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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Families,

We've been so pleased by the positive response to our newly founded Parent & Carer Working Group (PCWG) across all three sites over the past few weeks. This is a new and exciting opportunity for parents to get really involved with the schools - to support the whole federation in better engaging with the wider community, promoting learning and enrichment activities and fundraising.

Within our parent and carer community we have a huge amount of passion, ideas, and skills we can harness to make our school and its future stronger working all together.

Hove Learning Federation is facing a range of challenges, including financial, and you, as parents and carers, can really play a role in helping the school. The school urgently needs funding and support, so one of the first things the group has done is to set up project groups that focus on a specific activity that parents and carers can lead on and help run. Some are small, some bigger. All are incredibly valuable.

For example, there is a group looking at road safety outside the schools, another is exploring how the federation and all three sites can better promote themselves to prospective parents. There is also a group looking at potential grants to help fund larger projects, such as refurbishing outdoor and indoor spaces and purchasing new IT equipment or books. Other groups are discussing how to develop partnerships with local business and run community events. And regular cultural events that celebrate the diversity found within our school and community so we can gather together.



There are lots of ways to participate! This active parent and carer working group is an ambitious and exciting way to help sure up the future of the school. So if you're nervous or require some reassurance about your efforts being part of our long term future, we are incredibly hopeful this groundswell of support continues to grow and the PCWG becomes a central part of the sustainability of the school.

You may have seen the WhatsApp group, please do join that if you can spare ideas or time.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/C3TyyGaUEeRIlQtDee2meK>

There will also be some coffee meet ups in the playground to chat about the PCWG after Easter, please do join those if you can.

We love what's happening with the group already and are excited to see what we can achieve together.

A huge thank you to our PTAs and FOWHIS for our cake sales, Easter disco and Easter fundraising events across all sites. Thank you to the organisers, volunteers, and staff who worked tirelessly to make the events such a fantastic time for the whole community. Your support makes a real difference, and we truly appreciate it!

This term we have had a big focus on behaviour routines both in the classroom and across the school focusing on the importance of 'Behaviour must be taught and will be treated as a subject' and 'Good relationships are built out of structures and high expectations'. We always encourage pupils to lead by example, making our school a kind, inclusive, and welcoming place for everyone. Our CPD for staff has aimed to provide support and build further clarity & expectations around praise, actions, strategies and consequences. It has been inspiring to see so many children embracing these values, and we look forward to continuing to see these positive actions each day.

We are also delighted to share the highlights of our parent/carers consultation feedback below:

98% of P/C say my child feels safe at this school

97% of P/C say my child is happy at this school

94% of P/C say the school lets me know how my child is doing

96% of P/C feel that the teacher knows their child well

This week we break up for the Easter holiday, the term seems to have flown by! Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the summer term on Tuesday 22nd April.

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

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Hove Junior School Inclusion Team
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Best wishes,
Maddie Southern

Diary Dates

7th - 21st April - Easter Holidays
22nd April - First day of summer term
w/c 28th April - Year 4 Enrichment Week
3rd May - Children's Parade
5th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)
7th May - Juniors Group Photos
8th May - Infants Group Photos
12th - 16th May - SATs Week



Hove Junior visit to The American Express Elite Football Performance Centre

On Tuesday 25th March, eight children from Hove Junior School were lucky enough to visit The American Express Elite Football Performance Centre. The children received coaching by top Brighton and Hove Albion coaches, played matches on their 3G pitches and then met two Brighton players - goalkeepers: Carl Rushworth and Killian Cahill. The players signed kits, which were gifted to the children and answered questions about the life of a footballer. It was a spectacular afternoon followed by a feast supplied by Sun Harvest. All organised by Jan's dad - Baris and the team at Sun Harvest (<https://www.sunharvestltd.co.uk/>) who sponsor Brighton and Hove Albion. Thank you! Definitely an afternoon that won't be forgotten!







YEAR 3 AND 4 'HAVE A GO' CRICKET EVENT AT BLATCHINGTON MILL SECONDARY SCHOOL, 27TH MARCH



A glorious sunny afternoon filled with all things cricket! The children rotated around 10 different cricket skills based activities all led by Blatchington Mill secondary school sports leaders. They had a great time and gave maximum energy, effort and enthusiasm all afternoon! See some highlights below.





