by times table activities in class:

- Year 3 went on a 5 times table scavenger hunt
- Year 4 designed and priced up their very own rock star outfit
- Year 5 created rock-themed times table board games
- Year 6 planned a six stop U.S.A. rock tour

Throughout the day, the children took part in an interactive Battle of the Bands on Time Table Rock Stars, competing as a class. Congratulations to Year 4 who won the Year 3 vs. Year 4 battle and to Year 5 who won the Year 5 vs. Year 6 battle! Each class also recorded their own times table song – with a rock theme of course.

Years 3 + 4



Years 5 + 6



Football News

Hove Juniors vs St Nicholas

7.11.24

Last Thursday 7th November, the boys and girls football teams played a match against St Nicholas. Both teams were fantastic and had a great time in the first game of the season.

There will be more to come!

Congratulations to both teams!

The results were 3-1 in the boys team, and 4-1 for the girls.





Back row: Chloe D, Tom C, Roni C, Scarlett P, Poppy L, Celena S

Third row: Jack Mc H, Mayuri I, Cillian B, Donny M, Guy A, Bea W, Imogen L, Evie J

Second row: Lara D, Edie S, Alice L, Winnie W, Nora O, Luka N, Dexter B-H

Front row: Eva E, Molly M, Alannah B, Louie G, Ivan M, Bart T, Alba M, Jack D

I would like to use this week's newsletter to take the opportunity to say a HUGE congratulations to this year's elected School Councillors. Each member was elected on their merit after presenting their ideas to their class with optimism and passion.

During our first School Council meeting, each of our newly elected School Councillors presented their list of priorities that they had collected from their classes.

The priorities for each year group were as follows:

Year 3

- Outdoor Learning (sapling area/reading huts)
- Planting area across the school
- An eco-friendly environment
- Lunchtime clubs

Year 4

- Playtime & lunchtime buddies ☒
- An inclusive sports timetable during lunchtime
- Planting and growing area

Year 5

- Playground activities/equipment – football, basketball...
- Charity fundraising
- Infant buddies

Year 6

- Our environment – recycling, planting, gardening, litter picking
- Indoor art instillation
- Playground development & equipment
- Lunchtime clubs

After discussion, we condensed our themes into key priorities:

Having a wider variety of playground activities and equipment e.g. drawing zone, board games area, sports' timetable.

Having a more eco-friendly environment e.g. growing our own vegetables, planting and growing flowers, making bug hotels, widening the planting areas into the Green Room and playgrounds.

Raising money for a local charity e.g. vote for and select a local charity for the year and raise money through bakes sales, sponsored events each half term.

Having a range of lunchtime clubs e.g. Cooking Club, Chess Club

Our Councillors have returned to their classes and are currently asking their peers what they thought should be our Key Priority this academic year...

Keep an eye on our upcoming newsletters to find out our key priority for the academic year 2024-2025.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and all our parent volunteers who worked so hard to make the School Road spooky disco such a fun and successful evening!



For Halloween our fabulous catering team treated the children to a very spooky lunch!

A huge THANK YOU to Nick and the whole catering team, for all the effort you went to for the children to celebrate Halloween!





THE BOOK NOOK

Dear parents, grandparents and carers,

You are invited to our Book Fair Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th November

West Hove Infant School would like to invite you to The Book Nook Book Fair where you will find an extensive and exhilarating range of latest releases and well-loved classics to get your child excited about reading.

With prices starting at £6.99, there will be books for all interests and reading abilities and we are sure there will be a book for you and your child to enjoy.

All sales go towards FREE books for our school!

When: After school Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th November

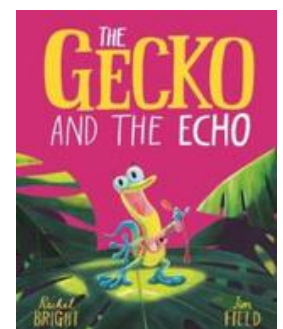
Where: In the hall.

Payment: Cash or Card

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Book Fair Organiser



The Book Nook Book Fair,

THE BOOK NOOK

Your local Independent Children's Bookshop, First

Avenue, Hove. BN3 2FJ. www.booknookuk.com



Update from the Smartphone Free Childhood Working Group

Christmas is coming... Thinking about a phone for your child’s Christmas present?

If you are considering buying a phone for your child this Christmas, but aren’t sure that a smartphone is the right thing just yet, check out these other options on the [SFC website](#). This handy table has some quick comparisons to get you started:

	 3310	 2660	 5310	 110	 105
Colour options	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Network Band	2G	4G	2G	4G	2G
Wifi	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Bluetooth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Camera					✗
Mp3 Player	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Colour options	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Screen Size	2.4 in	2.8 in	2.4 in	1.8 in	1.8 in
Price	£49.99	£59.99	£39.99	£39.99	£24.99

None of these phones have wifi, but if you want your child to have a totally internet free experience, then you need to buy a no data sim.

