



Hassocks Infant School

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Dear Families,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the term. It is hard to believe that another school year is almost over. The past few weeks have been busy, with lots of events happening in school. It has been great to see so many families in school. We've also enjoyed welcoming our new Reception children and families into the school in preparation for September. There are a number of events planned for the last week of term. We have included some details in this newsletter but do also keep an eye on ParentMail.

Adrian Bates-Holland, Headteacher

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT FRIDAY 21ST JULY

Year 2 Leavers Arch—to celebrate the end of the children's time at our school, the year 2 children will leave a little later than usual, at 3.15pm. They will be leaving through the large door into the front playground, through our leavers arch.

We ask for year 2 parents to wait in the front playground just before 3.15pm for their children to come out.

Parents of Reception & Year 1 children, please can we ask you to collect your children and leave the school grounds promptly as all staff members are needed for the Leavers Arch.

Thank you

Lost Property

All unnamed lost property will be available outside the school office on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July. Any items unclaimed will be disposed of.

Please do take the opportunity to spend a few minutes to take a look through, thank you.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce & welcome some new members to our staff team, who are joining us in September.

Miss Wilson will be joining Year Two in Elm Class

Mr Jan (pronounced Yan) joins Ash Class in Year One

Miss Martinoli joins Beech Class in Reception



Miss Wilson



Mr Jan

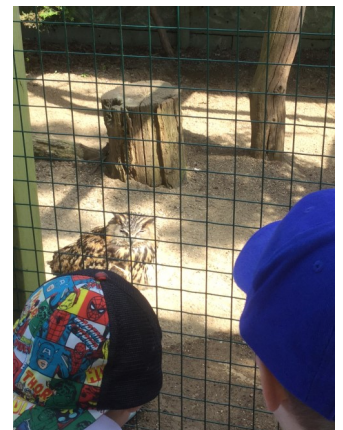


Miss Martinoli

Year One British Wildlife Centre

Year 1 had an amazing time at the British Wildlife centre back in May. We had the whole centre to ourselves and our very own personal zoo keeper for the day!

The teachers were so impressed with how we behaved and the questions we asked. We found out so many new facts about British wildlife. A huge thank you to all the wonderful parents who came with us too.



Forest School

We are delighted that we have been able to restart our Forest School this term. With our Year 1 children having the opportunity to take part. Each group attend a session for a whole afternoon each week per half term. They have enjoyed making musical instruments, used a bow saw to make wooden animals, been introduced to whittling to create pencils with charcoal & elder and also enjoyed the mud kitchen and hammock!

We have only had the capacity to run Forest School for our Year 1 children this term. However we are planning to extend this programme so that Year 1 and Year 2 are able to participate next year.

Forest School is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn in the outdoor environment. We are exceptionally lucky to have a corner of our school field set aside for Forest School sessions.





FoHIS Update

FoHIS would like to thank everyone who has supported us this last year - whether through volunteering at our events, baking cakes, donating prizes, or buying tickets and joining in. We've had a fantastic year raising much needed funds for the school. Special thanks does go to our amazing volunteers who helped at the summer fair, which raised almost £4,000 for the school. We could not have done it without you.

Over the year your donations have enabled us to:

- Redesign and replace the mud kitchen
- Replenish books for the library
- Upgrade equipment on the decking area for Reception classes
- Purchase leavers jumpers for our year 2 students
- Provide numicon learning resources
- Contribute towards stationery provisions

We also donate 10% of money raised to the Madagascar Development Fund (MDF) who have recently used some of these funds to build and install a water system in Amboara in the Itasy Region, providing safe and clean water to the entire village. Not only is access to clean water crucial for health reasons, it also allows girls to go to school instead of spending their days collecting (usually polluted) water.



We're already planning some great events for the next school year so watch this space! And if anyone wants to get involved with FoHIS, whether to join the committee, help in a smaller capacity or plan your own event, then let us know.

Have a wonderful summer,

Carly, Clare, Katie, Lucy & Rachel, FoHIS Team



This information was received from Brian Donaldson the Founder & Patron of the Madagascar Development Fund:

We are pleased to tell you that the inauguration of the safe, clean water system at Amboara to which you donated took place on 22nd May. The ceremony began in the usual way - with the raising of the Malagasy flag, the singing of the National Anthem, and a series of speeches

The villagers were told about Hassocks Infant School and its "Madagascar corner" and all the hard work the parents put into organizing fairs and other fund raising events to support MDF's work. The villagers were clearly touched to learn that children and their parents in an "unknown, far distant land" are interested in Madagascar

A member of the Water Committee was next to speak. He too thanked the FOHIS and other MDF supporters for the new water installation, saying "In the past we drank polluted, muddy water which we used to collect from unprotected ponds and which regularly made us ill. Our dreams have come true thanks to Friends of Hassocks Infant School now that we can drink clean water. My thanks and appreciation go to everyone who made this possible."

