



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

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Reception and Year 6 Buddies



On Friday 5th October, Year 6 buddies came to listen to their Reception buddy read. The Year 6 then shared a picture book with their buddies.



Raising the Profile of the School

As mentioned in our last newsletter on 28.9.18 the numbers of children on roll in schools across Brighton and Hove are falling. This fall is projected to get lower over the coming years. There are many reasons for this, such as a low birth rates and higher costs of living which are making people decide to move to cheaper areas of Sussex or the South East.

This school, like all in the Brighton and Hove area, is hit by this. We are very proud of the journey we are on as a school, and we hope you, the families of our children, are beginning to see the kind of school we aspire to be. This being encapsulated in our new school Mission Statement. We are a diverse school that loves to celebrate its diversity and the fact we welcome not only Catholics, but those of any religion or none at all. All are welcome here and we are proud of our inclusivity!

Having known of the falling birth rate for over a year, the school has been working to raise its profile in the surrounding area. This has been through PTA events, including being invited to provide catering at Woodingdean Carnival, the Firework display and Summer Ball, as well as our Christmas and Summer Fairs — these events are open to all in the community and not just the school.

The school, governors and PTA have also been writing articles to inform the wider community of some of the brilliant learning and events that go on in our school. Local newspapers have included the Rottingdean News and Woodingdean News.

Thanks to Miss Anscombe, the school also pioneered the use of the Grange, Rottingdean to exhibit the children's artwork, which now involves more local schools.

Currently we have spaces in year groups across the school and, thanks to collaboration with the governors and PTA, have produced a leaflet to inform the wider community of what we do. We would like to develop this further for next year. In the meantime, we are asking for parents to help distribute leaflets in the surrounding areas, especially Saltdean and Peacehaven. The school did place a supplement add in the Woodingdean News during the summer but are happy to distribute in this area if parents wish. Governors have already been placing leaflets

in local nurseries, libraries and medical centres. If you can help we would love to know. Our school is becoming the best place in the area to learn and we wish to continue on our journey with you and your children. Thank you for any help you may be able to give to ensure a bright future for our warm, friendly and ever developing school!

Parent/Carer Council

Parent/Carer Council had a very successful meeting on Monday. A massive thank you to all those parents/carers that could make it. Lots was discussed with very positive outcomes. The Parent/Carer Council really is developing as a voice for parents/carers, as you will see in the minutes of the meeting this week in the attachments. They are very committed to ensuring your children receive the best possible education and will support the leaflet distribution. Please contact them or the school if you can help by distributing leaflets in your area — we have produced a large number of them! We have also placed a sticker on them to let people know we have the best combined (Reading, Writing and Maths) Key Stage 2 SATs results in the surrounding areas!

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Forthcoming Dates

Autumn Term
2018
3rd September to 19th
December
2018

October Half
Term
22nd Oct to
2nd Nov
Children back
on Nov 5th

INSET dates
for 2019
15th February
2019
23rd April
2019
3rd June 2019

Thursday 6th
June 2019
Class Photo's

Thurs 11th
July 2019
Sports Day

Saturday 13th
July 2019
Summer Fair

Please see the
final page for
all the dates
you will need
this term and
more!



Stars of the week

Due to Welcome Assembly stars will be announced next week

After School Clubs

Mon - French - Yrs Rec 1, 2 & 3 (starting Mon 17th Sept)
Theatrics Yrs R, 1 & 2 (first session 12th Nov)

Weds — Multiskills Yrs 1 & 2 (starting Weds 19th Sept)

Thurs— Theatrics Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 (starting Thurs 8th Nov)

Fri— Multisports Yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 (starting Fri 21st Sept)

Christmas Choir — Years 3 to 6

The Christmas choir with Victoria will be starting again on Monday the 15th of October 3.30 to 4.15 at the Church Hall and restarting again after half term on Monday the 5th of November. The children will be singing in the Christmas Vigil and at two local nursing homes.

Outdoor Learning Day

On 8th November the school invites parents to come into the school at 2.30pm to have a look at the development of our outdoor learning and wildlife area at the top of the school site. The Eco Schools council will host and there will be activities to help showcase our new outdoor area and the future potential for enhancing learning opportunities for the children. Look out for further information!

