

Whole School Messages

Thursday 26th March 2026

School Meals Debt Policy:

We have recently noticed a significant increase in the number of school meal accounts that are falling into debt. We would like to gently remind you that the school operates a strict no-debt policy for school meals. When accounts go into debt, the cost must be covered by the school budget. This means that funds intended to support children's education are instead used to pay for unpaid meals, which we are keen to avoid. If your child is having a school meal, payment must be made in advance via ParentPay. If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office for further information.

PaCC Award:

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community. Hasret Acar, who is a parent and learning support assistant, has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) education sector. We are incredibly proud to announce that Mrs Acar was nominated by parents and went on to win an award in recognition of her excellent work supporting children with special educational needs. The awards were presented at an informal public event held on Tuesday 17th March 2026, bringing together families and professionals to celebrate these inspiring achievements.



Brighton and Hove Inclusion and Support Service meeting:

If you have an autistic child, a child on the pathway or a child with speech or language difficulties, please join our session on Thursday 23rd April from 9 -10am, where we will be discussing 'Behaviour that challenges us'.

Mandy Leahy, a family support worker will be here to share suggestions and strategies to support our young people.

School Nurse:

A reminder that the School Nurse service is available during the Easter Break. They operate Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm and are closed at weekends and bank holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday). You can contact the service by phone on 01273 696011 ext 1692, or you can text the chat health service on 07480 635 423.

External Clubs:

Please [click here](#) to access any flyers which advertise the external clubs that will be running locally, or over the Easter Holidays.

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Easter Holidays:

We would like to thank all of our wonderful children and staff for yet another fantastic half term. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 13th April.

Year Group Messages

Year 3:

Our Stunning Start will take place on **Monday 13th April**, the first day back after the holidays. On this day, the children will be completing a number of Romans-based activities in school. We would like to invite children to dress up as a Roman, if they would like to. This can be as simple as a large white t-shirt with a belt as a toga, or wearing red and black like a Roman soldier. Please don't worry too much; we just want them to be comfortable and have fun!

Year 5:

5 Blue:

As a result of a fantastic term, the children in 5 Blue have decided to go to the **park with a snack** for their **Marble Treat on Friday, 27th March 2026**. Miss Anglada will provide some fruit and snacks, however if your child would like to bring something, please ensure it is **nut and sesame free**. We will be leaving school after register 1.30pm and return to school at 3.00pm for a normal dismissal time at 3.20pm.

Key Dates

| Year 3 | |
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| March | |
| 16/03/26 – 27/03/26 | Big walk and wheel – Walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school week. |
| 23/03/26 | B&H Inclusion and Support Service drop-in meeting, 9:00am – 10:00am |
| 27/03/26 | 3 Yellow, Rampion Windfarm Trip. |
| 27/03/26 | Last day of term – Dress down day. 3 Yellow to be in school uniform for their school trip. |
| April | |
| 13/04/26 | First day of term. |
| 13/04/26 | Stunning Start – Option to dress up as a Roman. |
| May | |
| 20/05/26 | RSE Parent/Carer workshop – 3:30pm. Info to follow shortly. |

| Year 6 | |
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| March | |
| 16/03/26 – 27/03/26 | Big walk and wheel – Walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school week. |
| 23/03/26 | B&H Inclusion and Support Service drop-in meeting, 9:00am – 10:00am |
| 27/03/26 | Last day of term – Dress down day. |
| April | |
| 13/04/26 | First day of term. |
| May | |
| 20/05/26 | RSE Parent/Carer workshop – 3:30pm. Info to follow shortly. |

| Year 4 | |
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| March | |
| 16/03/26 – 27/03/26 | Big walk and wheel – Walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school week. |
| 23/03/26 | B&H Inclusion and Support Service drop-in meeting, 9:00am – 10:00am |
| 27/03/26 | Last day of term – Dress down day. |
| April | |
| 13/04/26 | First day of term. |
| 15/04/26 | 4Yellow and 4Green swimming sessions begin. |
| May | |
| 20/05/26 | RSE Parent/Carer workshop – 3:30pm. Info to follow shortly. |

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| 23/03/26 | B&H Inclusion and Support Service drop-in meeting, 9:00am – 10:00am |
| 27/03/26 | 5Blue – Marble treat. Stoneham Park (with a sesame and nut free snack) from 1:30pm – 3:00pm |
| 27/03/26 | Last day of term – Dress down day. |
| April | |
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My Hair, My Heritage

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our 'My Hair, My Heritage' event yesterday at the School Road site Infant school. A special thank you to The Photography Project, Dan Stanley at PEG Hair, Katie Erdwin for her fabulous braiding workshop and our wonderful parent volunteers for their support.

Such a fantastic atmosphere, celebrating and admiring all of the amazing hairstyles. The raffle end at midnight tonight and the prize winners to be announced soon – stay tuned!



FRED THE SHED

Fred's 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's 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's Shed with your time, contact fowhis@gmail.com
To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both school receptions.



WANT TO DONATE?

Make a contribution to our School Fund! All money raised directly supports resources for our children.





Update from Smartphone Free Childhood

🦋 The first three months of our fully smartphone-free school policy have been a real success! 🦋

A HUGE thank you to the whole school community for supporting this change and making it happen, protecting all of our children from the risks of early device use. The school has been so pleased at the positive reaction from families and is grateful for their support in adhering to the policy.

Incidents of online bullying and problematic WhatsApp use reported to the school have been greatly reduced. This has been incredibly beneficial for our children's wellbeing, and also for school staff, reducing precious time and resources spent resolving issues.

Hove Learning Federation is one of seven primary schools across the city that have gone 'fully smartphone-free' – a number that is growing all the time. This means that children aren't allowed to bring smartphones or smartwatches into school at all. As such they can enjoy a school day free to concentrate and learn, as well as a journey to and from school without the pressure and risks that access to the internet and social media brings. We can feel incredibly proud at being one of the first schools in the city to do this!

Are you starting to think about secondary schools for your child? [Check out the map on the SFC Brighton website](#) to see what the secondary schools in your area are doing about smartphones.

To meet other parents choosing to delay smartphones at our school, join our parent SFC WhatsApp group, [QR codes to join are on the school's website](#).

Would you like to learn more about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement across Brighton & Hove? Visit sfcbrighton.co.uk or sign up to receive the [SFC Brighton newsletter](#).

Want to know why a nationwide network of parents is pushing for a smartphone free childhood? Watch [Molly vs the Machines](#) on Channel 4, an urgent documentary about online harm. It is a hard watch, but an important one – the story of a heartbroken father's quest to uncover the truth behind his daughter's death and his fightback against how the most powerful corporations of the modern age operate.

And finally... want to find out more about why our school supports parents to delay getting a smartphone until children are older? Watch last week's fantastic West Sussex webinar by Papaya and Smartphone Free Childhood: ['Let's talk about our kids and their tech'](#). It is super informative about the risks around smartphones, social media, gaming and more, and hugely inspiring in terms of the changes we can all make at home and at school to help keep our children safe and happy.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break! Best wishes,
The Hove Learning Federation Smartphone Free Childhood Working Group