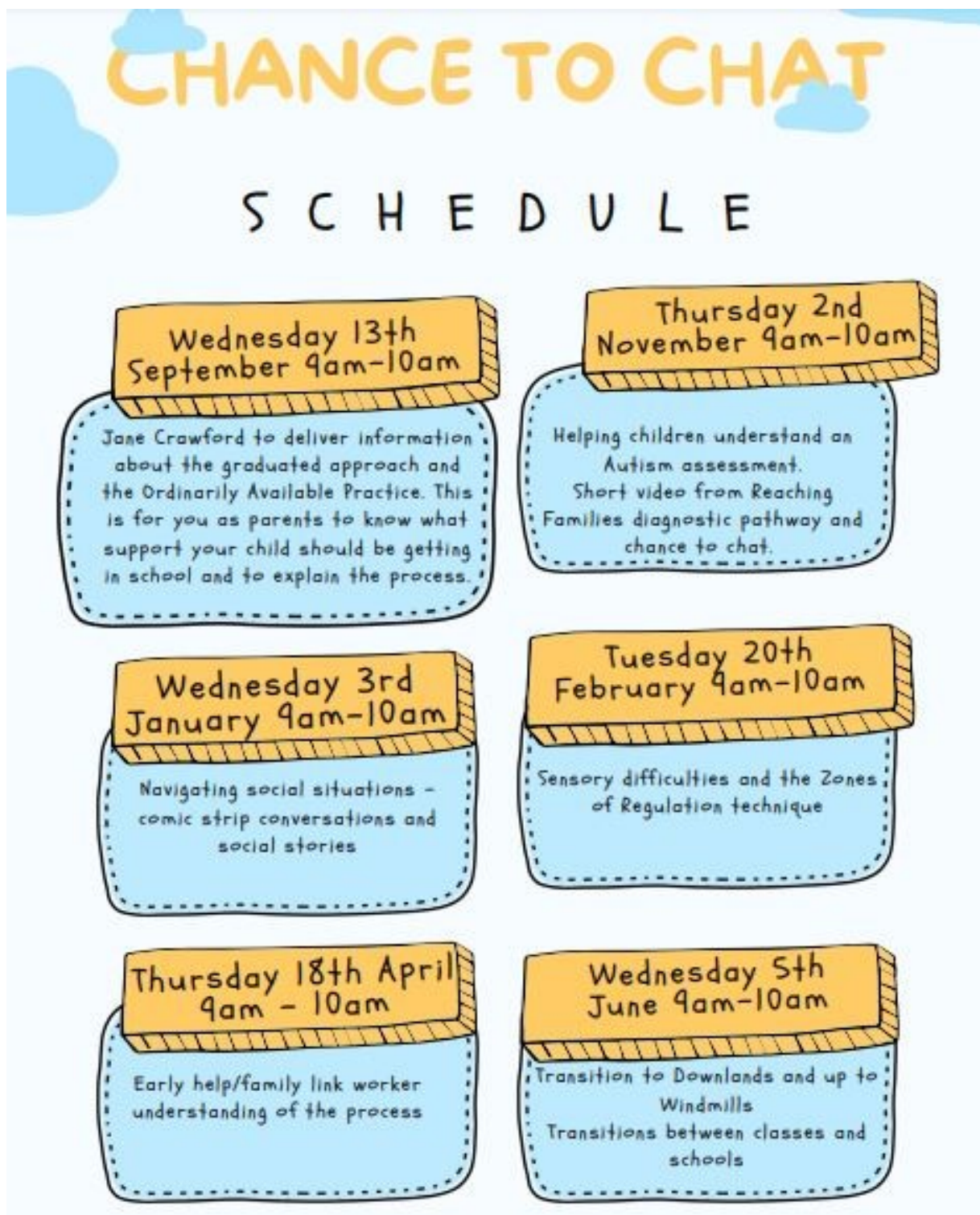


Chance to Chat

Does your child need extra support in school? Do they have an additional need or disability (diagnosed or undiagnosed)?

Hassocks Infant School and The Windmills Junior School hold a joint parent coffee morning at Windmills on the first week back after every half term. During each session, we try to incorporate some training, alongside a chance to chat to each other.

Please see below the schedule for the upcoming school year:



The Learning Disability Health Promotion Day "Busting Myths"

18th
July
2023

11am
- 3pm

"Come and join the health facilitation team and many more for a fun day busting health myths!"

The Bridge Leisure Centre

Wickhurst Lane, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, RH12 3YS

Tickets are FREE!

Use phone
to scan...



Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or following the URL below

tinyurl.com/5ew2xv2p



What's on?

- Talks and stalls on health related topics such as Annual Health Checks, My Care Passports and health screening.

- Fun activities to take part in, such as bike riding, smoothie bikes, music and fitness.

- A cafe where you can buy food and drinks. Drinking water will be available.

- Sensory room



School Dates to Note for the Summer Term

For full details of all events please see parentmail

Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th July	Unnamed Lost Property available outside the office for collection
Tuesday 18th July	Reception Celebration Assembly 9.20am Beech & 1/2 Cherry / 2.20pm Willow & 1/2 Cherry
Thursday 20th July	Year Two Leavers Assembly 9.15am Elm & 1/2 Holly / 2.15pm Oak & 1/2 Holly
Friday 21st July	Last day of term—non uniform day am—Year two leavers party 3.15pm Year two leavers arch in the front playground
Thurs 24th August	Cut off day for ordering school meals, please ensure you have ordered your child's school lunch before 24th August.
Monday 24th July to Thursday 31st August—SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
Friday 1st September	INSET DAY—school closed for all pupils
Monday 4th September	School re-opens for all children