



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

Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Families,

Here at School and Portland Road this week it has been a wonderful end to the term, and a real celebration of the joint commitment and dedication of the infant and junior Eco Committee working together in the school community. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying Eco Committee's plant swap event on Wednesday, with families swapping ornamental plants, herbs, vegetable seedlings, seeds and bulbs! Children also made some wonderful herb bookmarks and enjoyed trying to identify herbs using 'who am I?' clues.

Today we have decorated the canteen and had a Valentine's lunch in the school canteen to celebrate the children and how special they make our school community. We'd also like to thank FOWHIS and the HJS PTA busy who have been selling cakes after school and raising funds for the sites.

We were delighted to welcome British trampoline gymnast Kirsty Way to School Road on Thursday 13th February. Kirsty shared her inspiring journey of hard work and determination to becoming one of Britain's lead trampoline gymnasts with our Reception, Year 1 and 2 children. Having started trampolining at 7 years old, she worked her way up to National level before pushing for a junior world championship in 2015. Kirsty started the event she is now famous for, double mini trampolining (DMT), when she was 13 and has won seven medals overall at the World Trampoline Gymnastics Championships between 2015 - 2023.



Once the children had had a chance to meet Kirsty, see videos of her performing and see some of her medals, they then took part in fitness circuits lead by the athlete herself. Our school hall has never seen so many star jumps, push-ups and 'mountain climbers'!



You can see more pictures of the event later in this newsletter!

World Book Day is just around the corner (Thursday 6th March), after half term and our theme this year is 'Twisted Fairy Tales' with a whole range of fun reading activities to enjoy! British Science Week will also be taking place from 7-16th March. As part of the celebrations, we will be launching a poster competition in the first week after half term. Have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 24th February.

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

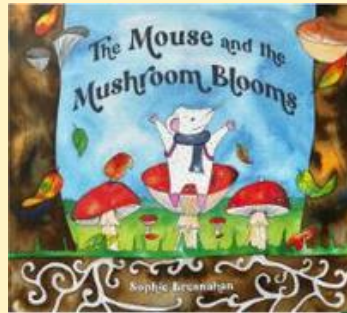
Diary Dates

17th - 21st February - Half Term
24th February - First day back at school
4th & 6th March - Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
6th March - World Book day (dress up)
19th March - Let's Dance Performance
26th & 27th March - Year 2 Drusillas Trips
26th March - Year 3 Windfarm Trip (3Y/3G)
27th March - Year 3 Windfarm Trip (3B/3R)



Year 2 Author Visit

Year 2 were delighted to have Sophie Bresnahan visiting us this week. Sophie is a local author and illustrator and she came in to read us her book 'The Mouse and the Mushroom blooms'.



She shared some facts with us about mushrooms, fungi and the mycelium network which tied in wonderfully with our Spring term topic of the Rainforest!



Year 2 Dance Workshop

Year 2 loved our dance workshop with Vicky Malin! We loved hearing about her experiences with dance and exploring different emotions through sound and movement.



British Trampoline Gymnast Visit - photos!



Eco Committee Plant Swap

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This half term, thinking about the extra time you might spend as a family, here are some tips for navigating screen time generally, and getting off on the right foot as a family around tech use.

Family tech talks

This half term (or any time), why not spend some time as a family, discussing tech? Start with the positives, discussing what's good in our digital age, before moving on to challenges. Starting on a positive note will help children feel understood, and then might help them to feel more open to discussing limits and challenges of tech. This might in turn make them more understanding of time limits, and helps develop critical thinking about their online lives.

Time limits

We have all experienced the meltdowns that come with saying time is up, on a video, game or other online activity. Setting a timer and reminding them when it's e.g. 20 minutes, then 10 minutes to go, will help prepare your child to wind down. It may well still be hard for your child to switch off, and tantrums are completely normal, so do expect them, and do empathise, but don't give in.

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



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SCHOOL
LOTTERY**

Hove Junior School

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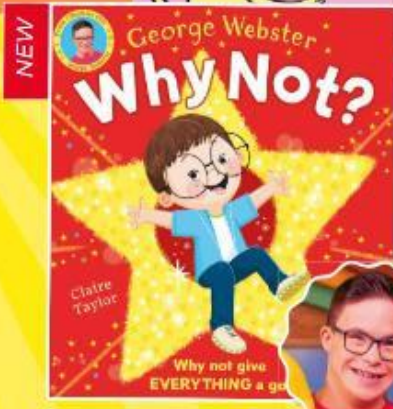
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Monday 10th - Thursday 13th March. In the main school hall. 3:15-3:45pm.