Longhill School

It was great to have Kate Williams, Headteacher at Longhill School, drop in to meet with parents last week and raise the profile of the school as a place for your child to attend. Kate wanted to share her enthusiasm of all the great changes at Longhill and congratulations to her and the school team for their OFSTED grade of Good awarded to them.

Sid the Shark

Sid visited the school this week and shared an assembly with the children. He was very popular amongst the younger children but they soon realised that furry sharks are not always the kindest! He is part of the East Sussex Credit Union campaign to raise awareness about illegal and unscrupulous money lending organisations and individuals. The assembly is to help children understand the need to be careful with money and save well using reputable banks, and even more so, credit unions, that give ethical financial support. They are a not-for-profit savings and loans co-operative, originally registered on 8th August 2000.



They aim to operate a successful and ethical co-operative savings and loans business, which is socially, economically and environmentally sustainable and open to all people living and working in East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and all members of Unite the Union in the South East Region.

Information has been given to your children to share.

Parent/Carer Workshop dates for phonics, reading, maths etc all to be held at 3.30pm after school

Reading — 5th November year 5/6 reading workshop; 6th November Y3/4 Reading Workshop;

7th November Reception and year 1 Phonics/reading parents workshop

Writing — 19th November Y5/Y6 Writing, SPaG and spelling workshop; 20th Nov y3/y4 writing/SPaG and Spelling workshop; 21st Nov Y1 and Y2 Writing/Spelling/SPaG workshop; 22nd Reception writing workshop

3rd Reception maths workshop

Maths - 4th Dec Y1/Y2 Parents Maths Workshop; 4th Dec Y3/Y4 Parents Maths Workshop; 6th December Year 5/6 Maths workshop

Walk to School Week — please remember it is walk to school next week !

Harvest Festival

This year we will celebrate Harvest Assembly on Friday 19th October at 9.15am. We are hoping to have representatives from both our chosen charities attend — This year, as well as collecting gifts for the Clock Tower Sanctuary in Brighton, we will also be donating gifts to Brighton Voices in Exile. This is a local Brighton based charity that helps asylum seekers and refugees with little or no recourse to public funds in Sussex and Surrey.

PTA News

Fireworks Display

Monday November 5th sees the return of our Autumn Extravaganza with Firework display so save the date - details to follow later this term.

Governors' Corner

Welcome back to a new academic year. My name is Giulia de Rosa and I am the Chair of the Governors.

After excellent results last year and many exciting new initiatives, the term has certainly started well and the governors have resumed our regular monitoring meetings, school visits and governor training.

Wishing you all a very happy and successful Autumn Term.



Parent/Volunteer Safeguarding Training — *DATE AMENDMENT

There will be important Safeguarding Training for all adults who wish to continue helping in school/attending school trips on the following dates. If you would like to be considered as an assisting adult in the future it is vital that you attend. The SG training will be held in the hall on the following dates:

16th October 2 - 3pm

*6th Nov 9.15 - 10.15 am

Many thanks, Zoe Garbarz Designated Safeguarding Lead

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2019 INSET DAYS 15th February 2019 — 23rd April 2019 — 3rd June 2019

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 12th October 2.15pm **Welcome Assembly for Reception Children, New Children and Staff**

Tuesday 16th 3.30 — 6.00pm **Parents Consultation Evenings**

Wednesday 17th October 10am **LOL Church Reception and Year 6 Mass**

Thursday 18th 4.00 - 7.00pm **Parents Consultation Evenings**

Friday 19th October 9.15am **Harvest Assembly**

Half Term Holiday — Monday 22nd October to Friday 2nd November inclusive

Friday 9th November **Tree of Life Assembly**

Wednesday 14th November 2pm **Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents**

Thursday 15th November 10 — 11am and 7— 8pm **Open Day for Prospective Parents**

Tuesday 27th November **Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 5**

