

Whole School Messages

Thursday 10th September 2026

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to our wonderful children and families. We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are ready for another exciting school year!

To limit the number of e-mails sent home, a weekly bulletin is e-mailed to you every Thursday. The newsletter is sent home bi-weekly on a Friday.

At the start of the academic year, we need to send out a higher number of emails that include key term time information, individual logins, invitations to parent workshops and other start of school details. We are aware that this will seem like a high volume of messages which is why we make every effort after this initial settling in period, to keep school messages down to one weekly bulletin. We would like to thank you in advance for your understanding.

School Fund:

A reminder that a letter was e-mailed home on 3rd September with information on the voluntary £30.00 that we request from families at the start of each new school year. The school fund is separate from the PTA fundraising and goes towards each year group receiving a 'topic' based workshop/visitor each term, core texts and additional reading resources, additional resources for topic stunning starts and fabulous finishes, Art/DT resources for art week, topic week and enterprise initiatives, Saplings resources for our 'Forest School' curriculum, Year 4 Soundmakers music programme and so much more.

This can be paid as a one-off payment on Parent Pay or in three termly amounts of £10.

The letter includes details of how to use Parent Pay as well as the school bank details should you wish to set up a regular standing order.

Please be aware that there is no obligation to contribute, and no child will ever miss out as a result.

After-School Skate Club:

Skate Club takes place every Friday from 3:20pm – 4:20pm for £12.85 per session, starting this Friday 11th September. Please see the flyer below for more information. To book, [click here](#)

Fred Shed:

Fred Shed, our school food bank is a really important part of our school community, offering a little extra support to families who need it.

We are looking for parents and carers who might be able to spare just 45 minutes on a Friday afternoon, from 2.45pm-3.30pm, to help keep Fred Shed running.

It's a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community and make a practical difference to families in our school. Whether you can help every Friday, once a month, or simply when you are able, every bit of support makes a difference.

At the moment, we don't have enough volunteers to keep Fred Shed running, so unless we can find some additional helpers, we may sadly have to stop offering this service. We really hope that, together, we can keep it going.

If you think you could spare some time on a Friday, please email Lisa at hovejuniorpta@gmail.com and let her know. You don't need any experience - just a willingness to help.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the food bank so far, and to our wonderful school community for continuing to look out for one another.

Year Group Messages

Year 3:

On Friday 25th 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 5:

We are very excited to kick start our Autumn Term topic, 'Brighton Rocks!' and have begun our first history lessons looking at the history of Brighton and Hove.

We will have our Stunning Start in school on Thursday 17th September, during which we will make our own traditional seaside-style games, such as hoopla, ball in bucket or mini golf. Please see the below images to see the kinds of things we could make.

We therefore need donations of any cardboard boxes (a range of sizes), paper cups, kitchen roll tubes or anything else that might be useful in making a traditional seaside game. Please send these into school with your child as soon as possible.

On the day, children will have the option of dressing up in 'beachwear' for a sunny day at the beach! (This could just be shorts and t-shirt, if the weather is warm enough, or a pair of sunglasses and a sunhat if not!)

Thank you so much for your support! We are looking forward to an exciting start to a busy term.

Year 6:

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.

Key Dates

Year 3	
September	
11.09.26	Introduction to reading with class teacher – 3:25pm
14.09.26	Introduction to reading with class teacher – 3:25pm
25.09.26	Stunning Start Workshop – Option to dress up as Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age.

Year 4	
September	
11.09.26	Meet the teacher sessions – 3:25pm in your child's classroom.
14.09.26	Meet the teacher sessions – 3:25pm in your child's classroom.

Year 5	
September	
11.09.26	Meet the teacher sessions – 3.25pm in your child's classroom.
14.09.26	Meet the teacher sessions – 3.25pm in your child's classroom.
17.09.26	Stunning Start – Donations of cardboard boxes, paper cups, kitchen roll tubes requested. Option to dress up in 'Beachwear' such as shorts and t-shirt or sunglasses and sunhat.

Year 6	
September	
11.09.26	Meet the teacher sessions – 3:25pm in your child's classroom.
14.09.26	Meet the teacher sessions – 3.25pm in your child's classroom.



Hove Learning Federation is a Nut Free and Sesame Seed Free School

Please help us keep our school an allergen-free environment and minimise the risk of any person suffering allergy-induced anaphylaxis or food intolerance whilst on the school premises.

The school has a 'Healthy School' award status. We therefore politely ask that parents refrain from giving out treats on the school premises.

Thank you for your co-operation.



DONATE HERE

FRED SHED

Fred Shed is a school community non-profit sharing shed that stocks non-perishable items and school uniform for 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 and school uniform which can be dropped into either infants or juniors school reception areas.

OPEN every Friday
after school

along with Fred's free bakery which comes from generous donations from Real Patisserie and The Flour Pot Bakery

Fred's shed is located in the juniors front playground just next to the main gates

If you need help, and don't feel comfortable approaching the sharing shed please email us at portlandroadenquiries@hovjun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

If you'd like to support Fred Shed with your time contact hovejuniorpta@gmail.com

To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both Infants and Juniors school receptions.



**WANT
TO DONATE?**

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



AFTER-SCHOOL SKATE CLUB

HOVE JUNIOR SCHOOL
PORTLAND ROAD

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
SKATE TUITION AND GAMES
WET WEATHER ARTS & CRAFTS
TAX-FREE CHILDCARE AND
VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



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EVERY FRIDAY 3:20PM - 4:20PM
11/9, 18/9, 25/9, 2/10, 9/10, 16/10, 6/11, 13/11, 20/11, 27/11, 4/12, 11/12, 18/12
£167.05 FOR THE TERM (£12.85 PER SESSION)

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 here

- <https://gokidmusic.com/tickets> - hope you can join me!

