



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

# Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Families,

We've been delighted to see so many of you at the meet the teacher events and KS1 maths workshops. A copy of our calculation policy is available [here](#), which many of our parents find really helpful when learning and supporting maths at home.

Here at West Hove Infant School and Hove Junior School we believe behaviour is a curriculum issue: what we teach, how we teach it, and how we ensure consistency are critical to creating a positive culture in our schools. This term we have been working hard focusing on routines, belonging and safety ensuring all of our pupils feel happy and safe at school and know who to go to for support. We have been working on learning:

## **Autumn 1: Routines, Belonging, and Safety**

- Learn school routines builds security and a sense of community.
- Just Right: Introducing and embedding colour zones and naming emotions.
- Introduce class charter: rights and responsibilities.
- Exploring belonging, school rules and feeling safe in school in assemblies focusing on kindness and inclusion.

<https://us12cap.com.au/0887143121>

In our classrooms we use 'Just Right' across the federation to help pupils learn and name emotional language and feelings. We talk to the class and individual pupils about why emotional regulation is important and useful. We explain how Just Right attributes colours to emotions and that we naturally flow between orange, green and blue and building on our emotional language and regulation strategies across the different year groups. This can include talking to the children individually or as a class and all together in assembly. Below is a 'Just Right' diagram that we all use in class to help talk to the children.





### Attendance at Hove Learning Federation

Hove Learning Federation believes that in order to facilitate teaching and learning, good attendance is essential. Pupils cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend school. This means that your child should attend school every day unless they are unable to do so for reasons of genuine illness or have been given leave from the school. We monitor the attendance of all children at the school and where concerns about a child's attendance arise, we will contact you to discuss further and to see if there is anything we can do to support you and your child. On occasion we will have to write to you about your child's attendance if it continues to reduce. If you have any queries or if there are any ways that you feel the school can support you and your family in ensuring that your child attends regularly please do contact us.

### Parents Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing all of our families on 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November. Appointments will be available to book on Arbor from 6pm on 8<sup>th</sup> October. If you are unable to make these dates please arrange a separate meeting with your class teacher.

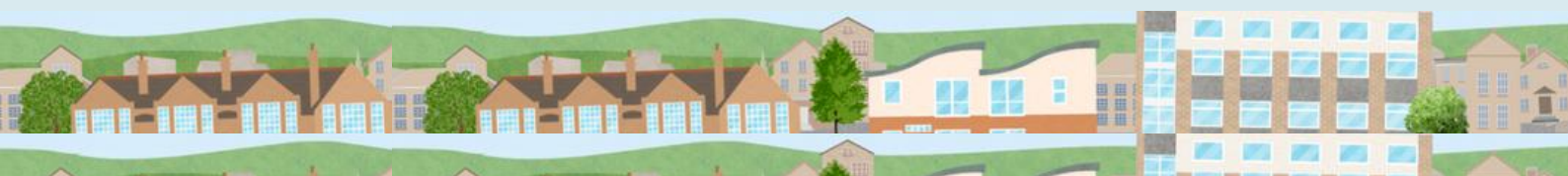
### Uniform

Please see information on our uniform policy on our websites:  
<https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/> and  
<https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/uniform>

### Parking

We have been really proud of just how much improvement there has been regarding parking illegally outside the school over the last term. Thankyou for parking safely and respectfully for all our pupils and school community.

