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Hove Learning Federation

Holland Road

Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Families,

Happy World Book Day!

Yesterday was a brilliant day celebrating the fun of reading and supporting children to read their way. We've been busy hosting a lot of activities from book hunts to live author talks throughout the day. We've watched the author of 'The Big Bad Wolf Investigates Fairy Tales' and had a fabulous week climbing Jack's Beanstalk or saving Hansel and Gretel!

Promoting a lifelong love of reading is our priority and passion as a staff. Please never underestimate the influence you have as parents and carers in reading with your children regularly. Reading aloud to your child, sharing your enthusiasm with your family for books and giving time to your child to talk about the books they are reading whilst recommending books to each other will help to instil a love of reading. Thank you, as always, for your support with this.

<https://www.westhove.com.uk/2025/03/07/>



Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

It has been wonderful to see so many families at our parent/carers evenings throughout the week. Please take the time to complete our feedback survey sent out to you (links below), and if you have not been able to attend this week, please contact the school office to arrange a time to meet the teacher before the end of the spring term.

WHIS - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGJVGQQ>

HJS - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HM7VJKB>

British Science Week takes place between 7th - 16th March. The theme this year is Adaptation and Change and there are some fabulous cross-curricular activities that will be taking place across both schools to engage all year groups.

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

19th March - Let's Dance Performance

21st March - Red Nose Day (dress down day with optional Red theme)

24th March - Year 2 Drusillas Trip

25th March - Year 3 Windfarm Trips

27th March - Easter Bonnet parade and school disco

4th April - last day of term (dress down day)

7th - 21st April - Easter Holidays

22nd April - First day of summer term



World Book Day!



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Watch out for more photographs in our next newsletter!

Year 4 Marvellous Middle

For our Marvellous Middle on Wednesday 26th February, Year 4 got crafty and made their own class Viking villages! We used our historical understanding of this period in history to discuss what would have likely been in a traditional Viking village, used research skills to find out more about our chosen aspect in order to write a paragraph about it and then got creative!



Year 5 had an amazing time visiting Blatchington Mill School to watch Back to the 80s! The show was full of energy, great music, and fantastic performances, and our students absolutely loved it.

A huge thank you to everyone at Blatchington Mill for such a wonderful experience, and an extra special thank you to all the adults who volunteered their time to make this trip possible. We truly appreciate your support.



Saplings

We have been working on enhancing our Saplings area to create an even more engaging and nurturing space for our learners. Recently, we added new steps to improve access to the area, making it a safer space for the children to explore. We have also enhanced and expanded our mud kitchen area, now featuring a larger space with decking, which will offer even more opportunities for messy play and to explore nature-based activities. Additionally, we have added two large planters for hands-on gardening experiences, where children can grow their own plants and learn about the environment. A huge thank you to all the parents who have contributed logs and sticks- your donations have been invaluable. We hope to continue building a bank of these materials so the children have permanent access to resources for den making and creative play.

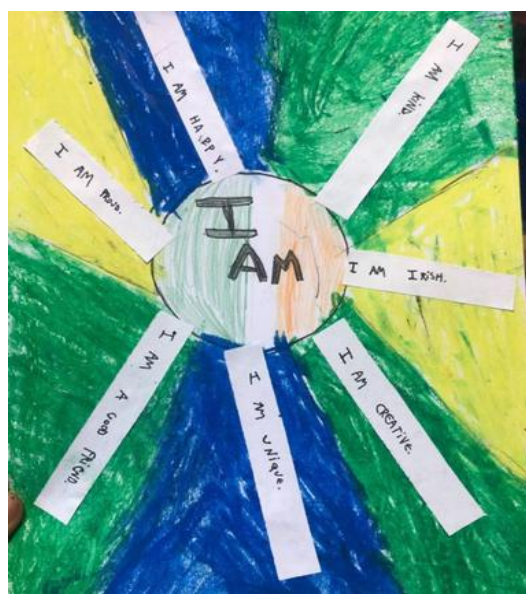
Looking forward, we hope to plant trees or shrubs along the back fencing to create more privacy and prevent pollution. We're thrilled that some parents have already expressed an interest in helping with this project. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a safe, inspiring and sustainable environment for our young explorers!



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

3-9 FEB 2025

This years theme was "Know yourself, Grow Yourself". Across all three sites, our children took part in various activities .



Children's Mental Health Week → February 2025

What some of us are thankful for in 4 Amber:



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Reception Families!



Have you wondered how to support your child at home with maths? Would you like to find out more about the way Maths is taught in Early Years?

Research evidence suggests that when parents are engaged in their children's learning, outcomes for children can be improved. We would like to support families to understand our maths curriculum and find ways they can support their learning at home.

We will be holding a maths workshop for our Reception Classes for all families to attend. In this workshop you will find out what your child is learning in maths, improve your confidence in helping your child with maths, create some games and activities for you to use at home, share home activities that you can take home to work on together. The children will join us for the workshop so they can show you how they learn!

The workshop will be held on:

- Tuesday 18th March- in the School Hall from 9.00am and will last approximately 45 minutes.

We look forward to seeing everyone.