No data sims

Provider	Price	Key Features
Parent Shield	£9.99 pm	Specifically designed for children, Records all calls and texts, Excellent Range of Parental Controls, Safeguarding Push Alerts for parents
Asda	£4 pm	Unlimited Texts, Unlimited Minutes, No Contract, No Data or Data Plans Available
IQ Mobile	£7.99 pm	Unlimited Texts, Unlimited Minutes, 3 month contract - then rolling

And finally, here's a comparison of 2G vs 4G for phones:

2G	4G
Basic web access, most websites incompatible	Internet enabled phone
Pair with a 'no data' sim for a totally internet free experience	Pair with a 'no data' sim for a totally internet free experience
No wifi capability	No wifi capability
Nationwide coverage	Nationwide coverage
2g networks will be turned off by 2033	Current technology

Our parent pact is still going strong, with more people signing up all the time. At the time of writing, 12% of Y6 parents have signed and 16% of Y5 parents. Every parent or carer who takes the pledge helps take the pressure off all the children in our community, ensuring they won't feel left out for not having one.

[Sign the Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact here](#)

Regular links

As always, find more info on our page on the school websites:

-[West Hove Infants](#)

-[Hove Juniors](#)

For friendly, informal discussion, support, and a space to ask questions about all things smartphone, please join our WhatsApp groups:

-**[Portland Road site](#)**

-**[Holland Road site](#)**

Wishing everyone a great weekend!

All the best, the West Hove Infant and Hove Junior SFC Working Group

Hove Learning Federation

After School Club

We offer wraparound care for your child at our **HLF** Afterschool Club. The children attend straight from school until 6pm. During this time your child can immerse themselves in Lego play, fancy dress, arts and crafts as well as play in one of our playgrounds - there's something for everyone. It gives the children a safe space to unwind after a busy day of learning with their friends, under the care of our fabulous school club team led by Eddie

£15 per session with 10% discount for additional siblings when attending the same session.

Book your child's space via Magic Booking ensuring to include additional information such as medical needs and allergies within the profile section.

If your child is attending another club beforehand or is being picked up by someone else, please contact Eddie on eddiecockerell@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk



A high tea is also offered during this session - this is not intended as a substitute for a main evening meal.

Afterschool Club is based within the School Canteen - accessed via the Infants pedestrian gate.

HLF club



Are you concerned about your child's mental health?



- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Difficulties regulating emotions
- Self esteem and confidence
- Sleep difficulties
- Fears and phobias
- Separation, loss and bereavement



Scan the QR code below to refer your concern to Hove Learning Federation's Mental Health Lead. Link also available on our school website.

<https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2023/03/Capture-1.png>



Naomi Miller (Mental Health Lead) will contact you within a week of your referral.

New referrals will be discussed at half termly triage meetings and support allocated.

NB: If you have an urgent concern about a child's mental health please call 0300 304 0061 during office hours or 0300 5000 101 outside of office hours.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/choose-respect>

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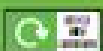
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FRED THE SHED



Fred the Shed is a school community non profit sharing shed that can help with non perishing items to those who are finding it especially hard in the current climate.




Our aim is to help as many families in our school community as possible and it is run by volunteering parents and carers, the sharing shed completely relies on donations of non perishable items which can be dropped into either school reception areas.



OPEN every Friday
after school


along with Fred's free bakery
which comes from generous
volunteers from Olio

Fred the Shed is located in the juniors front playground just next to the main gates




If you don't feel comfortable with approaching the sharing shed, please email our anonymous email address fredshedschoolroad@gmail.com

and items can be requested and left in the school reception area.



If you'd like to support Fred the Shed with your time, contact fowhis@gmail.com
To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both school receptions.



**Vanessa Patterson
Primary Tutor**



Term time
sessions
running until
May



Year 6 SATs Maths

Booster Group Classes

What the classes involve:

- Developing arithmetic calculation methods
- Applying arithmetic methods to problem solving
- Practical ways to answer questions
- Building confidence to answer questions

**Thursdays
5.45pm-6.45pm
online
£20 per hour**

- Fully qualified teacher
- DBS checked
- Friendly and supportive tutor
- 20 years classroom experience

Contact Vanessa at:
mrspprimarytutor@gmail.com
or 07540827713 to secure your
child's space

**Vanessa Patterson
Primary Tutor**



**Suitable for
ages 7-10**



Times Table Booster Group

What the classes involve:

- Support to learn key multiplication facts
- Fun games and interactive activities
- Tips for recalling 'tricky' facts
- Building confidence and speed

**Term time
Wednesdays
5.30pm-6.00pm
online
£10 per session**

- Fully qualified teacher
- DBS checked
- Friendly and supportive tutor
- 20 years classroom experience

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