



**WEST HOVE
INFANT SCHOOL**
.....
A family of friends



Hove Learning Federation
School/Portland Road
Newsletter
Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome our families into school this week to watch our Infant performances. The children were just amazing and the shows left us all with a warm, Christmassy feeling! We look forward to enjoying our Junior 'fabulous finishes' next week. A huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work on these.

Thank you so much for all your messages of congratulation following the publication of West Hove Infant Ofsted Report. We are so incredibly proud of our schools and pleased that the Inspectors saw the amazing work we do each and every day. We have really appreciated all your messages.

The final report can be found here - <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/114428>

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We will be having our usual own clothes day on the last day of term (Friday 20th December). Children may wear something festive on that day if they wish although this is optional and we encourage our families not to buy anything new for this.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 7th January and wish you all a very happy holiday in the meantime.



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

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Best wishes,
Maddie Southern

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Diary Dates

- 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
- 20th December** - Last day of term - non-uniform day
- 6th January** - INSET Day
- 7th January** - First day back for pupils

Prospective parent visits

School Road Reception visits:

Friday 10th January - 9.15am

Monday 13th January - 9.30am



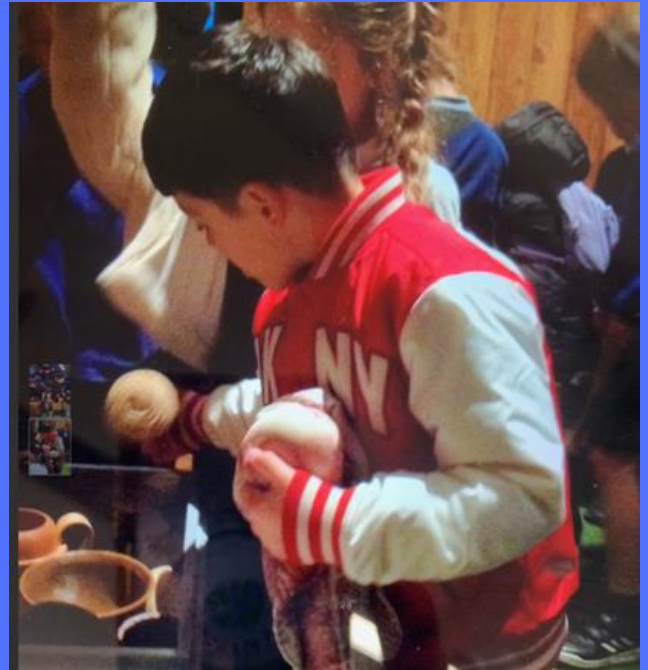
Year 3 Museum Trip

Year 3 recently went to Brighton Museum, to take part in their Stone Age workshop. We found out all about the Stone Age settlement that was on Whitehawk hill, along with some of the earliest Brightonians who lived in this area thousands of years ago!

It was a fascinating day and we are so grateful to our parent helpers, without whom the trip could not have happened.



Year 3 Museum Trip



Reindeer Run!



The Year 3 team from SR had a fantastic time participating in the Reindeer Run to help raise money for the school fund!

The event was filled with festive cheer as we ran our mile (or half mile) and cheered on other classes with big smiles and plenty of energy. The children wore cool Christmas jumpers and fun accessories, adding sparkle to the day.

With music playing and everyone in great spirits, it was a joyful experience for everyone involved. We are so proud of the children for their hard work and for supporting such a wonderful cause.

A big thank you to all the families for their generous sponsorship—what a brilliant way to celebrate Christmas together!





Message from Outdoors Project: Design-a-patch competition winner Rocco from Portland Road!

Every year the Outdoors Project has a design-a-patch competition.

This year, only 3 designs were chosen from the hundreds and hundreds of design entries, and it is literally a mountain of them that we have at our HQ, from kids all over the country....of which, Rocco's of course, was one!

Here in Brighton and Hove, we see thousands of kids every year in our after school clubs, holiday clubs and birthday parties and school workshops, and all of them love our cool patches. So they'll all see and love Rocco's dino patch, I'm sure it will be a big hit with everyone, and it's a very good fit as we will be doing a fun dino activity at our ASCs in the spring term. But also.....I guess when you factor in all the other Outdoors Projects around the UK, and all the other kids in all the other Projects, his patch, which is now just being turned from a picture into an actual patchwell you could say that Rocco and his dino patch arenow quite famous! Nice one, Rocco!

