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Hove Learning Federation School/Portland 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.



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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01273 916707

Hove Junior School

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01273 916707

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team

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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)

26th & 27th March - Year 2 Drusillas Trips

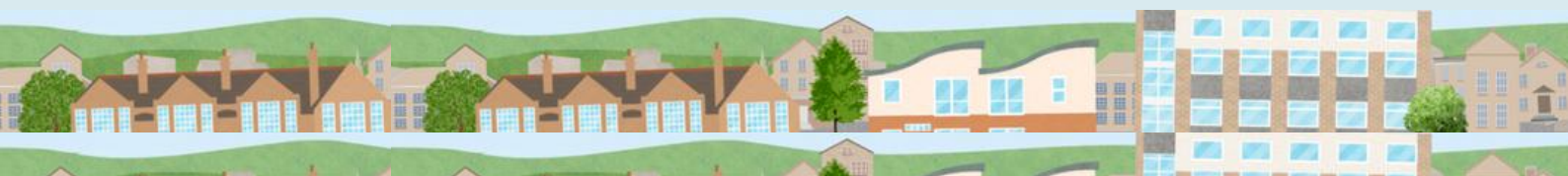
26th March - Year 3 Windfarm Trip (3Y/3G)

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

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

Over the last few weeks, Year 4 have been on a mission to create Viking villages, using their new knowledge from our history lessons. Each class started with a range of craft materials, which they creatively turned into houses, boats, tress, rivers and lots of the things that would've been found in a Viking village. Here are some pictures of our making process and the finished products...









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.

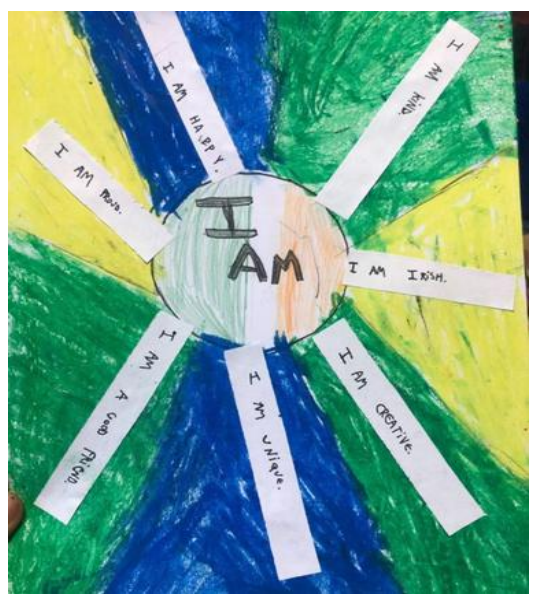
A huge thank you to everyone at Blatchington Mill for such a wonderful experience, and an extra special thank you to all the adults who volunteered their time to make this trip possible. We truly appreciate your support.



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

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Thank you!

A huge THANK YOU to Tim Way, Isla's Dad in Dragonflies, who gave his time to come and build the new greenhouse ready for our Saplings Spring planting adventures!





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 are holding a maths workshop for each Reception Class 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 workshops will be held on following dates:

- Monday 17th March- Dolphins Class
- Wednesday 19th March- Turtles Class
- Thursday 20th March- Sealions Class
- Friday 21st March- Seahorses Class

Workshops will be held in the School Hall from 9.10am 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

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

£1 off a book for each child with a 'World Book Day' token.

Last year, your support helped raise over £500

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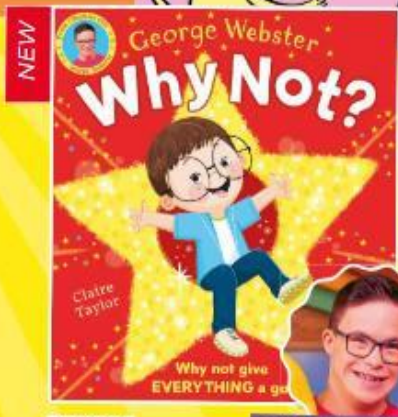
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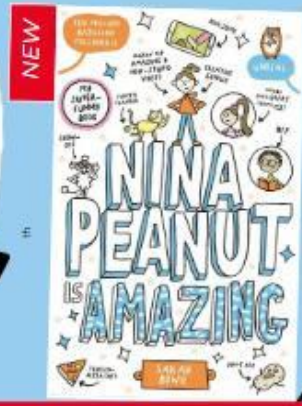


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Monday 10th - Thursday 13th March. In the main school hall. 3:15-3:45pm.

(School Road)

Let's play!
Join the Table Tennis Club @
Hove Junior School (PR)



For years 4, 5 and 6.
Wednesdays, 3.20 p.m - 4.20 p.m in 5 Blue class
with Miss Anglada.
£8 per session (fees payable in advance for the
term)
nataliaanglada@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Sign up now ready to start on Wednesday 23.4.25. Limited spaces available



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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