Please continue to keep in contact with us – should you have any questions or concerns, contact us via the following:



West Hove Infant School  
[admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk)  
01273 916707  
Hove Junior School  
[hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk)  
01273 916707

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team  
[inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk)  
01273 916609

Best wishes,  
Maddie Southern

## Prospective parent visits

### School Road Reception visits:

**Tuesday 14th October** - 9.30 & 10.45  
**Monday 10th November** - 9.30 & 10.45  
**Wednesday 12th November** - 9.30 & 10.45  
**Wednesday 19th November** - 5pm  
**Monday 12th January** - 9.30

### Portland Road Year 3 visits:

**Monday 10th November** - 6pm  
**Monday 17th November** - 11am

## Diary Dates

**7<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Welcome to Reception Meeting - Dolphins & Turtles  
**8<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Welcome to Reception Meeting - Sea Lions & Seahorses  
**8<sup>th</sup> Oct** - FOWHIS Annual General Meeting (via Zoom)  
**10<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Smartphone Free information morning PR  
**15<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Phonics & Early Reading session for parents and carers - 9am  
**21<sup>st</sup> Oct** - Y3 & 4 Maths parent/carer workshops  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** - Y5 & 6 Maths parent/carer workshops  
**21<sup>st</sup> Oct** - End of term Spooky Bakes  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** - Last day of school for children (dress down day)  
**24<sup>th</sup> Oct** - INSET Day  
**27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** - Half Term  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** - First day back at school



# Year 4 – Stunning Start: “Survival of the Fittest”

Year 4 had a fantastic time launching our new topic, Survival of the Fittest, with an exciting stunning start day! We imagined what it would be like to be stranded on a desert island, designing and building our own shelters to keep us safe. We also worked together to create an impressive whole-class river artwork, exploring how water plays a vital role in survival. It was a brilliant start to our new learning adventure, and we're excited to see where the topic takes us next!



# Free swimming

Brighton & Hove City Council funds free swimming in the city for all children and young people aged 18 and under.

## Where children can swim

Children can swim for free at:

- King Alfred Leisure Centre
- Prince Regent Swimming Complex
- St Luke's Community Swimming Pool
- Saltdean Lido (between May and August)

## Supervision at swimming pools

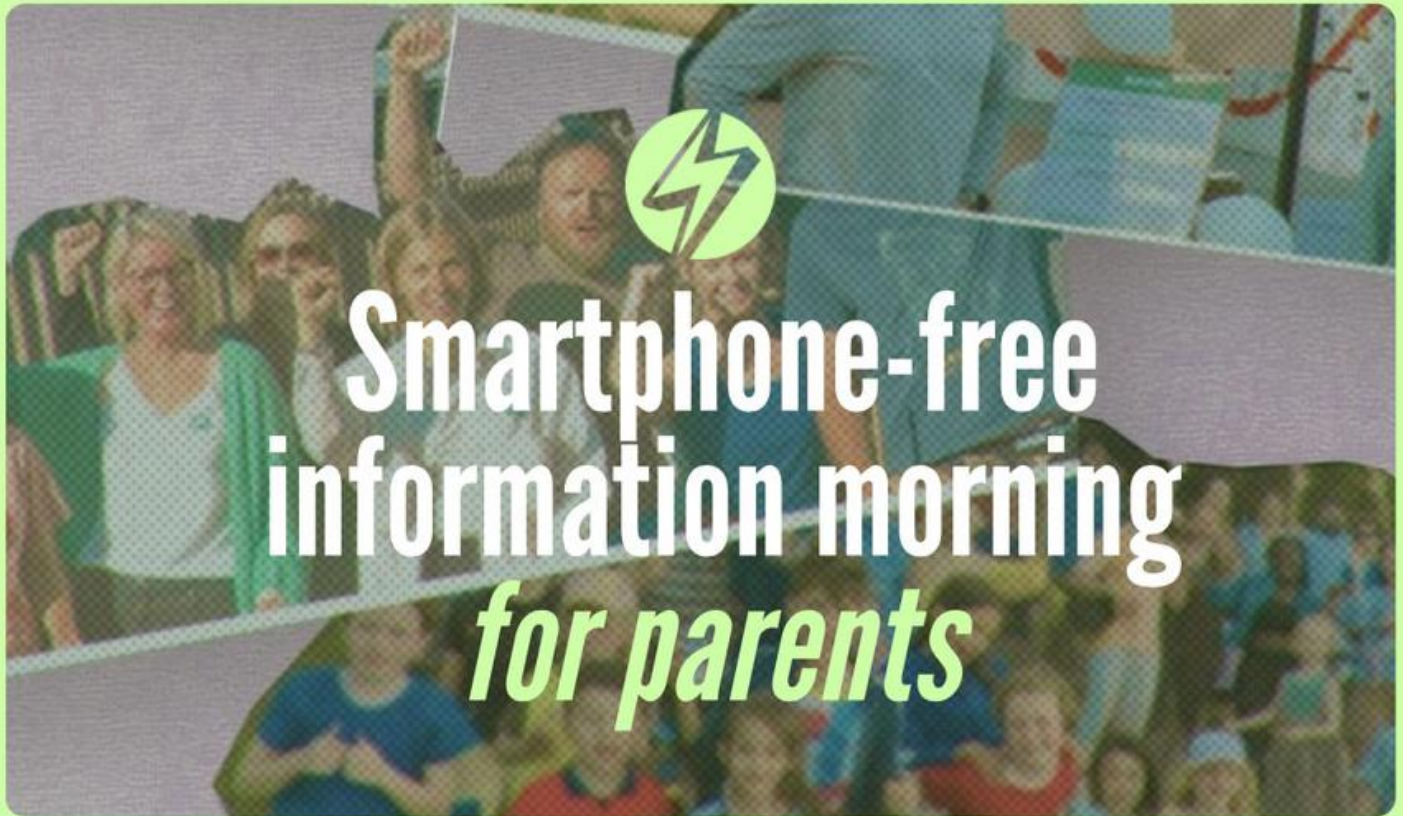
Children under 8 years old must be supervised by a parent or adult (18 years or over) throughout their use of the pool facilities. There's a maximum of 2 children to 1 supervising adult.

