



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

Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Families,

Our English Team have been busy carrying out reading monitoring this term. The children's love of reading has been inspiring and it is easy to see why reading is such a strength across the federation. The teachers are striving to refine teaching/learning practice. There is a clear ambition to ensure that our pupils working below age-related expectations make good catch-up with our interventions and reading groups. Our pupil voice showed real enthusiasm for learning which speaks volumes about the school's ethos and approach and there is a love of reading shared and modelled by teachers and peers. Children especially value reading at home with their families and sharing books. Please help us to continue with our valuable reading skills by reading regularly to and with your child at home, sharing books and favourite authors, and joining Hove library. Please also see the link below to our website to support your child with phonics at home. There's some great videos and tutorials to help you.

<https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/our-curriculum/reading-and-phonics/>

Site Wish Lists

We've had an amazing response to our 'School Road Wish List' at School Road and we will be rolling this out across our other sites over the next few weeks.

We cannot begin to thank the PTA and our families enough for their support with these resources for the school.

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

Diary Dates

3rd February - Family Working Group - School Road 9am

12th February - FOWHIS Valentines Day Cake Sale SR back playground

5th February - Author Book Stall in SR playground

14th February - Non-uniform day, donations to school fund

17th - 21st February - Half Term

24th February - First day back at school

4th & 6th March - Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

19th March - Let's Dance Performance

26th March - Year 3 Windfarm Trip (3Y/3G)

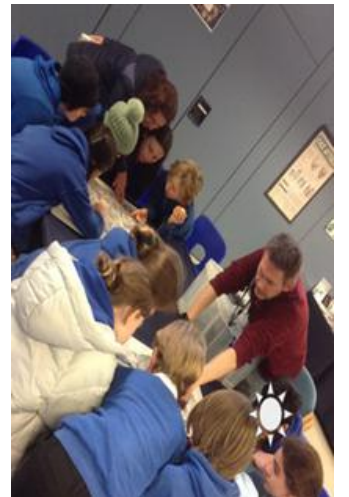
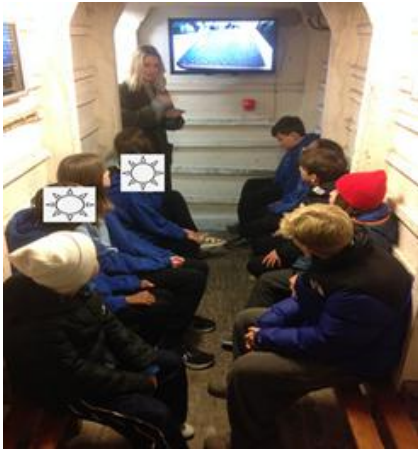
27th March - Year 3 Windfarm Trip (3B/3R)



Air Raid Shelter Visit at Downs Junior School

As part of our World War II topic, all classes in Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to visit the air raid shelter which is still in working order beneath Downs Junior school in Brighton. The shelter was constructed in 1939 shortly after the outbreak of WW2. It was designed with the purpose of protecting up to 300 children during the regular bombing raids that took place during WW2. The tour and exhibits included rare local photos, a bombing simulation and reconstruction inside the shelter, the opportunity to dress up as pilots and wonderful talks and stories told to us by war veterans.





Lego Donation - Thank you!

Thank you very much for the generous donation of Lego from parents and local community members. One local resident made a particularly large donation with a container to store the Lego - thank you!

The children have absolutely loved playing with the Lego, especially all the Lego people as we didn't have any before.





This week, we would like to take a moment to reflect on recent achievements and to celebrate our wonderful school!



Our school is leading the way in Brighton & Hove!

Thank you to Mrs Southern and the whole Senior Leadership Team for the fantastic letter about smartphones last Monday 20th January ([see the SFC page on the school website for a link to this](#)). It contains really useful information and helps to clarify the school's position that no child needs a smartphone to attend West Hove Infants or Hove Juniors. The letter encourages us all to think critically about the decisions we make when it comes to buying tech for our children, and urges all of us to delay smartphones until our children are at least 14 years old.

Through Mrs Southern and the SLT's engagement on this issue, we are proud to say that West Hove Infant and Hove Junior schools really are leading the way for other schools in Brighton and Hove.



On Thursday 23rd January, Brighton & Hove Smartphone Free Childhood ran a fantastic community panel event, hosted by Cottesmore School. **'The Hidden Impact of Smartphones on Brighton & Hove's Children'** was attended by community leaders from across the city, including school leadership from over 35 local schools, teachers, councillors and health professionals, as well as **Peter Kyle, MP for Hove and Portslade and Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology**.

The panel members, chaired by Joe Ryrie, co-founder of Smartphone Free Childhood, were widely praised for their varied and insightful presentations. The wisdom and experience shared was truly inspiring, at times shocking, and utterly galvanising. The event organisers received lots of positive feedback. Many people left feeling determined to implement change in our city. Bringing members of the community together in this way has been hugely empowering, and we look forward to the next steps.

The Brighton & Hove Group plans to hold a similar panel event for parents later this year, so watch this space for more information.



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



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.