Dear Parents and Carers,

🌟 This has been an important week for all those in Year 6, who found out on Monday what secondary schools they will be attending. Exciting times indeed!

We know that at this time of year in particular, many families will be having discussions around when is the best time to get their child a smartphone, and asking the question 'will my child need a smartphone to start secondary school?'

SFC Brighton has been working with secondary schools across the city. **We would like to emphasise that children do not need a smartphone to attend secondary school, and to encourage you to consider [signing the SFC Parent Pact](#), to pledge to delay until year 9.**

All secondary schools across Brighton & Hove have a smartphone-free policy, in line with Government guidance. Specific policies differ from school to school. We recommend contacting your allocated school to ask them about their approach.

We expect to see a trend away from children getting smartphones in time for secondary school in the coming years, as more people come to realise that children do not need one to attend school, and as our understanding of the risks associated with early smartphone use grows. A number of secondary schools have parent pacts signed for children in the current Year 7, and we expect that this number will continue to rise year on year. You can check the number of [parent pacts signed at all schools across East Sussex here](#).

Please remember, even if you have already signed the Parent Pact at primary school, **you will need to sign a new pact when your child starts at their secondary school.** This is so that data on the number of pacts signed for children at secondary school can be collected. This will be so important going forward... the greater the number of pacts signed at secondary schools, the further the tide will turn and the more confident primary parents will feel to sign up themselves in years to come. Don't worry, you don't need to sign a new pact until September and we will send another reminder about this closer to the time.

A number of our group have children nearing, or already in secondary education, so we are in the same boat as you! We would urge you to look closely at all the available information when making your smartphone decisions. A good starting point for this would be [Smartphone Free Childhood](#), [Smartphone Free Childhood Brighton](#) and the [Hove Learning Federation Smartphone Free Childhood](#) pages.

Now is a great time to see if your secondary school has a [Smartphone Free Childhood parent whatsapp group](#). These groups are so great for sharing support, information and finding solidarity with others, and you may find reassurance from other prospective families also choosing to delay.

We understand you might have some concerns about your child starting secondary without a smartphone. Here are some 'frequently raised concerns':

Won't my child need a smartphone for the journey to and from school?

Feature phones (phones with no internet connection that can call and text only) enable children to contact parents in case of delays, problems or changes of plan. Smartphones put children at increased risk of mugging and road incidents. 500 children get mugged for their smartphones every day in the UK (Office for National Statistics, 2019). Nearly 20% of secondary school pupils who use their phones while walking have either been hit or involved in a near miss with a vehicle (Churchill / Opinium, 2024).

I want to track my child on their journey to and from school.

We understand that some families want to track their children. AirTags can do this - and because they are cheaper, they are less prone to theft.

Won't my child need a smartphone to buy things at the shop and to pay for bus tickets?

There is no doubt that an increasing number of shops and services are cash-free nowadays. This can be solved by using one of the many childrens' debit cards on the market. Look for a card which can be managed from a parent's smartphone, or which can be managed together with your child on a laptop. For travel on public transport, physical bus passes are readily available from bus stations. Once purchased, these can be easily pre-loaded online by a parent.

If you are considering delaying, you might like to check out the latest options for [non-smartphone alternatives](#) on the SFC website. This site also gives really helpful information on the best types of SIM to use. Note also that a number of companies are currently working alongside parents on other designs for a phone solution that meet the needs of our tweens and teens, without putting their mental and physical health at risk. Keep an eye out on the SFC alternatives page for the latest updates.

If you have any thoughts or questions, we would love to chat with you in our supportive West Hove Infant and Hove Junior SFC parent whatsapp groups, at either the [Portland Road site](#) or the [Holland Road site](#).

With best wishes,

The West Hove Infant and Hove Junior SFC Working Group



HOLLAND ROAD PTA PRESENTS

SPRING DISCO

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2025

YEAR R, 1 & 2)

3:30PM - 4:15PM

YEAR 3 & 4

4:30PM - 5:30PM

YEAR 5 & 6

5:45PM - 6:45PM

£5 PER CHILD
£1 PER ADULT
 (INFANTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT)
£1 ADDITIONAL TICKETS

**(TICKET PRICE INCLUDES
POPCORN & A DRINK)**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE PLAYGROUND
(PAY BY CARD WHERE POSSIBLE PLEASE) OR EMAIL
THE PTA ON HOVEPTAHOLLANDRD@GMAIL.COM

- STALLS**
- HOT DOGS**
- DRINKS**
- CAKE**
- PICK & MIX**
- FACE PAINTING**
- LUCKY DIP BAGS**
- TATTOOS**
- TREASURE HUNT**
- QUIET AREA**

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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.