Wednesday 5th December 1.30 **Infant Nativity Performance**

Thursday 6th December 9.30pm **Infant Nativity Performance**

Tuesday 11th December **School Christmas Lunch**

Thursday 13th December 1.30 **Junior Advent Reflection**

Friday 14th December 9.30 **Junior Advent Reflection**

End of Autumn Term — Wednesday 19th December

Spring Term begins - Thursday 3rd January 2019

Thursday 6th June - **Class Photos**

Thursday 11th July — **Sports Day (Reception and KS1 morning/KS2 afternoon)**

PTA Dates

Friday 12th October - **Quiz Night**

Monday 5th November — **Fireworks Display**

Saturday 1st December — **Christmas Fair**

Saturday 6th July — **Woodingdean Carnival**

Saturday 13th July — **Summer Fair**

****Please see Attachments****

FLOSS 4 FUNDING
FRIDAY 19TH OCT



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

AGAINST SCHOOLFUNDING CUTS

#FLOSS4FuNDING

#PARENTSTEACHERSUNITE #BuDGET2018

WWW.SAVEOURSCHOOLS.UK/FLOSS4FuNDING

Update from Mrs Jackie Storey, Education Welfare Officer

Autumn Term 2018

School Attendance Matters!

I would like to thank all parents/carers for their ongoing support in ensuring that children are in school every day on time. We are delighted that for the school year 2017-18 our whole school attendance was in line with the national average – but there are still a small minority of children who are missing too much school.

From September 2018 I will be monitoring and advising the school on statutory processes around school absence and attendance, including the implementation of the Code of Conduct around issuing fixed penalty fines for unauthorised absences and prosecutions under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. Full details of this can be found on the Brighton & Hove City council website.

Please remember that holidays during term time cannot be authorised, so please do not book any trips or holidays during term time or parents/carers could face fines from the Local Authority.

On that note, I would like to remind families that there are a wonderful **175 non-school days each year** for family time and trips. Please use these and help us to allow all children to be in school every day.

Please also try to book medical/dental appointments outside school time wherever possible, and if this isn't possible it is really helpful if you can provide a copy of an appointment card or similar documentation for the school office.

If your child's attendance falls below about 92% you may receive a letter from school informing you that we will be monitoring their attendance, and offering support if needed.

We hope that our work is helping all pupils and families to fully appreciate the importance of regular attendance at school – a student with 90% attendance is actually missing half a day of school every single week.

If your child is having difficulty in attending school for any reason whatsoever, we are available to support and help you so please do contact us if you would like help and advice. Please contact me via the school if you would like to discuss anything at all related to your child's attendance or punctuality.



PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2018

Welcome

Present at the meeting were:

Paul Beverton (Headteacher), Zoe Garbarz (Inclusion Co-ordinator), Urszula Funnell (parent) Marisa Nixon (parent), Nick Fane (parent), Hayley Thistlewaite (parent), Orla Andrew (parent), Sinead Nelson (parent), Nessa Stringer (parent) Peter Tierney (Co-opted Governor) and Emma Briggs (secretary).

Apologies: Justyna Pokorska, Laura Carpenter

Re-election of roles

Nessa Stringer stepped down as role of Chair.

- Laura Carpenter was voted in as the new Chair.
- Emma Briggs was voted in as Secretary.

Parent reps

Majority of current reps agreed to move up a year with their child. Due to the current year 3 rep now taking on a position as the Year 1 teacher, there is not a parent rep for year 3. A full list of parent reps is included at the bottom of this document.

Parent reps commented that they have yet to be approached by parents and that there is still a lack of understanding about the parent council.

Action: EB A document will be drafted which details the parent rep(s) what their role is, what the parent council does and what it has achieved to date. The names and a photo of each rep (as well as Chair and Secretary) will also be available in the foyer opposite the office to try and raise the council's profile.

Governor Fund

The Governor Fund will now be known as the School Development Fund. It has been agreed by governors and parent reps that this name represents more appropriately what the fund is used for. The group thanked Orla for all her hard work in producing a letter explaining about the fund and the reasons for contributing towards it.

Action: EB The letter will be included in all book bags and it is hoped that this will encourage more parents to contribute to the fund which will go towards funding much needed capital projects.

The suggestion of holding a raffle (once every term) for those who contribute into the fund to win a small prize e.g. Costa voucher was still supported. This will be put on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

Policies

The Homework, Anti-Bullying and Behavior policy are the policies due for review. Teachers and pupils have already been given the opportunity to review these policies. An email was sent to all parent / cares with the behavior policy attached and a signpost to where the other policies could be accessed, so at all parents/carers were given the opportunity to review and comment. It was noted that the office may not have all email addresses on file / or may not be accurate, so it was suggested that this needs to be checked and then the policies will be resent with a deadline date for parents to review.

