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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Hove Learning Federation! We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday and are feeling refreshed for the new school year.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Sally Pink to our Senior Leadership Team. Miss Pink joins us as the new Head of School at our Holland Road site, and we know she will be a fantastic addition to our school community.

Over the past two weeks, we have enjoyed welcoming so many families to our Meet the Teacher sessions. We hope you found these events informative and that they provided a valuable opportunity to learn more about your child's class, year group, and the exciting learning planned for the year ahead.

Please make a note of the dates for our upcoming Curriculum Workshops this term. These sessions are a great opportunity to find out more about what your child will be learning and how you can support them at home.

Communication

We value positive partnerships with our families and encourage an open and supportive approach to communication.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. You can contact the school via the enquiries email to share information or request a phone call, or you are welcome to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

Our Inclusion Team is also available to support pupils and families with pastoral matters. If you would like to arrange an appointment with one of our SENCOs, please contact our Hove Learning Federation SEND Administrator, Lou Molloy, at loumolloy@hovejunior.brighton-hove.sch.uk.

School Games Platinum Award

We are incredibly proud to have been awarded the School Games Platinum Mark Award 2025–26, recognising our continued commitment to providing high-quality physical education, sport, and opportunities for pupils to be active.

This year we will be building on this achievement by embedding the 60 Active Minutes initiative throughout the school day. This includes high-quality PE lessons, active learning, brain breaks and movement breaks, as well as introducing an Activity of the Week to encourage active, inclusive play



and develop sportsmanship during break and lunchtime.

We also continue to encourage pupils to take part in our wide range of clubs, competitions and sporting festivals, ensuring there are opportunities for everyone to get involved. Wherever possible, we also encourage families to support active travel to school by walking, cycling, or scooting.

Parking

Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe.

If you need to drive to school, please park safely and considerately, keeping the safety of our pupils, families, and residents in mind. Please do not double park, stop on double yellow lines, or block residents' driveways. By working together and showing consideration for our neighbours, we can help ensure the area around school remains safe and welcoming for everyone.

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>

Scooters and bikes:

A gentle reminder that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on the school premises before or after school. Please safely walk them in to school at the beginning of the day and avoid riding them at the end of the day until you have left the school gates.

Year Group Messages:

Year 3 Families:

On Friday 18th September we have The Outdoors Project coming in to deliver a Stunning Start workshop. The children will be taking part in fun and engaging sessions to learn more about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We are inviting children to dress up as a person from one of these ages. This can be as simple as brown/black/grey coloured clothes or a leopard print t-shirt. Please don't worry too much; we just want them to be comfortable and have fun!

During the workshop, the children will have the opportunity to use face paint. If you would **not** like your child to participate in face painting, please let your class teachers know.

Year 6 Families:

A reminder that the national deadline to apply for Secondary School (Year 7) for September 2027 entry is 31st October 2026.

Please refer to the individual secondary school websites for information on their open events, or contact them directly.



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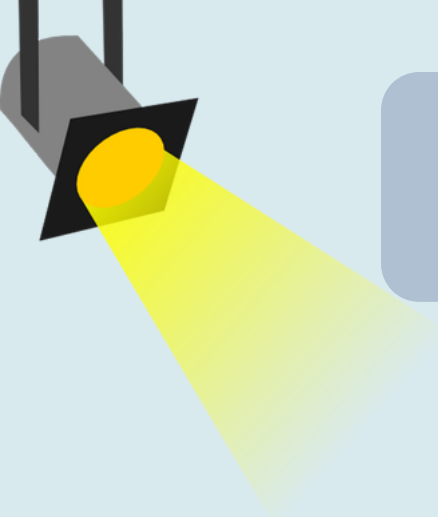
The Hove Learning Federation School Fund helps provide extra experiences, opportunities and resources that enrich our children's learning beyond the curriculum. Thanks to the generosity of families, it has supported a range of exciting activities and workshops, including:

