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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a fabulous week across the sites with the celebration of 'Lets Dance' at The Dome taking places with pupils from across all 3 sites. The pupils were rightly proud and have been working on their routines and musicality throughout the last few months.

We have a wide range of events to end the spring term coming up across the federation including Easter Bonnet parades, discos and 'Our Heritage Our Hair events across the sites. As always we couldn't do any of these events without our wonderful parent/carer community and we really appreciate all of the support we receive.

Following our recent family survey we are delighted to share highlights which include:

- 96% of P/C say their child feels safe at school
- 95% of P/C say their child is happy at school
- 90% of teachers know their child well
- 80% of P/C have found the new weekly bulletin useful and feel it has improved communication

We wish you a happy and restful Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back in the summer term on Monday 13th April.

<https://www.hovelearningfederation.co.uk>

Attendance at Hove Learning Federation

Attendance and Punctuality:

Good punctuality is an important life skill and arriving at school on time each day makes a real difference to children's learning.



Research consistently shows that good punctuality supports both academic success and overall wellbeing and that arriving at school on time each day makes a real difference to children's learning.

Our school gates are open from 8:40-8:50 at PR and HR (8.45-8.55 at SR) but bringing children for 8:40 (8:45 at SR) gives the best start to the day.

Those first ten minutes are designed to help pupils settle calmly, greet their friends, organise their belongings, and take part in important morning routines such as registration and early-start tasks.

When children arrive late, even by 5-10 minutes, they can miss the calm, structured start, and key explanations that help them feel settled and confident.

Over a year, arriving just 10 minutes late each day can add up to more than 30 hours of lost learning time. By arriving promptly at 8:40 (8:45 SR), children begin the day feeling ready, organised, and fully prepared to make the most of every learning and social opportunity.

In summary: good timekeeping isn't just about being "on time" – it helps children grow into confident, capable learners and sets them up for success in school and beyond.

By working together to support punctuality, we give every child the best possible start to their day.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Lateness

Arriving late to school is very unsettling for children, and frustrating for teachers who have to repeat instructions and help children to catch up. In terms of time in school lost it can have a considerable impact over the whole school year:

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year

10 minutes late every day = 6.5 days of school lost a year

15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year

20 minutes late every day = 13 days of school lost a year

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.

HLF Governor Update

We would like to share an update on some recent changes to our Governing Board and highlight an opportunity to become involved.

We are very pleased to welcome Tom Edwards and Dr. Amir Khodavirdipour to the Governing Board.

Tom joins us as our new Local Authority Governor and brings a wealth of experience in SEND and Inclusion. We are delighted to have his expertise supporting the work of the board and the school.

We are also pleased to welcome Amir as our new Parent Governor, following Ollie Tunmer's decision to step back from the role due to work commitments. Amir received strong support in last term's parent governor election and we are delighted that he will now be joining the board. Amir has a medical background and brings valuable experience including SEND, Inclusion and mental health

We would like to extend our thanks to Ollie for his contribution as a governor and for his continued, invaluable support of music and arts across our schools. We would also like to thank Alex Scott who is stepping down, but remains an active and valued member of our parent community.

Can you help us find our next Finance Link Governor?

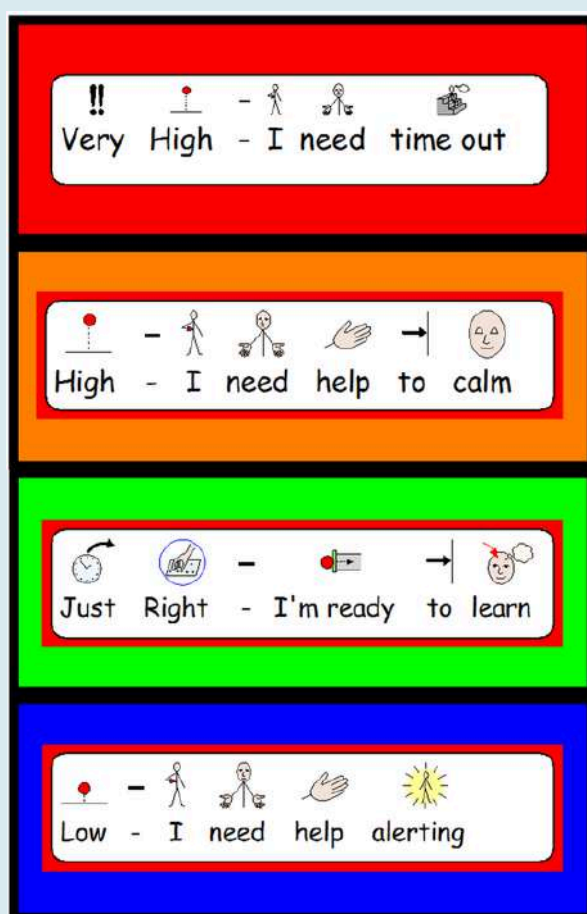
We are currently looking to appoint a Co-opted Governor with financial expertise to support the board's strategic oversight of finance. If you have relevant skills, or know someone who might be interested, we would love to hear from you.