**BRIGHTON AND
HOVE CRICKET
CLUB**




**2 FREE Taster
Sessions for
Year 2, 3 and 4
Boys & Girls**



No experience necessary and all equipment supplied.
Sessions take place in the Blatchington Mill School
sports hall until April and then outside on Nevil sports
ground throughout the summer.

For boys cricket please contact Ian White on 07789 437798
or email whiteiuk@yahoo.co.uk

For girls cricket please contact Peter Davies on 07504 286893
or email girls@brightonandhovecricketclub.co.uk

 **ECB QUALIFIED
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IF you'd like to get your child involved in playing cricket then Brighton and Hove cricket club are offering 2 free taster sessions.

As well as this, Sussex Cricket run 'FAST- FUN -FREE' street cricket sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays

<https://sussexcricket.co.uk/sussex-cricket-foundation/kids-cricket/chance-shine-street>

Hove Learning Federation – Governor Update

Spring Term 2025

As we head into the final term of this school year, the governing board has been busy – not only visiting classrooms and supporting staff but also strengthening our team. We know that schools thrive when they are part of a vibrant, well-supported community – and governors play a key role in making that happen.

We're pleased to welcome four new members to the Hove Learning Federation governing board.

Oyinkolade Akinleye

Law, local government & community insight

Oyinkolade works in housing strategy at the council and is studying for a Masters in Intellectual Property and Technology Law. Oyinkolade brings leadership experience from student and community leadership roles and a strong commitment to inclusion and local engagement.

Alex Scott

Strategic communications & education sector experience

A senior consultant in fundraising, organisational development and communications, Alex has worked with organisations like YoungMinds, NSPCC and the University of Brighton. A school parent and former Vice-Chair at Stanford Junior, Alex also brings valuable experience of school governance.

Katie Kershaw

Reputation, risk management & parent voice

Katie has over two decades' experience in public relations, corporate reputation and business transformation. She brings a calm, clear approach to navigating change – and a parent's perspective too.

Sam Seaborne Self

Strategy, operations & system leadership

Sam is a consultant at the council and has held senior roles in education and global charities. With expertise in finance, HR and data, Sam brings practical strengths to support the schools' strategic and operational planning.

Spotlight on Monitoring Visits

As governors, one of our key responsibilities is to act as a critical friend to the school – offering support and challenge to ensure the highest standards are being

maintained. Monitoring visits are a key part of what we do.

Here's a snapshot from two recent visits:

Reading monitoring

"It was clear why reading is such a strength across the school. Staff showed real expertise and ambition – not just maintaining strong outcomes but always looking to improve.

Pupils spoke positively and confidently about reading – even those who find it more of a challenge, which really says a lot about the school's ethos and approach."

— David Karp, Head of Curriculum and Inclusion Committee

SEND, safeguarding & disadvantaged pupils

"We saw a calm, purposeful atmosphere and real care for every child. It was impressive to see inclusive practice in action and how well supported pupils felt.

The children spoke clearly and confidently about their learning, and it was lovely to hear how much they enjoy school and know how to access help if needed."

— Lisa Marshall, Co-Vice Chair

Looking ahead

We know this is a time of change, and we're committed to keeping families informed. Our focus remains on supporting our schools and making sure every child continues to thrive.

If you'd like to get in touch, governors can be contacted via the school office or through our dedicated email; clerk@hovelearningfederation.brighton-hove.sch.uk.

Best wishes from all HLF governors



Invitation

Parenting in the Digital Age

Thursday 1st May, 18:30 - 20:30
Patcham High School, Brighton

- ⚡ Listen to our incredible panel of experts in paediatrics, mental health, the police and education.
- ⚡ Hear from the inspiring Year 10 students who are delivering workshops for the city's primary children explaining what it's really like to own a smartphone.
- ⚡ Meet other parents who are considering delaying giving their child a smartphone until at least the age of 14.
- ⚡ Q&A with our experts to answer your burning questions.

Reserve your seat by scanning the code or visiting sfcbrighton.co.uk/event



Patcham High has very limited parking on site. Once that is full there is on-street parking surrounding the school - allow time to walk from there. We encourage you to share lifts or travel by foot/bike/no. 5 bus.