(School Road)

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The after school Lego Clubs have been incredibly lucky to receive a staggering amount of Lego donations that have been kindly collected by Liz Marlow, a parent in Turtle Class.

A huge thank you to Liz for organising the donations and to all of the lovely people who donated the Lego to us.

A big thank you also to Gayle in Poets Corner who donated an entire tub of Lego.

(Thank you for letting us keep the tub too!)

The children in Lego club were amazed to see all of the new Lego and have absolutely loved playing with it. They were particularly excited to have new Lego people to play with!

Here are some pictures to show the fun we've had with it so far!



Messages for parents and carers

Internet Safety Information



internetmatters.org is a very useful website which contains parental advice, support and guides on how to put control settings onto devices, social media and gaming. It has useful video guides as well as PDF versions.

The National College for Online Safety website also has useful information, including online safety guides for all the latest apps, games and devices:

<https://nationalcollege.com/parents>



Asda's Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to our families who downloaded and utilised the Asda Cashpot Rewards App, you raised £190.58 for the schools!





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.

Schools Mental Health Service



Webinars from SMHS

Webinars now available to watch any time

Our EMHPs (Education Mental Health Practitioners) have recorded webinars on some of the most common concerns they see. These are available to watch at any time:

Let's talk about [Low Mood](https://tinyurl.com/ytb3t53j) <https://tinyurl.com/ytb3t53j>

[Supporting your Child with Sleep Difficulties](https://tinyurl.com/z7ncutef) <https://tinyurl.com/z7ncutef>

[Helping your child to cope with their fears and worries](https://tinyurl.com/4b23uv4a) <https://tinyurl.com/4b23uv4a>

[Supporting your Child in the Transition to Year 7](https://tinyurl.com/ycxa9yht) <https://tinyurl.com/ycxa9yht>

We are on Facebook - please follow us for news on events and resources for children and young people's mental health and wellbeing



Find us at [Facebook](https://tinyurl.com/3ujayz3j) <https://tinyurl.com/3ujayz3j>

BHISS Literacy Team Parents' and Carers' Open Evening

FREE!

Supporting Dyslexia and Literacy Difficulties at Primary and Secondary School

- Open to all parents / carers with questions about their children's literacy development - no need to book, just come along.
- Demonstration of a range of useful resources and games.
- Presentation from BHISS Literacy Team to introduce the new **Dyslexia Guidance** document



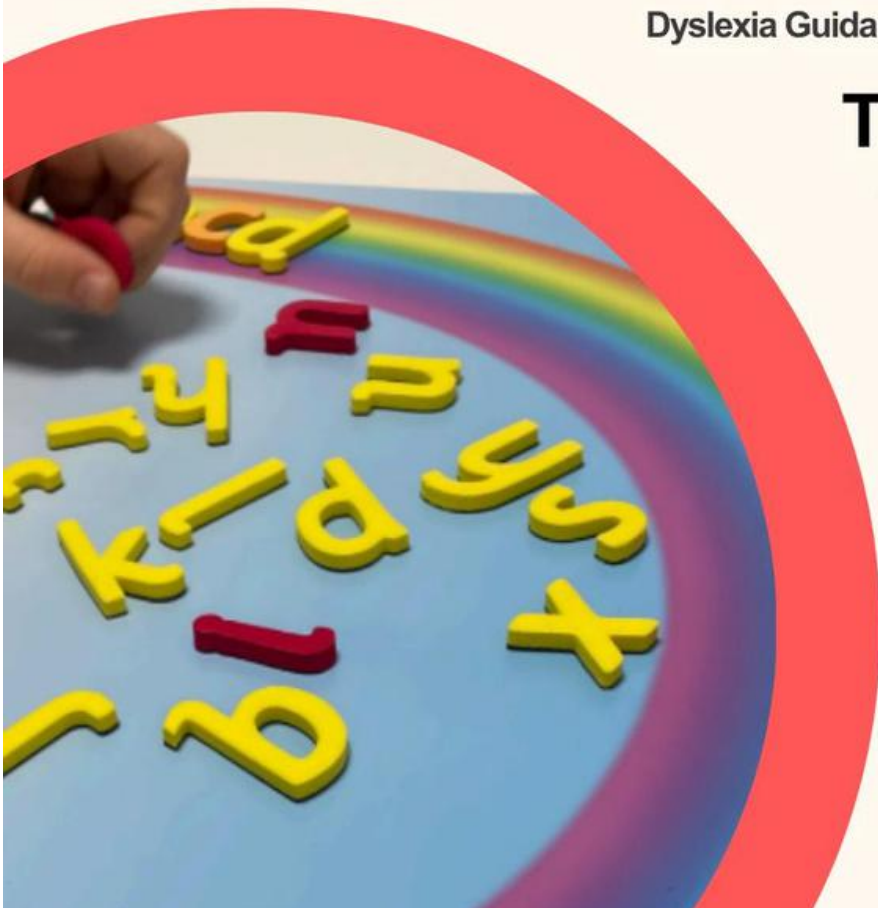
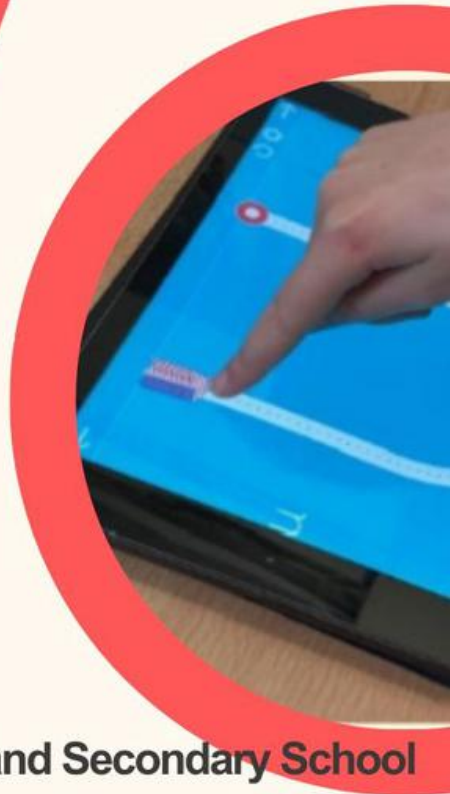
Thursday 13th March

Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College,
The Upper Drive, Hove. BN3 6ND
6 - 7.30pm

- Stalls with Dyslexia Friendly Books
- Book Nook Children's Bookshop
- Join LEAPS parent group

Parking

Please note there is limited parking available in the school car park. Please see the map for car parking. There is some on street pay and display parking. The school is near The Old Shoreham Road and The Drive bus routes.



Parking



 Sixth form centre – City Wide Parents’ Evening

The main school will be closed so please park, then walk out and up the Upper Drive to the Sixth Form entrance.

Alternatively there is parking on the Upper Drive but it is pay and display.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

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CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

① Encourage journalling

Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journalling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

② Make space for reflection

When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need.

Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

③ Be visual

Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.

④ Practice mindfulness

Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.

⑤ Communicate

Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.



If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. Here4You.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

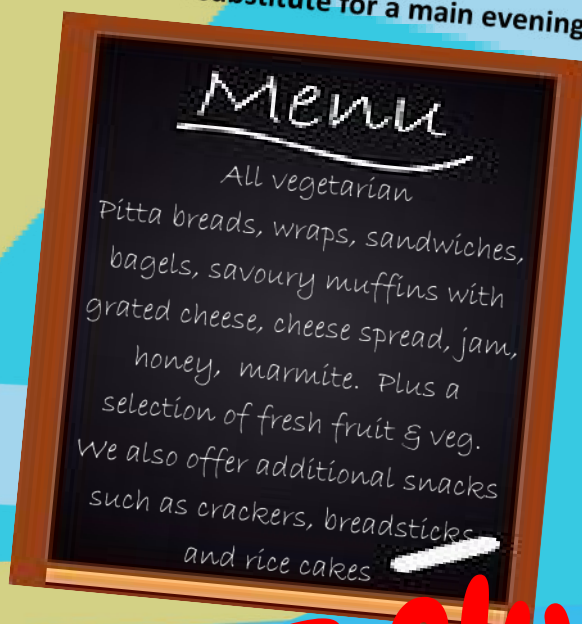
Enquiries: hlf.afterschoolclub@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

£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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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.



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Year 6 Maths Group

Tuesdays (5.00-6.00pm) weekly

- Arithmetic & Reasoning papers
- Interactive quizzes
- Modelled examples

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First
lesson
free!

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

Current
teacher
and school
leader

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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Contact Vanessa at:

mrspprimarytutor@gmail.com or

07540827713 to discuss your child's needs.

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Vanessa Patterson
Primary Tutor



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

Contact Vanessa at:

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