



**WEST HOVE
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Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Families,

It has been lovely seeing the children dressed up for Red Nose Day today. We have raised over £550 for Comic Relief at the time of writing, thank you so much for all your generous donations!

Let's Dance

Wow, what a fabulous 'Let's Dance' entertainment show we were treated to on Wednesday. The children were so proud and motivated to perform. They have worked so hard throughout the last few months to prepare for the show at the Dome with the infant and junior pupils working together to perform. A huge thankyou to our PE leads Mrs Finch, Mrs Berger, Miss Allum-Watts and Miss Anglada for all of their organisation and to our two dance teachers Vicky and Michelle who choreographed and taught all of our pupils.



Amazon Wish List

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who purchased items from our School Road wish list on Amazon, we are so grateful for your generosity.



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

26th & 27th March - Year 2 Drusillas Trips

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

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

2nd April - PR School Council Bake Sale

3rd April - PTA Easter disco - Portland Road

4th April - FOWHIS egg hunt - after school (School Road)

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

7th - 21st April - Easter Holidays

22nd April - First day of summer term

2nd May - Infants Class Photos



Oracy Workshops for Reception: Speaking and Maths Focus

We are proud to be able to repeat our Oracy Workshops for parents again this year. Selected parents in Reception came together to learn about how we can enhance talk in every situation and share all our wealth of knowledge and experience. This is a funded project, where we are promoting the importance of parents in supporting their children with all things Communication. The best part is putting the talk into practice in play situations. During the first workshop we made playdoh together - rather messy but lots of fun and plenty of talk! The second workshop we played many maths games using dice.

These are some quotes from parents about the workshops:

"We love the activities in the take home book packs. They gave us some great ideas based around the book."

"The workshops are so useful and informative. Any parent that has had an invite should definitely attend."

"It is so lovely spending time with my child at school and see what they are learning. Great, fun activities that we then did at home too."





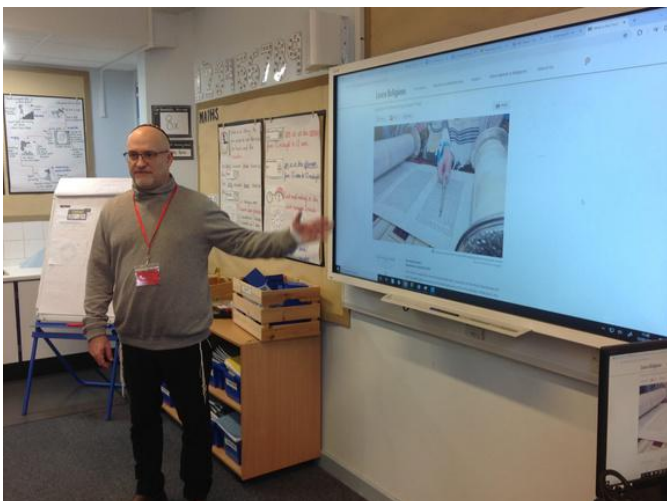
Our special visitor in year 3: Rabbi Andrea Zanardo

Last week, Year 3 had a visit from Rabbi Andrea as part of their unit on prayer in RE.

He talked about prayer in the Jewish faith, why prayer is important to him, and where he prefers to pray.

He answered the children's questions and even showed us an app on his phone, that shows him which direction Israel is in so that he can face the right way when he is praying.

Thank you to the rabbi for his interesting and informative visit!



Let's Dance at The Dome on the 19th March 2025

What a fabulous evening at The Dome! Children from Hove Learning Federation (Year 2 and 5) took part in a combined dance routine prepared by Vicky Moteane. They clapped, danced and smiled all the way through!

They made us all very proud and we were delighted to see them own the stage floor.

Congratulations to all our performers and thank you parents and carers for your support.

Here are some photos of the evening.



#letgirlsplay by Brighton Galaxy Girls



On Friday 7th March, a small group of Hove Learning Federation children went to Blatchington Mill school to take part in #letgirlsplay event. There, they were good at mastering some football skills, played some friendly games and enjoyed a carousel of activities led by Brighton Galaxy Girls coaches. They all received a certificate and Fatima was the lucky winner for her resilience and sportsmanship of a bright pair of football socks! Well done girls! Here are some shots of the event



Final Information Re: Sussex School Games Cross Country Finals 2025

Please contact the school office if you haven't received the letter from the organisers

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)
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BRIGHTON MILES

SATURDAY 5 APRIL
Come join us **FOR FREE** from **10:45**



Scan the QR code or click the link [HERE](#) to register!