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

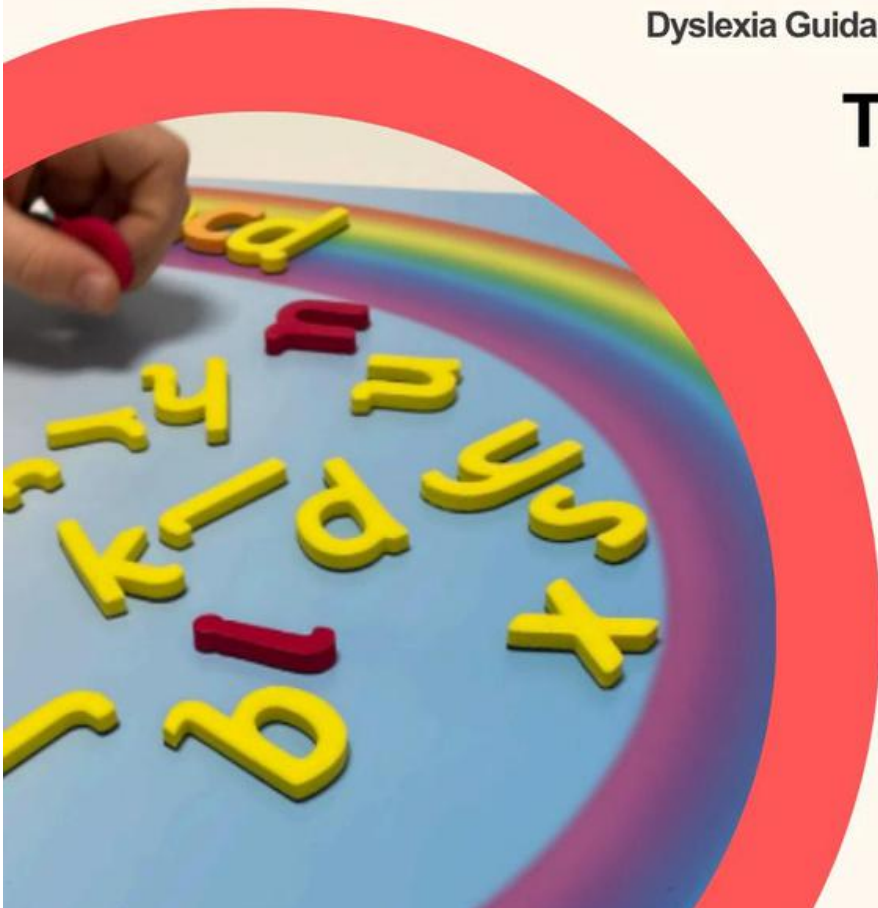
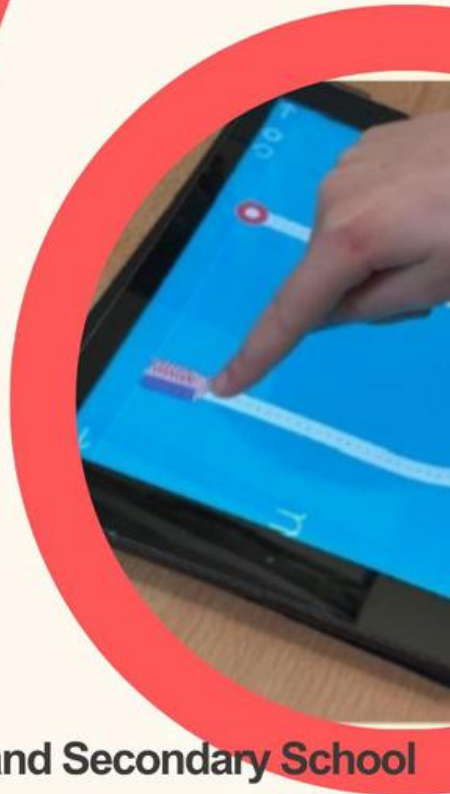
Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College,
The Upper Drive, Hove. BN3 6ND

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.



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WEST HOVE INFANTS EASTER CAMP!

Monday 7th - Thursday 17th April 2025

Book online at pioneerchildcare.co.uk

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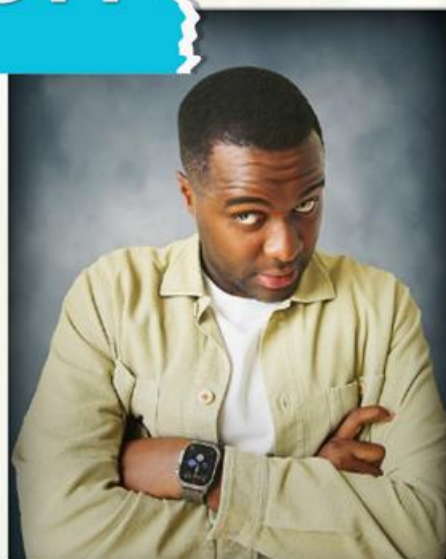
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Easter Holiday Online SATS Masterclasses

One off sessions to support confidence with SATS questions.

- ✓ Monday 7th April: Addition and Subtraction Problems
- ✓ Tuesday 8th April: Fraction Calculations
- ✓ Wednesday 9th April: Multiplication and Division Problems
- ✓ Thursday 10th April: Money Problems
- ✓ Friday 11th April: Measure Problems

10am-11am
 £15 per session
 or all 5 for £60

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

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Tuesdays (5.00-6.00pm) weekly

- Arithmetic & Reasoning papers
- Interactive quizzes
- Modelled examples

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Current
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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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