Please visit the Governor section of the website for full details:

WHIS - <https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/governors-2/governor-vacancies/>

HJS - <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/governorvacancies>

Last Thursday, we ran parent workshops looking at Just Right. Bridget Rennie and Sam Ledger talked through how we use Just Right in school, why it is effective and how it can be used at home. Just Right is a system used in schools across Brighton and Hove to teach emotional regulation. It uses four differently coloured zones; red, orange, green and blue. Children are taught how each zone might feel in their brains and their bodies. The aim is to lift the pressure of ambiguous emotion language, and focus on identifying zones and strategies to be ready to learn or play. If you would like more information on how Just Right is used in your child's class, please contact your child's class teacher or the inclusion team.



Friday 13th March

Hove Juniors vs Stanford Juniors

On Friday 13th March, Hove Juniors took on Stanford Juniors in an exciting and closely fought match. Despite a narrow 3–2 defeat, our team showed fantastic determination and teamwork throughout the game. This was especially impressive given that several new players were involved, all of whom settled in brilliantly and contributed to the performance. The team supported each other well, creating chances and never giving up until the final whistle. It was a great effort all round, and a performance to be proud of.



Lets Dance at the Brighton dome 2026

Our talented pupils from Years 2, 4 and 5 recently took to the stage at the Brighton Dome for the fantastic “Let’s Dance” event, performing brilliantly to the song “Bills.” Dressed as a variety of different adult professions, the children looked incredible and brought great energy and confidence to their performance. Their hard work truly paid off as they entertained the audience and shone from start to finish. A huge thank you goes to Michelle for her dedication and commitment over the past 10 weeks in preparing the children so well. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved. Performing on such a prestigious stage is a huge achievement, and the children should feel incredibly proud of themselves. Opportunities like this help build confidence, resilience and a love of performing that will stay with them for years to come.



Anti-Racist Community Group

Our Spring term Anti-Racist Community Group meeting took place on Wednesday this week. As always, thank you so much to everyone who joined us in sharing ideas, feedback and experiences in such a collaborative, supportive, and positive environment.

Slides from the meeting have been shared separately via email.

Our next meeting will be in the Summer term, and we'd love to see you there - details to follow nearer the time.



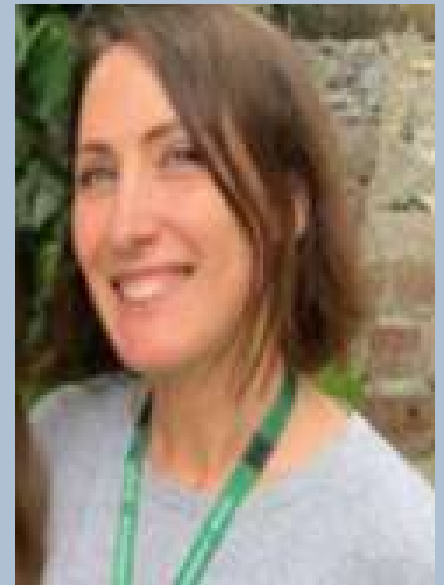
Building Voice Pupil Group

We also had our 'respectful, unique, talented, cat's pyjamas group' (named by the children!) 'Building Voice' pupil session on 18th October. We shared our global based connections and multiple heritages and took part in a role play activity involving real life scenarios & super heroes.

Catrin Pearce and Rachael Dawson (PSHE and Anti-Racist Leads)

Staff Spotlight

We are Team PSHE! We are:
Miss Kemp-Harris (Holland
Road Site EYFS, Mrs
Dawson and Mrs Pearce
(Portland Road Site Y6)



This newsletter **PSHE Teams** value is **Equality!** But what is Equality? Equality is ensuring everyone gets what they need, rather than everyone getting the same. We are passionate about everyone in our community being respected, celebrated and cared for equally in ways that work for them.