The adults supervising must accompany the children in the water.

## More information

Find more information on the Free Swimming Scheme, terms and conditions and instructions on how to register on the [Freedom Leisure website](#) or by calling 0845 803 5519.

Find more information about [free swimming at Saltdean Lido](#) on their website.



# Smartphone-free information morning *for parents*

Come along to an open, honest, non-judgemental conversation about the impacts of smartphones on childhood.

Hear from other parents who will be sharing their real life experiences and practical tips to keep your children safe online.

Listen to the latest evidence and discuss what we can do together as a community.

Look forward to seeing you there!

## When

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
9-9:45am

## Where

West Hove Juniors  
Portland Road  
Hove

## Would you like to work or volunteer at our Federation?

Our wonderful Federation of schools, are currently looking for reading volunteers as well as paid exciting opportunities to boost your income. These roles don't have to be permanent and can be ad hoc, alternatively if you're wishing to add extra experience or an extra regular income - these might be for you!

### Vacancies at Holland Road/Portland/School Road

**Breakfast club** - these could be anything from 1-5 mornings a week 7.40am until 8.40am. You would be welcoming and supporting the children with breakfast and a relaxed start to the school day.

**Midday Supervisor (MDSA)** roles - This runs from (12-1pm at Holland Road and 12.20-1.20pm at Portland Road) daily and can be a combination of days that suits your needs. During this time you will be helping guide children to the lunch area and supporting them in play within the playgrounds.

**School run Afterschool club** - The clubs run from 3pm-6pm daily, working on days where the need is higher. During this time the children wind down from a busy day of learning and take part in crafts, play and a snack time. Joining our already strong teams will help maintain a safe and fun environment for our children.

**Please get in touch with Emma Barrell via [emmabarrell@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:emmabarrell@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk) for a full job description and application form.**

**If you wish to volunteer, please send interest to our front office staff at the following addresses:**

**Holland Road - [hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk)**

**School Road - [admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk)**

**Portland Road - [portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk)**



# PLEASE JOIN FOWHIS AT THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 8th at 8-9pm via Zoom.

Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier.