Audience feedback from our January event

Really powerful and inspiring event - thank you.
Lots to take away and act on with our school community.



"Amazing and inspiring!"



It was fantastic, informative, inspiring!



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Our Panel of Speakers

More speakers may be announced closer to the time.



Mandy Marshall-Taylor, Schools Associate, Naked Truth

Over the past seventeen years Mandy's work has been to strengthen relationships in schools, prisons and churches. She has been with Naked Truth since 2021, helping to raise awareness of the damaging effects of pornography on children and young people. Mandy will be chairing our event.



Dr Eleanor Mason MBBS BSc, General Practitioner

Dr Mason has worked locally as a doctor for 12 years. She quickly took a keen interest in mental health after realising the substantial suffering of those with mental health problems. Dr Mason will focus on the impact of smartphones on teenagers and young children's mental health as she sees the deleterious effects they are having in her GP surgery every week. She is desperate to instigate change amongst this vulnerable group of people whose current mental health, future development and potential is in our hands.



DCI Luke Kyriakides-Yeldham & DI Cyntac Belong Sussex Police Online Child Abuse Team

DCI Kyriakides and DI Belong both started their service in the Metropolitan Police, before moving to the Sussex Police. As senior members of the Online Child Abuse Team, they will discuss the sharing of indecent images on smartphones, including sexting, sextortion and online grooming.



Dr Sharmila Jeyasingh MBBS MRCP Consultant Paediatrician

Dr Jeyasingh works at the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital and has a special interest in epilepsy and neurology. She has over 25 years experience in paediatrics and has an enthusiastic interest in how the environment and lifestyle affects children's health. She will share neuroscientific insights into children's excess screen time.



Viv, Aishah, Josh and Domi

Year 10 students, Varndean School

Viv and Aishah will be talking about what it was like to have a smartphone at an early age. Later in the evening, Josh and Domi will tell us about the inspiring action taken by student leaders at Varndean School to explain the risks and downsides of smartphones to children in local primary schools.

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Come and give your parenting skills a 'workout'...

Parent Gym is coming to West Hove Infant and Hove Junior School

*** our first face to face programme since pre-covid ***

We know from talking with parents and carers that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent/carer a bit easier too).

This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

All parents/carers are welcome to apply and places will be filled on a first come first served basis. Through our relationship with Parent Gym the programme is free for parents.

Each weekly session lasts two hours, and will take place in the hall at the Children's Centre, West Hove Infants, School Road Site (Parents/Carers from all sites welcome) on:

Tuesdays from 9 until 11

1st April 2025 : Taster (45 mins) – shorter session for you to meet the coach and find out more about the sessions.

29th April 2025: Chat (2 hours) – Help your family talk and listen to each other

6/5/25: Love (2 hours) – Build self-esteem and independence through secure attachments

13/5/25: Behave (2 hours) – Bring calm and order to your home

20/5/25: Care (2 hours) – Looking after ourselves and our families

Half Term: no session

3/6/25: Discover (2 hours) – Support your children to learn and explore

10/6/25: Together (2 hours) – Look to the future and recapping key techniques

To confirm your place, please email naomimiller@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Maddie Southern

Head Teacher

How to sign up

Speak to:

Naomi Miller naomimiller@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

or call:

01273916707

The six, weekly sessions run (for two hours) from:

9am until 11am

on:

Tuesdays

from:

29th April 2025

at:

The Children's Centre - West Hove Infants - School Road Site

Before the six-week programme begins, come along for a short, introductory session to find out what Parent Gym is all about:

1st April 2025 - 9am

✂

Your name: Mobile number:

What is the one parenting question you'd most like answered?

Parent Gym and our coaches will use your details to administer the programme, to notify you of any changes or cancellations etc and to communicate with you about the programme. Your contact details may also be shared between Parent Gym and the school/centre hosting the programme, so that either party can provide you with similar notifications. We will not share your contact details with anybody else. Parent Gym's privacy policy is available at: parentgym.com/privacy-policy.