“Equality”- Reflection points

Here are some engaging reflection points that can encourage and inspire our children to be mindful of equality:

- **Take the time to learn about your friends using curious questions.** Perhaps you have a friend who is bilingual, eats different food at lunchtime to you, or has a family that is different to yours. Ask curious, kind questions to broaden your knowledge of people who have differences to your life.
- **Celebrate differences and similarities-** We have far more in common than things that are different. Take time to find out interests, hobbies and even favourite TV shows with someone new. You'll be amazed at how many things we all share in common
- **Safely challenge inequalities where you see them.** If you see unkindness in our community based on how someone looks, their gender or something else, tell a trusted grown-up. If you feel safe to, you can gently challenge inequalities by flipping the script: 'People should be allowed to have any favourite colour they want', 'Actually, we are all a community at our school', 'I wonder why you feel that way?'
- **Remember to celebrate you!** You are unique and that should be celebrated-take time to enjoy all of the things that make you, you.

Here are some ways we can model equalities at home:

1. **Visit an exhibit at the museum** - Brighton Museum has an array of exhibitions on that can broaden your world view and most of them are child-friendly. If you live in the city, bring proof of address for a 30% discount-tickets are valid for an annual pass!
2. **Share new music-**Have a kitchen disco to music you haven't listened to before. Try songs in another language to bring the world to your home!
3. **Learn about Spring Festivals-**Spring is a key time of year for festivals for an array of faiths. Find out about Ramadan and Eid, Easter, Passover, Holi, Nowruz, Chet and the Spring Equinox. Create decorations or try food from different traditions.

Learning about equalities across our community is a great way to learn more about our city and our world. If you try any of the above, we'd love to see your photos!

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

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admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk
01273 916707

Hove Junior School
hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk
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Hove Junior School Inclusion Team
inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk
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Best wishes,
Maddie Southern

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Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher



Lorna Cummings
Co-Executive Headteacher



Sam Ledger
Head of School

Diary Dates

25th Mar - My hair My heritage event at School road site.

26th Mar - Spring disco

26th Mar - Rampion wind farm trip

27th Mar - Last day of term

13th Apr - First day of Summer term

Reminder:

As a way of reducing the number of e-mails which were sent out, our school bulletin is now sent out to all parents/carers every Thursday afternoon. It's a great way to keep up to date with what's happening in school, both during the current week and in the weeks ahead. You'll find reminders about events, information on clubs, school trips, and lots more.



¹⁴ Level 1 & Level 2

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and Hove Park



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

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Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April

Tuesday 7 – Friday 10 April

10am – 12.30pm each day

Ages 9 –15

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or email: east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



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HLF HOLLAND ROAD PTA

EASTER Bonnet Parade

THURSDAY 26 MARCH, 3.05 TO 3.15PM



Get creative and bring along your best Easter bonnet for our school's Easter Bonnet Parade!

There will be a prize for the best efforts.

We can't wait to see your amazing designs!

Infants to take part. Juniors are very welcome to join in too if they'd like!

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Email hoveptahollandrd@gmail.com



HLF Holland Road PTA

TICKETS



£5 per child - includes slice of pizza + drink
£1 per adult - infants must be accompanied by an adult. Scan QR code to book through ParentPay

Tickets Sales end: Friday 20 March
Collect tickets from Office WC 23 March

SWEETS TREATS
From £1

CRAFT
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JUMBLE
SALE

Spring Disco

26
March
2026

SCHEDULE

- 3.15 - 4pm - Infants
- 4.15 - 5pm - Infants + quiet session
- 5.15 - 6pm - Years 3 & 4
- 6.15 to 7pm - Years 5 & 6



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hlf-holland-road-pta.mailchimp@sites.com

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SUMMER TERM 2026



"MY DAUGHTER
ASKED IF SHE CAN
ATTEND THE CLUB
UNTIL SHE
LEAVES SCHOOL"



"I'VE SEEN
MY SON'S
CONFIDENCE
GROW DURING
HIS TIME SPENT
AT THE CLUB."

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OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



Easter Holiday Netball Camp

Tuesday 7th-10th April '26

10am-3pm @ Cardinal Newman

BUILDING CONFIDENCE & IMPROVING PERFORMANCE:

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 - Lots of game play to put learnt skills and techniques into practice

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tracy@sportlearning.co.uk



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.

Does your child struggle to go to school? Regular drop-in sessions for parents and carers

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

Online sessions

24 February 7-8.30pm 19

May 7-8.30pm

Face to face sessions

Modelo Lounge (145 Church Road, Hove BN3 2AE)

17 March 10 -11.30am

Alcampo Lounge (84 London Road, Brighton BN1 4JF)

21 April 10-11.30am

23 June 10-11.30am

To Find out more or book onto the online sessions, please email:

schoolsmentalhealthservice@brighton-hove.gov.uk or Jo Roeg:
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