Once this date has passed then it will be assumed that parents who wish to comment have been given the opportunity to do so.

Any other business

Flu vaccination

NS asked why children are offered the school vaccination in school rather than in a medical setting such as a GP surgery or clinic. As part of the NHS Flu Vaccination Programme all children in reception class and school years 1 – 5 are offered the vaccination in the school (as a way for the local authority to reach all children) and as such schools cannot opt out of offering the flu vaccination to their pupils.

However, parents/carers **do not** have to consent to their child having the vaccination. In the event of a parent/carer not returning the consent form the default position would be that the child would not receive the vaccination.

It was queried if the school had any flexibility over the date that the vaccination can be offered and if so could it be carried out on the last day of the half term.

Action: Mr Beverton will check if this is possible but it is likely that the school will not have this flexibility.

Single Use Plastics

UF wanted to discuss the use of plastics at school events. This issue has also been previously discussed by the schools Eco Council who wanted to address the plastics the PTA use, e.g. cups and straws etc. The PTA have agreed that after the current stock has run out they would look to buy more sustainable / Eco friendly products for the future. It was noted that if these items cost more then the cost may be offset by a small price increase or a decrease in profit.

Other suggestions also could be that money off a hot drink if bringing in own cup, reducing plastic water bottles by offering water at events in an urn.

Action: EB to take forward to the PTA.

It was also asked if where appropriate copies are of letters / magazines etc are only given to one child per family. It was agreed that going forward only the oldest child would be given a copy of paperwork, to reduce waste.

Parking

It was agreed by all that parking directly outside the school on the zig zags and on the kerb poses a danger to children and adults walking into the school. PB informed the meeting that both the local authority and the school have repeatedly tried to recruit a

"lollipop person" but that they have been unsuccessful. It was also discussed that a zebra crossing could be a potential solution to ensure that children could cross safely to and from the school and to try and also prevent cars for parking directly outside.

Action: All parent reps to circulate a petition to parents to support a request for zebra crossing outside school and will send to the local authority.

Action: PB to re-circulate a design a poster task for children to create a "no parking zone" poster. The winning poster to be displayed outside the school to create further awareness of the dangers of dangerous parking.

School leaflets / marketing

For the first time in many years; this year reception was undersubscribed. There are many contributing factors such as a low birth rate years and families moving out of Brighton and Hove due to the high cost of living for some. Governors and staff have created leaflets detailing all the unique selling points of OLOL and its achievements, which they would like help in distributing locally, e.g. pre-schools, libraries, GP surgeries etc.

Action: All: If anyone one can help with the distribution of these leaflets, please contact the parent council in one of the following ways:

Via your class rep

Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1849579305353769>

Email address parentcouncil@lourdes.brighton-hove@sch.uk

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed.

Parent council class reps as of October 2018

Class Year	Name
Reception	Kelly Kelly Sinead Nelson
Year 1	Justyna Pokovska Kelly Kelly
Year 2	Orla Andrew Hayley Thistlethwaite
Year 3	None put forward
Year 4	Hayley Thistlethwaite Marisa Nixon
Year 5	Nicki Lawes
Year 6	Nick Fane Nicki Lawes

WOODING- CLEAN

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 14TH

10am-3pm

Or in your own time

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP EVENT

- Pick up litter or dog mess
- Help a neighbour
- Help take bulky items to the tip
- Whatever you can do to make Woodingdean a safer and cleaner community.

JOIN US FOR PARK CLEAN-UPS
OR HELP A NEIGHBOUR IN NEED

LOCATION SUGGESTIONS? NEED HELP? VOLUNTEER?
GET IN TOUCH!

CONTACT DAVID WILSON

07507 684899

DAVIDJWILSON@LIVE.CO.UK

Get updates at: fb.me/WoodingClean

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Sussex Community



NHS Foundation Trust

Moulsecoomb Children's Centre

Hodshrove Lane BN2 4SE



Managing your child's sleep issues and routines

We all need enough sleep but 1 in 3 children under 5 have sleep and bedtime problems.

Common issues experienced by parents are:

- Moving a child from a cot to a bed
- A child not being able to settle unless they are held or rocked to sleep
 - A child not staying in their own bed, or dawdling at bedtime
 - Children who get up repeatedly needing a drink, more kisses, or more bedtime stories.