****NEW CLUB FOR SCHOOL ROAD INFANTS STARTS THURS 27TH FEB!****

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MINDFUL KIDS



WEST HOVE INFANT

THURSDAY 3:15PM - 4:15PM £8 PER CLASS

TO BOOK WWW.MINDFULKIDSYOGO.CO.UK
OR EMAIL DANAY.MINDFULKIDS@GMAIL.COM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SPRING TERM '25 BOOK NOW



"MY DAUGHTER ASKED IF SHE CAN ATTEND THE CLUB UNTIL SHE LEAVES SCHOOL"



"I'VE SEEN MY SON'S CONFIDENCE GROW DURING HIS TIME SPENT AT THE CLUB."

FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

DINO DAY & TREASURE MAPS
APACHE FIRELIGHTING & SHELTER MAKING
POKEMON CARD MAKING & STACK ATTACK
PHARAOH'S REVENGE & EGYPTIANS
PLOP TRUMPS & WILD CATS
NERF: BATTLEMENT & MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
MAKE A BASKET & FOREST PHOTO FRAME
MOLKKY & CAMPFIRE MARSHMALLOWS
THE KEY INGREDIENT: LOTS OF FUN!

WATCHING CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE GROW & NEW FRIENDSHIPS FORM AT OUR CLUBS IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS WE DO.

**WEST HOVE INFANTS
SCHOOL ROAD**

TUESDAYS 3:15PM - 4:30PM

YEARS 1-2

25TH FEBRUARY - 4TH APRIL

TOTAL COST: £48 / 6-WEEK TERM

The
**Outdoors
Project**

MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SAPLINGS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

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

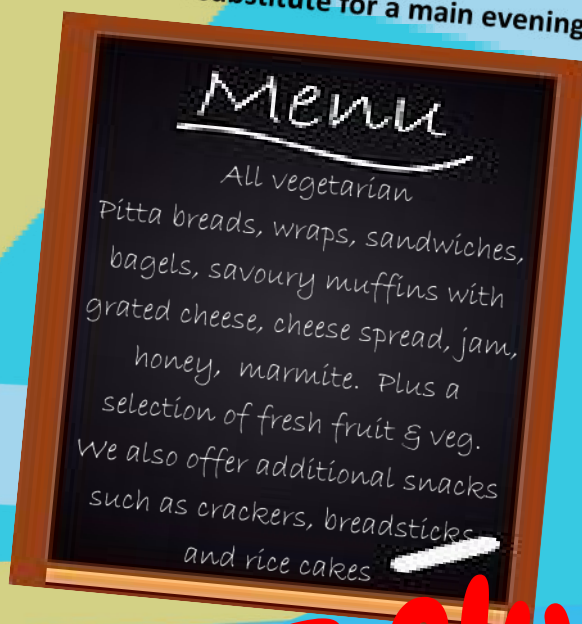
Enquiries: hlf.afterschoolclub@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

£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 and Finance team on the above email.

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



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

HLF club



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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.

WANT TO FEEL CONFIDENT IN YOUR YEAR 6 SATS?

Limited spots available in my:

RYAN FAERS
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Year 6 Maths Group

Tuesdays (5.00-6.00pm) weekly

- Arithmetic & Reasoning papers
- Interactive quizzes
- Modelled examples

One
space
left!

First
lesson
free!

Current
teacher
and school
leader

This half term in Maths:

- 07/01 - Multiplying decimals by integers
- 14/01 - Dividing decimals by integers
- 28/01 - Understand percentages
- 04/02 - FDP equivalents
- 11/02 - Percentages of an amount - 1 step
- 18/02 - Percentages of an amount - 2 step

Year 6 English Group

Mondays (5.30-6.30pm) weekly

- Reading and Grammar papers
- Comprehension skills
- SPaG applied in writing tasks

Two
spaces
left!

This half term in English:

- 06/01 - Punctuating boundaries
- 13/01 - Non-Fiction comprehension skills
- 27/01 - Word classes
- 03/02 - Poetry comprehension strategies
- 10/02 - Punctuating sentences
- 17/02 - Fiction comprehension skills



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- £25 per hour
- Maths Topic Checklist/Syllabus
- Marked Homework Task



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Vanessa Patterson Primary Tutor



20 years experience
working as a primary
school teacher across
Sussex



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sessions available

Key Stages 1 and 2
maths and English

1:1 sessions tailored to
your child

What I can offer:

- Outstanding teaching delivered on a 1:1 basis
- Learning personalised to your child's individual needs
- Free 15 minute phone or zoom consultation
- Expert advice and dedicated time to discuss your child's needs
- Building your child's confidence
- Weekday and weekend sessions

Contact Vanessa at:

mrspprimarytutor@gmail.com or

07540827713 to discuss your child's needs.

Scan the QR code to visit my Facebook page and see testimonials.





Vanessa Patterson
Primary Tutor



Term time
sessions
running until
May

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Online Group Tuition for Year 6 Students

Is your child ready to excel in their SATs?

These group sessions are designed for Year 6 students who want to go beyond expectations and aim for greater depth in Maths

What I Offer:

- ✓ Expert tuition from a qualified, experienced teacher
- ✓ Small groups for focused, interactive learning
- ✓ Engaging lessons tailored to stretch and challenge
- ✓ Proven strategies to master tricky concepts
- ✓ Weekly practice with greater depth-style questions

Class Details:

-  Time: 5.45pm Thursdays during term time
-  Where: Online (accessible from anywhere!)
-  Cost: £20 per session

Contact Vanessa at:

mrspprimarytutor@gmail.com
or 07540827713 to secure your
child's space

Scan the QR
code to visit my
Facebook page
to find out more



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