Link will be sent on the day via your class  
WhatsApp



Find out what we have been fundraising  
for and how we have done it

Find out the plans for the year ahead

Join us to vote in a new committee, all nominations

welcome in advance for Chair, Treasurer and

Secretary via [fowhis@gmail.com](mailto:fowhis@gmail.com)

Find out how YOU can help





# Spooky

## End of term Bake Sale

After school on Tuesday 21st in the infants back playground, cash or card/phone taken



Please bring your Spooky treats, bought or baked, to the back playground or reception on Tuesday morning or afternoon.

Please ensure all baked goods have a full list of ingredients remembering that we are a NUT and SESAME FREE school. Please label your box if you would like it returned. We are unable to refrigerate any items





# Are you concerned about a 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 Child Mental Health Lead, Bridget Rennie. Link also available on our school website.*



Bridget Rennie (Mental Health Lead) will contact you via email within 2 weeks of your referral.

NB: If you have an urgent concern about a child's mental health please call 03003040061 during office hours or 03005000101 outside of office hours.

Let your child's autumn adventure  
begin here.....



Book here!

Join this half term for  
themed arts & crafts, games,  
food tasting, fun  
experiments, outdoor play  
& so much more!

# HOVE HOLIDAY HUB

West Hove Infant School  
School Road site



School Holiday  
Childcare for  
4-11 year olds  
Monday 27th - Friday  
31st October 2025

Email: [clubs@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:clubs@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk) for more info!

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

## 2025 AUTUMN TERM



"MY SON HAD SO MUCH FUN. HE WANTS TO GO BACK FOR MORE TOMORROW!"



"MY DAUGHTER WAS FULL OF BEANS AND BURSTING WITH LOVELY STORIES WHEN I COLLECTED HER"

FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

HARRY POTTER QUIDDITCH  
BONFIRE NIGHT FIREWORKS PAINT M  
SCAVENGER HUNT: SPOOKY TRAIL  
CAMPFIRE COOKOUT: AUTUMN EDIT  
NERF GAMES: ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE  
BONKERS CONKERS & LEAF MONSTE  
BUSHCRAFT SHELTER & DEN MAKING  
AMONG US & VIKING KUBB  
& AS USUAL: FUN VIBES & ADVENTURE

WATCHING CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE GROW & NEW FRIENDSHIPS FORM AT OUR CLUBS IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS WE DO.

WEST HOVE INFANTS  
SCHOOL ROAD SITE  
TUESDAYS 3:15 - 4:15PM  
YEARS 1 & 2

9TH SEPTEMBER - 16TH DECEMBER 2025  
TOTAL COST: £112 / 14 WEEK TERM




MORE INFO & BOOK: [WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK](http://WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK)


HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SAPLINGS PARENT & TODDLER GROUPS

OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

# FRED THE SHED



Fred the Shed is a school community non profit sharing shed that can help with non perishing items to those who are finding it especially hard in the current climate.



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](mailto: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](mailto:fowhis@gmail.com)  
To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both school receptions.

Harry's Village are running a fundraiser table top sale, to raise funds for a local 15 year old boy, Harry to support his recovery from a serious spinal injury.

Got things you'd like to sell? Reserve a table for £10!

Sat 18th Oct at Kings School Hove, 10-12.30pm. Reserve your table here -

<https://forms.office.com/e/JFvzZdLcE8>

**Sat 18 October**  
**10am–12:30pm**

Kings School, Hangleton Way, Hove  
Free parking in car park



# Harry's Village

## Reserve Your Table

Join us for a Table Top Sale fundraiser in support of Harry Clapham – a much-loved 15-year-old from Hove recovering from a serious spinal injury.

- £10 table fee (Table size: 75 x 150cm)
- Donate a portion of your takings to help (optional)
- Cash takings only.
- On the day: Café, Cakes, Sweets, Raffle

Use the link in our posts or Scan QR code to reserve your table

This event is organised by Harry's Village – parents, kids & friends raising funds for Harry Clapham.

Find out more at:  
[justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harryclapham](https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harryclapham)



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