Triple P Group Workshop – Saturday 20 October, 10-12.15pm

Workshops are FREE and are designed for families with children aged 2-7 years

Find out about useful tips and strategies that really help!

Call Vicky on 01273 294040 or Natalie on 01273 296700 to book a place on the workshop.

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Hollingdean Children's Centre

Brentwood Road, Brighton BN1 7DY



Helping your child do as they are asked: dealing with disobedience

All children are disobedient sometimes; it is natural for them to want more independence and make their own choices and decisions but disobedience can become a problem.

- Toddlers will often test limits – and watch for the reaction.
- Older children might ignore instructions, answer back and become upset if they don't get their own way.

As parents it's important to deal with disobedience decisively and have reasonable expectations of our children and set fair limits.

Triple P Group Workshop – Wednesday 17 October, 12.15-2.30pm

Workshops are FREE and are designed for families with children aged 2-7 years

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**Limited crèche places are available –
Call Natalie on 01273 296700 or Tina on 01273 296356
to book a place on the workshop and crèche places.**

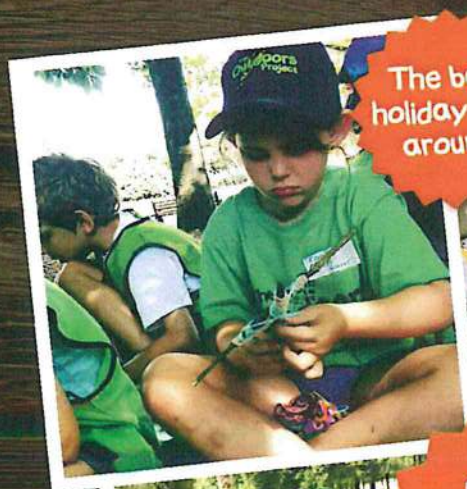
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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

CLUB LOCATIONS: HOVE PARK, STANMER PARK, ST. ANN'S WELL GARDENS



The best
holiday club
around!



Cannot
recommend
The Outdoors
Project enough!
My son loved it and
asked if he can go
on weekend as
well!?



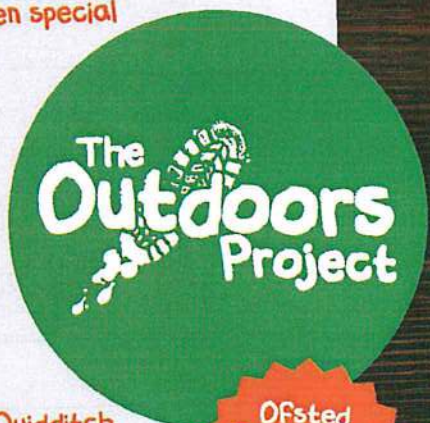
100%
of parents
who answered
our survey would
recommend The
Outdoors Project
to other parents



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- Mon 22 Oct, Hove Park, Mine Craft vs Wild Craft
- Tues 23 Oct, Hove Park, Search & Rescue Mission
- Tues 23 Oct, Stanmer Park, Halloween Zombie Run & Body Part Scavenger Hunt
- Wed 24 Oct, Hove Park, Harry Potter Wizard Wands & Quidditch
- Wed 24 Oct, Stanmer Park, Zombie Nerf & Fortnite Halloween special
- Thurs 25 Oct, Hove Park, Roald Dahl Day
- Fri 26 Oct, Hove Park, Halloween Zombie Run & Body Part Scavenger Hunt
- Mon 29 Oct, St. Ann's Well Garden, Search & Rescue Mission
- Tues 30 Oct, St. Ann's Well Garden, Zombie Nerf & Fortnite Halloween Special
- Tues 30 Oct, Stanmer Park, Roald Dahl Day
- Wed 31 Oct, St. Ann's Well Garden, Halloween Zombie Run & Body Part Scavenger Hunt
- Wed 31 Oct, Stanmer Park, Harry Potter Wizard Wands & Quidditch
- Thurs 1 Nov, St. Ann's Well Garden, Minecraft vs Wild Craft
- Thurs 1 Nov, Stanmer Park, Halloween Zombie Run & Body Part Scavenger Hunt
- Fri 2 Nov, St. Ann's Well Garden, Roald Dahl Day



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