The **FREE** one-mile event will take place in **Preston Park**

Finisher's medal

Open to children and young people aged 7-17

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WAVE TIMES

10.45	Girls-only wave (Years 3 & 4)
10.55	Mixed wave (Years 3 & 4)
11:20	Girls-only wave (Years 5 & 6)
11:30	Girls-only wave (Years 5 & 6)
11:55	Girls-only wave (Years 7-12)
12:05	Mixed wave (Years 7-12)

Stinger Netball 13.3.25

Incredibly proud of the 8 students who came out and represented Hove Juniors Portland Road, admirably.

They won 2 and drew 3 out of a possible 8 games.

They worked hard as a team, just as they do in Monday netball club!

Well done to all!



Community Opportunities to play Netball & other resources

England Netball Bee Netball Resources:

England Netball have put together a 6 week session plan which can be found here:
[Your School Games - Netball](#)

Sussex Netball Information about clubs

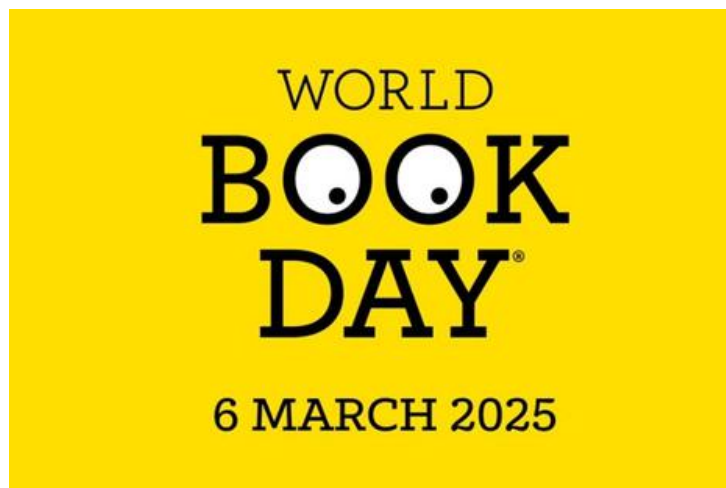
[Clubs - Netball South](#)

[\(6\) 5Ways Netball, Brighton | Facebook](#) – Contact the club for more information

[Junior Performance Netball Club in Sussex | Magic Netball](#) – Contact the club for more information

[Brighton Bees • Brighton Girls \(gdst.net\)](#)

[Shoreham Waves Netball Club – Welcome to Shoreham Waves Netball Club. We aim to support children from ages 6-14 to play netball in a safe and friendly environment](#)



We celebrated World Book Day 2025 in style - across all three sites - with a whole host of fun reading-related activities for the children to enjoy.

The day revolved around fairy tales and the children loved a range of age-appropriate sessions, for example making props and role-playing in the Infants, and - in the Juniors - they relished the chance to 'taste' different genres of texts, including fairy tales, on a reading cafe style carousel. Author visits and assemblies added to the excitement, and the afternoon saw classes mixed up, with Year 3 and 5 working together, and Year 4 and 6. It was delightful to see the older children working so beautifully with the younger, and the lower year groups working confidently with their peers - a fabulous 'working with others' activity! The children twisted fairy tales to make their own story and were so creative!

Thank you for your support in helping your child come in dressed up for the day, and for promoting reading at home - one of the most important things you can do as a parent. The effects of reading on child development include cognitive and emotional benefits, such as helping children develop language skills and literacy, build empathy, and learn how to handle challenging feelings. This [website \(https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/\)](https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/) offers lots of recommended reads to help you encourage 'book talk' at home. Don't forget our local Hove library too!







The Daily BUDDY

SPECIAL ISSUE

FAMOUS AUTHOR VISITS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Emma Carroll (author of letters from the light house and more) visited home Junior School during her Dead line for her new book DRACULA. teacher of six Blue Mrs Tamalyn organised the event on ZOOM as during her Dead line she had no way of coming in person. Children have reviewed the visit and their honest opinions have been recorded in this paper by our best and only reporter Buddy Crocker. She had a nice dog she was so cute! - Matilda. I thought it was very good she had lots of tips - Indi. her new book is to come out in September, as well as it being a big year for all the students as they (including me) are going to their new school - Is for year 5. The visit is very rare especially she Emma is in her dead line so all classes experiencing this are very lucky indeed.



List of Reviews Below)
OVR

- She was really clear and had lots of good tips - Chloe
- It was great - Thomas
- Very interesting and fun - Jackson
- It was super interesting and descriptive - Louis
- It was funny when she said nobody would save Donald Trump - Evylyn



Emma Carroll is an overall great author and has really out done her self to sacrifice her precious time to us and to have explained some great tips. her sudden availability shocked us all so we all have a big thank you to say for Emma!

Buddy

(Reminder - World Book Day on 6th of March)



WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE

THANK YOU



To every one that came along and supported the Book Fair.

Thanks to all of your purchases, we managed to raise a whopping £800 to spend on books for our school.