Parent Gym is a philanthropic programme funded entirely by Mind Gym (Company No. 03833448)

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Weekly workshops
for parents
with children
aged 2-11



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confident and
do well

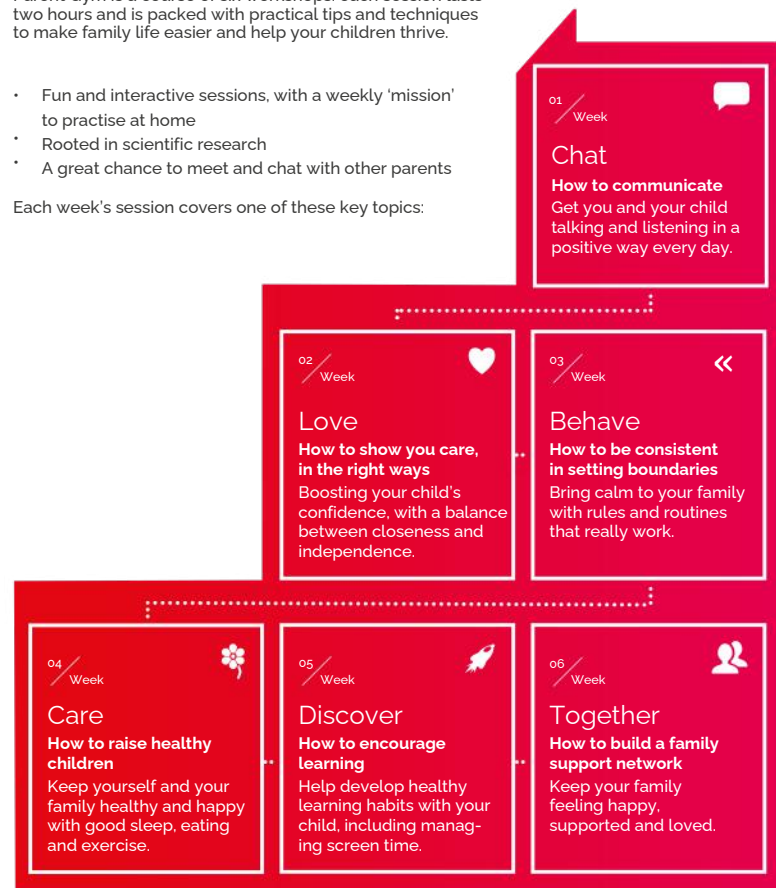
www.parentgym.com [@ParentGym](https://twitter.com/ParentGym) facebook.com/ParentGym

Six-week programme overview

Parent Gym is a course of six workshops: each session lasts two hours and is packed with practical tips and techniques to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

- Fun and interactive sessions, with a weekly 'mission' to practise at home
- Rooted in scientific research
- A great chance to meet and chat with other parents

Each week's session covers one of these key topics:



Still looking for a reason to take part?

Around **10,000** parents have already participated

Parents' feedback

"I am calm... the family is happier..."

96% of those surveyed would recommend to other parents

It is amazing how a course can change your life."

Parent, Morningside Childrens Centre

"I'm sleeping through the night for the first time in years."

Parent, Boxgrove Primary School

"Parent Gym has worked wonders for me and my family. It's not about who's a good or bad parent - it just gives you lots of ideas to overcome difficulties in parenting."

Parent, Mount Stewart Junior School



Schools Mental Health Service



Does your child struggle to go to school?

Regular drop-in sessions for parents/carers of children/young people struggling to go to school.

Hosted by Family Support Workers, the sessions are a space to access information and support and meet other parents facing the same challenges.

Tuesday 22 April online 7 – 8.30pm

Wednesday 7 May 10 -11.30am at Alcampo Bar, London Rd

Tuesday 3 June online 10 – 11.30am

Tuesday 8 July 10—11.30am at Alcampo Bar, London Rd

To find out more or book onto the online sessions, please email Jo Roeg: jo.roeg@brighton-hove.gov.uk



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Children must be accompanied by an adult



On the 27 April Brighton and Hove's epic family-friendly mass cycle ride will return to fill the city with music, colour and kids on bikes!

This is a fully safety-stewarded and free event for people of all ages to ride safely on our streets and call for a city where everyone can use cycling to get around securely and independently.



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- 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.



Vanessa Patterson
Tutor

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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
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 or all 5 for £60

Contact Vanessa at:
 mrspprimarytutor@gmail.com
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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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