- Curriculum enrichment activities and special events like our EYFS 'Under the Sea' Singing Workshop, Stone Age Workshops, Viking Workshops, WW2 Victory Tea Parties
- Using school fund to support gaps in funding for external year group school trips to Paradise Park, The Wetlands and Drusilla's.
- Additional resources to enhance children's learning experiences

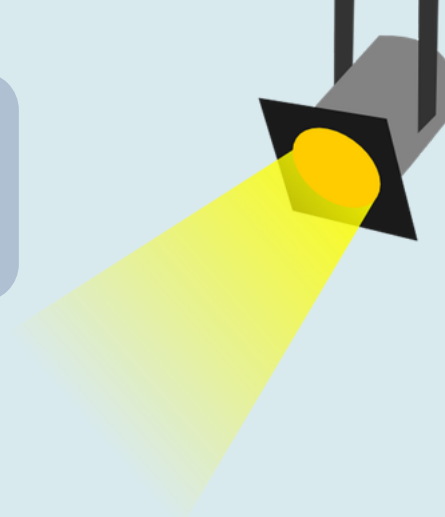
The School Fund is supported by a voluntary annual contribution of £30 per family. Every donation helps us provide these additional opportunities for our children and is hugely appreciated. There is no obligation to contribute if families are unable to do so, and no child will ever miss out as a result. Payments can be made easily via ParentPay.

For more information, please visit <https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/parents/school-fund-information/or> contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.



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Staff Spotlight

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Change



Miss Pink
Head of School

This newsletter's value is **Change**. **Change** can make us feel anxious, uncertain, disoriented, sad, excited, or even relieved, because it disrupts our sense of predictability, identity, and emotional stability. These reactions are common because change often involves loss, unfamiliarity, and a shift away from routines that once felt safe.

Ways to cope with change:

- **Keep routines** - Having routines is really helpful to children, especially having a bedtime routine that happens at around the same time, in the same order every day. This lets them know that whatever else is changing in their life, there are things that they can rely on to always happen. Having one-to-one calm time with a parent at the end of the day also gives children the chance to talk over any worries about what's happening in a secure environment.
- **Stay calm and consistent** - If your child sees that you can remain calm and consistent, it will send them a sign that you can cope with things changing and they don't need to worry.
- **Keep talking** - The more you can prepare your child for the change that is happening, the easier it will be for them to deal with.
- **Be prepared** - Preparation is key. For example, if they're starting a new school, practising the journey there and back and talking about what they will have for lunch will help them know what to expect.

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

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Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher



Lorna Cummings
Co-Executive Headteacher



Sally Pink
Head of School

Diary Dates

September:

Monday 14th - Meet the teacher meetings, straight after school.

Tuesday 15th - Meet the teacher meetings, Straight after school - **4 Sapphire only.**

Friday 18th - Year 3 Stunning Start. Children invited to dress up as a person from Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age.

October:

Thursday 1st - Individual school photos

Wednesday 14th - New Parent Visits, 10:45am

Thursday 22nd - Last day of term, dress down day.

Friday 23rd - INSET Day.





ALL YEARS

STREETFUNK DANCE CLUB!!

For Holland Road Children at Brunswick School

WEDNESDAYS

3.15 -4.30PM

PICK UP @ BRUNSWICK SCHOOL



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Could You Be the Next Chair of HLF Holland Road PTA?

We're looking for an enthusiastic new Chair to lead the HLF Holland Road PTA and help take an already successful PTA to the next level.

Last year was a fantastic year for the PTA:

We raised over £8,000 for the school.

We launched a brand-new PTA website (<https://hlf-holland-road-pta.mailchimpsites.com>) to help engage and inform our school community.

We delivered a range of successful events and activities for families throughout the year.

Now we're looking for someone with energy, ideas and enthusiasm to build on that success and help shape the PTA's next chapter.

Why become PTA Chair?