This is the most we have ever raised, and we are so very grateful for all of your support in making that happen.



We hope your children are enjoying reading all of their lovely new books at home, and we will keep you updated with news of the new books we buy for school.

Thanks again!



Kids & smartphones – what’s the big deal?

When children first started getting smartphones a decade ago, there was no research about their impact. Now there is, and it’s overwhelming.



HARMFUL CONTENT

Smartphones act as a gateway to pornography, violent and extreme content. Often kids don’t seek them out but are exposed to them via algorithms and messaging apps. Once seen, these things can never be unseen. 90% of girls and 50% of boys say they’re sent explicit content they didn’t want to see.



ADDICTION

Tech companies intentionally make apps addictive, because the more time we spend, the more data they harvest, the more money they make. By leveraging dopamine circuits, they trigger brain responses akin to slot machine gambling. 1 in 4 young adults show signs of behavioural addiction to smartphones.



ACADEMIC DISTRACTION

The average teen receives 237 smartphone notifications a day – one every few minutes – making focusing on schoolwork hard. Studies show that excessive smartphone use has negative impacts on academic performance. Children at schools with effective smartphone bans get GCSE’s 1-2 grades higher.



GROOMING

Sites like TikTok, Snapchat and Roblox are used by sexual predators to target children with their first smartphones, blackmailing them into sharing sexual content. Sextortion is now the fastest growing crime against teens. Since 2022, there has been a 66% rise in ‘self generated’ sexual abuse imagery of children under 10.



CYBERBULLYING

Disagreements between pupils used to stop at the school gate, now they follow kids wherever they go, 24/7. Young people who experience cyberbullying are twice as likely to attempt suicide and self-harm. One in six teens report being cyberbullied in the past month, according to the World Health Organisation.



MENTAL ILLNESS

Rates of depression, anxiety and suicide in young people have spiked globally since 2010, when children first began getting smartphones. The first generation to grow up with smartphones are now adults – data shows that the younger they got their first smartphone, the worse their mental health today.



OPPORTUNITY COST

Underpinning all these harms is one that is potentially the most significant of all. For the first time in human history, children are spending more time on devices than they are playing – an activity crucial to our healthy development. Smartphones are experience blockers, distracting children from engaging in the real world. The average UK 12-year-old now spends 29 hours a week – equivalent to a part-time job – on their smartphone. This leaves little time for the real world activities and relationships that enable us to learn the essential life skills we need to transition into adulthood. The average daily time that teens spend with friends has plummeted by 65% since 2010.

Join the grassroots parents movement to protect childhood from Big Tech

www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/join

For all links to stats references see www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/the-problem

Level 1 & Level 2

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park and Hove Park



Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Monday 7 – Thursday 10 April

Monday 14 – Thursday 17 April

10am – 12.30pm each day

Ages 9 –15

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 1 – Riders **must** be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

Progression to Level 2 training is depended on meeting all level 1 modules to National Standards Level.

Levels 1 & 2 together is £47 per person.

To book your place visit:

<https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/>

or contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847
or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Level 3

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



Monday 7 – Wednesday 9 April

Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 April

1.15pm – 3.15pm each day

Ages 11 – 15

All children must have attended a Level 2 course and allow 3 months practice between levels.

All trainees will be assessed on Level 2 outcomes before progressing further.

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £52 per person.

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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.

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

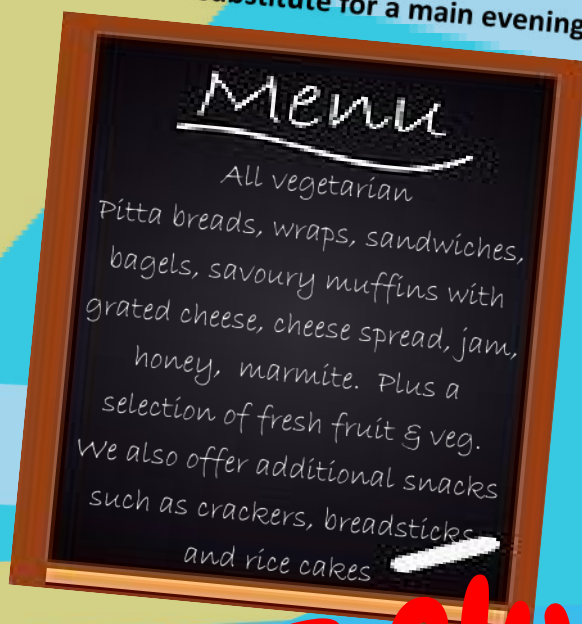
Enquiries: hlf.afterschoolclub@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

£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



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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.





Vanessa Patterson
Tutor

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Thursdays (until May)
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One off sessions to support confidence with SATS questions.

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- ✓ 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

One
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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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