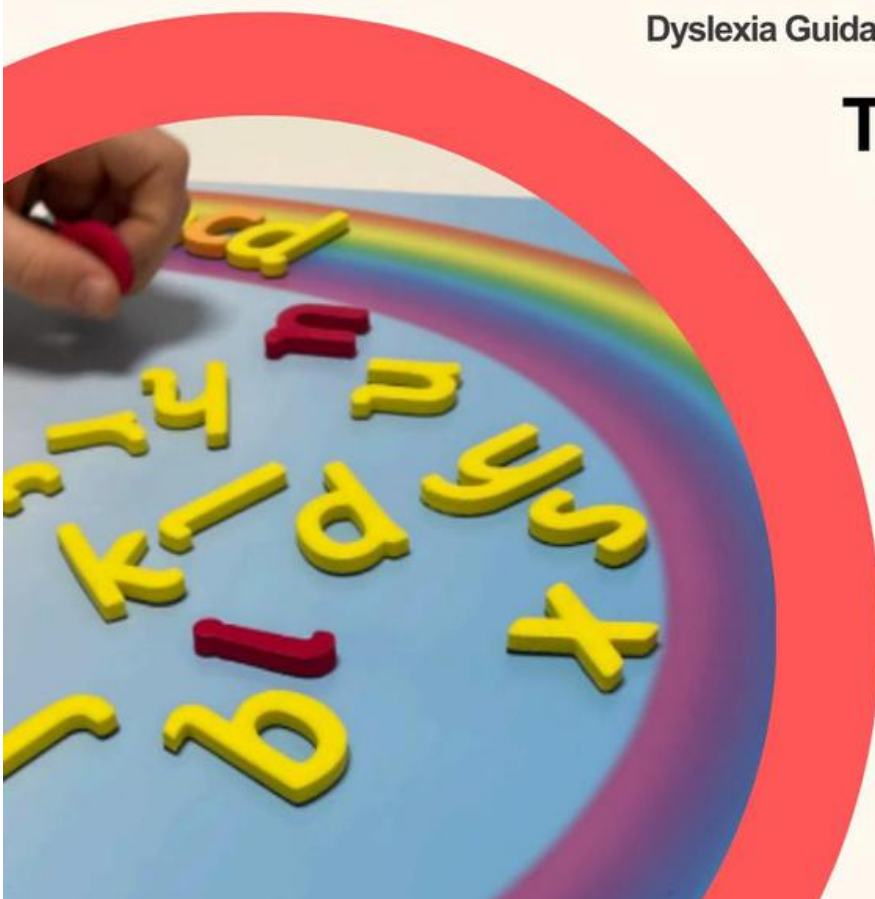
Thursday 13th March

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.

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

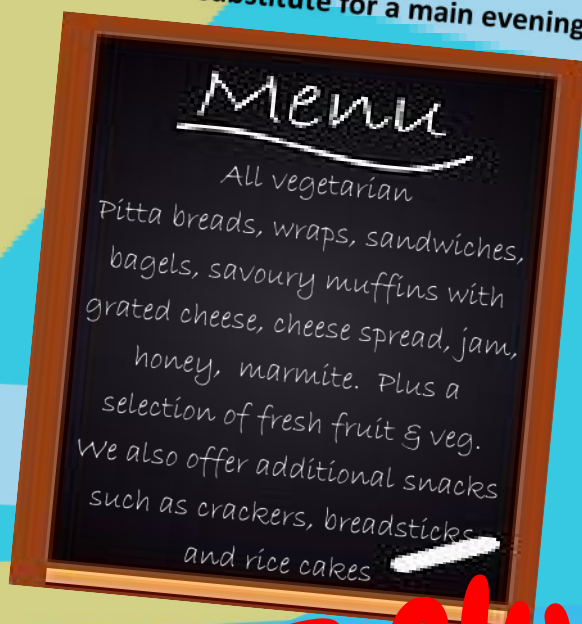
Enquiries: hlf.afterschoolclub@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

£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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WEST HOVE INFANTS EASTER CAMP!

Monday 7th - Thursday 17th April 2025

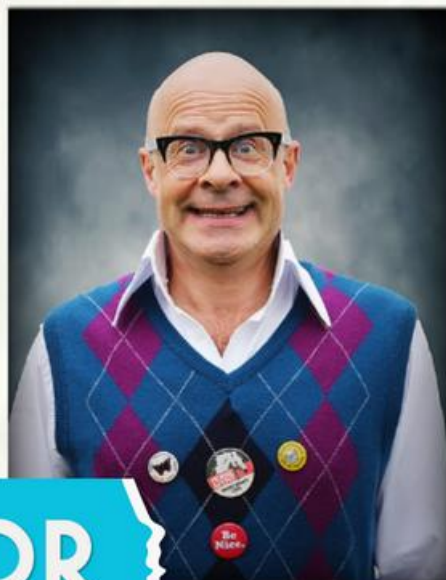
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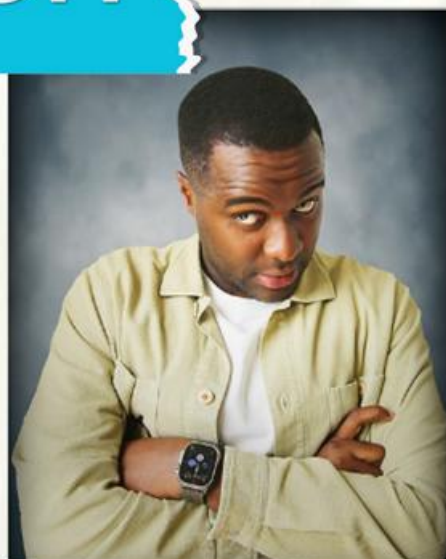
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17 **Year 6 SATS group**
 Time: 5.45pm
Thursdays (until May)
 Where: Online
 Cost: £20 per session

17 **Prepare for Year 7**
 Time: 5.45pm
Thursdays (from May)
 Where: Online
 Cost: £20 per session

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

Max 4 per group

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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Year 6 Maths Group

Tuesdays (5.00-6.00pm) weekly

- Arithmetic & Reasoning papers
- Interactive quizzes
- Modelled examples

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First
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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

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

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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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