Make a real difference

Every event, fundraiser and initiative helps create additional opportunities and experiences for our children. As Chair, you'll have a direct impact on what the PTA can achieve.

Gain valuable leadership experience

This role provides hands-on experience in:

Leadership

Project and event management

Team coordination

Communication and stakeholder engagement

Strategic planning

Help shape the future

We're ambitious about what comes next. One of our key goals is to secure charitable status, helping us unlock new opportunities, funding streams and long-term benefits for the school community.

Join a supportive team

You won't be doing it alone. You'll be supported by an experienced committee, dedicated volunteers and a school community that is passionate about making a difference.

Who are we looking for?

You don't need previous PTA experience. We're looking for someone who:

Enjoys bringing people together

Has good organisational skills

Can help coordinate volunteers and activities

Wants to make a positive contribution to our school community

This is a unique opportunity to develop skills, build friendships and leave a lasting legacy for the children of HLF Holland Road.

Interested? We'd love to have an informal chat. Email us on hoveptahollandrd@gmail.com

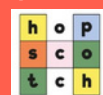
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Are you concerned about a child's mental health?



- 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.

Hello!

It's AL Start here, I sing with your children at school from time to time and they sing my songs at school.

My first Go Kid Music Club of the season is this **Saturday 12th Sept** at the Brunswick, Hove -and I'd love you and the kids to come along!

If you haven't been before, it's a very laid back afternoon of live music and fun with me hosting.

We have a different theme every month, and this month we're pretending it's still summer and going bananas!

The songs will be all the fun, silly ones plus some newbies and well known sing-alongs. Your kids will know many of them already - they can come on stage with me and join in!

We have a cool art activity while you settle in, and as well as Brighton's one-and-only Kids' Open Mic, we have a banana-based quiz for them this month! It'll be a giggle - and a great treat for getting back to school!

The Brunswick does yummy food too if you want to eat before/after the show - or during, if you're brave!

Tickets £8.50/4 for £29 (save a fiver)/ under 2s free/Compass Card holders FREE!

All the info/tickets can be found on <https://gokidsmusic.com/tickets> - hope you can join me!



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School: (Years 1&2)

Day and Time: Fridays 1520-1620

Dates: 18/09, 25/09, 02/10, 09/10, 16/10

5 Week Programme Cost: £46

Our After School Programmes are designed to inspire our children towards gaining an interest in the Sciences. Our workshops are a mixture of exciting demonstrations and thought provoking hands-on experiments and tasks.



'Out of Our Senses' - Sensational Science!

'TASTE BUDDIES'

Finding out about flavour is the aim of this session, we explore the reasons why we like some food and drinks, but not others. We will even make sherbet to help investigate what makes our drinks fizz and more acidic.



'GO WITH MY GUT'

Follow food down into the belly as we enter the guts and digest the inner workings of our body from dinner plate to toilet bowl. Find out how the body gets as much as we can by eating and what waste we leave behind.



'SNOTTY SCIENCE'

The body is under attack from dangerous germs and we must protect it! Find out about this seasons must have mucus and how it protects us from the dangerous invaders all around us. Just in case, take some extra home with you as well.

'SHOW ME THE LIGHT'

Become illuminated as we split apart light into rainbows. Discover how light travels and how it can be used every day. Discover invisible messages that are hidden in plain sight to help keep us all safe.



'I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES'

Seeing is not always believing! We open our eyes to the wonderful world of optics and the workings of the brain. We will see how our brain plays tricks on us to see things are not really there!

FUN GRADUATION!

Hopefully we have opened your eyes to the world around us! You will be rewarded with a certificate and a special gift in this fun-filled SOUND session.

Terms and Conditions -Refunds can only be given for cancellations made seven days prior to programme commencing. Any cancellations not made within this period will be charged £5.00 administration fee. No reimbursements will be given for any child asked to leave the programme due to bad behaviour. Refunds can not be given for children missing sessions. Programmes may change without prior notice, however every effort is made to keep to workshops as those stated above.

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