CAN YOU DESIGN A CLUB PATCH FOR US?
Your design can be based on any of your outdoors experiences.

ask whether my son had a day, he said

child's when soaked but

Scan Me

LIKE WHAT WE DO?
Let other parents know what you and your kids love most about The Outdoors Project.
If your child has attended an After School Club, Saplings Toddler & Parent Group, Birthday Party or Holiday Club and they have enjoyed themselves could you leave us a review?
It should take no more than 60 seconds
LEAVE REVIEW : tinyurl.com/244tr7u
Positive reviews from parents like you help other parents just like you to feel confident about choosing The Outdoors Project.
As a thank you for your time, we'll pick one review out of the hat and
AWARD 1 LUCKY PERSON £200 OF OUTDOORS PROJECT VOUCHERS EVERY 6 MONTHS

Top tip: Keep the design simple, 5 colours maximum.

NAME: Rocco Love SCHOOL: Hove Junior
EMAIL: Peteandemilylove@gmail.com

To enter: email a photo of your design(s) & your name & contact info to: info@theoutdoorsproject.co.uk
The chosen design(s) will see their patch come to life and WIN 5 DAYS OF HOLIDAY CLUBS
A winner will be chosen every 6 months. Closing dates: October 31st / April 31st.
Winner announced within 1 month after the closing date.

www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



Merry Christmas from the Smartphone Free Childhood Working Group

- **We need your help!** The **Safer Phones Bill** will have its second reading in parliament in just a few weeks. We really need our MPs to back the bill on behalf of everyone in Brighton & Hove. **Please use this SFC template to email your MP**, and tell them how much it means to you. It really does only take 30 seconds and could have a huge impact. Thank you!
- **One to watch: Channel 4 documentary, Swiped**, about a secondary school banning smartphones for children, aired this week and is available to view/stream on channel 4. Billed as “the series that every parent must watch”, it examines the effects of smartphones on children.
- If you’re feeling a bit overwhelmed by concerns, in the face of growing pressure from your child to get a smartphone, help is at hand! **Join your school SFC whatsapp group**, for friendly, informal discussion, support, and a space to ask questions about all things smartphone.
 - **Portland Road site**
 - **Holland Road site**
- If you are looking for a phone for your child, the SFC website has some interesting **alternative “brick” phone options** - **check them out here**. This has recently been updated to reflect several new models that have come to the market, so do take a look at the latest options.
- If your child receives a device this Christmas, you might want to think about a **device agreement**, setting rules and expectations as a family, so you’re all on the same page from the start. You can find a template agreement on the SFC pages of the school websites - scroll to the bottom to find this in the useful links and resources section:
 - **West Hove Infants**
 - **Hove Juniors**
- And finally... Our **parent pact** is still going strong, with more people signing up all the time. 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.

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the course of this year. What a year it’s been since the SFC campaign started in February! Thanks to everyone’s open mindedness and collaboration, we really are beginning to see the tide turn. It is so wonderful to start to see such progress and positive change for the children in our school and across Brighton & Hove. We can’t wait to continue the journey in 2025!

Wishing everyone a wonderful festive season!

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



West Hove Infants is Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted November '24

*'Classrooms are a joy to visit.
Pupils are happy and engaged.'*

School Road Site Open Day Dates- more added by popular demand!

Friday 10th January at 9.15 am

Monday 13th January at 9.30 am

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please call our office on 01273 733386. Alternatively, you can email our office at admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk



We can't wait to meet you!

Find us online at: www.westhoveinfants.co.uk



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

Enter our 2024 Colouring
Competition for your chance
to WIN!



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COMPETITION

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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.

CYBER PROTECT

The Digital Dilemma



Keeping Your
Kids Safe Online

December 4th, 11th, 18th

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Thames Valley Police

Hints and tips to secure your family
online, covering:

Gaming



Social Media



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Eventbrite: Police - South East Cyber

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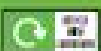
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FRED THE SHED



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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