



# Hassocks Infant School

## NEWSLETTER NO. 6 - July 2025



To all of our families,

I just wanted to say thank you to all of you for your continued support throughout another busy and successful year at the school. It has been wonderful to see so many of you throughout the summer term – at Sports Days, Year 1 Back in Time Day, open afternoon and our Summer Fair. Thank you for joining us for these events. We do hope that you have enjoyed sharing the children's learning experiences as much as we have.

The summer holiday is rapidly approaching and we break up for the summer holidays on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Just a reminder that children return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. School is closed on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September as this is an INSET day. We do hope that you all have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing many of you when we return. We would like to wish our Year 2 families lots of success for the future – you will all be missed.

Many thanks,

Adrian Bates-Holland  
Head Teacher

### LOST PROPERTY

**We have an awful lot of lost property found in school, both children's and adults, including sunglasses, earphones in a case, various items of uniform and PE kit, lunch containers etc. etc.**

**All unnamed items of lost property will be available to look through during the last full week of term—Monday 14th to Friday 18th July. Tables will be located outside the office entrance.**

**Please do take the opportunity to look through and claim any items. Any items remaining at the end of Friday 18th July will be taken to charity shops or disposed of.**

**Just a reminder about the importance of labelling your child(ren)'s items to ensure they can be returned to them if lost.**

## School Uniform

Please see below full details of our uniform policy. We ask you please to bear this in mind when preparing and shopping for returning to school in September.

Note that jumpers and cardigans should only be burgundy, NO red or pink please

Black, closed toe shoes only, NO boots or sandals

Studs, rather than rings for piercings—for health & safety reasons

Unless children are taking part in an afterschool club they should not be bringing bags into school, the majority of children only need their book bag and water bottle. Space in school is very tight. Please avoid numerous and large keyrings on book bags as they get lost, damaged and tangled with other keyrings when placed in the classroom book bag boxes. Thank you.



## HASSOCKS INFANT SCHOOL School Uniform

School sweatshirts and book bags with the school bell logo on can be purchased from the school office. Sweatshirts are £9.50 and book bags are £7.50 (choice of burgundy, green or blue).

All other uniform can be brought from Supermarkets or the high street.

Please ensure that all articles of clothing are **clearly labelled with your child's name.**

### **Option 1**

- Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers
- Burgundy school sweatshirt or cardigan
- White blouse or polo shirt
- Pink/white or red/white checked/striped summer dress

### **Option 2**

- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers (long or short)
- Burgundy school sweatshirt or pullover



### **Reception Children**

The children in reception are welcome to wear burgundy, grey or black jogging trousers if they wish. Some children find them easier when running to the toilet at the last minute! They are also outside daily, on bicycles and in and out of the sand pit.

### **Shoes**

Children are advised to wear sensible, **closed toe** shoes only, as they spend time outside climbing etc.

### **Physical Education**

**(please note that Reception children will not require this until the second half of the Autumn term and you will be notified in advance when this needs to be in school)**

- Black PE shorts or leggings/jogging bottoms
- White T-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers - slip on style if possible (required summer term only)

**Children are asked to bring their own sun hat during the summer months and a warm, waterproof coat, gloves and hat in the winter. Please ensure these are all clearly labelled.**

## Chartwell School Lunches

School lunches can be ordered up to 10 weeks in advance however they do have a cut off day of approximately 10 days before the week commencement date.

Please ensure you have ordered your child's lunches for the start of term before 21st August.

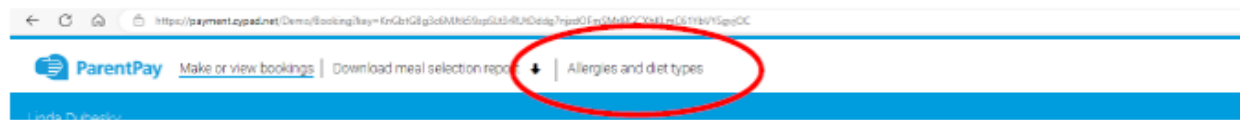
Please see below information from Chartwell regarding special diets, do please take the time to read if relevant for your child.

Allergies and Intolerances are always a huge worry when children are at school.

Chartwells have a team dedicated to managing dishes and menus to suit hundreds of these situations.

There are several ways you can organise this now in readiness for September:

When setting up your ParentPay account to order meals, select the allergy under the "Allergies and Diet Types" and we will do the rest.



Email [westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:westsussexspecialdiets@compass-group.co.uk), the team can support and guide you through set up.

Medical evidence will be required, this can be from a nurse, dietician or whoever manages your child's food allergy.

If the allergy isn't one of the main 14, don't worry, speak to us and we will do our best to ensure there is a meal available every day.

For general support from Chartwells, call 01243 774175

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy school year, the Governing Board would like to wish all our families a wonderful, restful summer break.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Co-Chair of Governors, Michael Stansfield, who is stepping down after six years of fantastic support and hard work - he will be greatly missed. We are delighted that Rich Hind has agreed to step up as Co-Chair, and we know he will do a brilliant job. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Anne Claxton, who joined the Governing Board this term. We're looking forward to working with her in the new school year.

As we reach the end of term, we also say goodbye to a few staff members, including Mrs Nash, Miss Wainright and Mrs Dodd who has been at the school for 33 years! We would like to wish all of them the best in their new endeavours and thank them wholeheartedly for their dedication and hard work at Hassocks Infants.

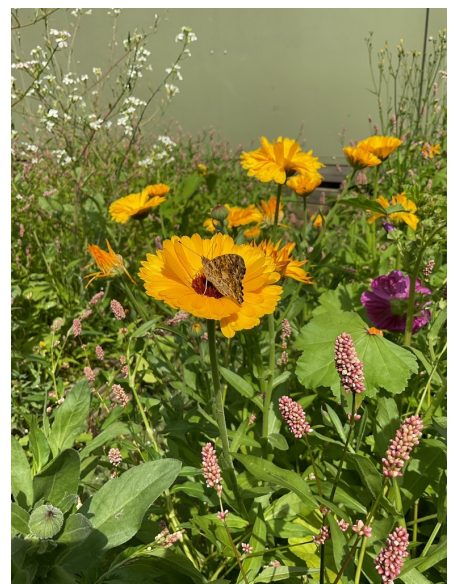
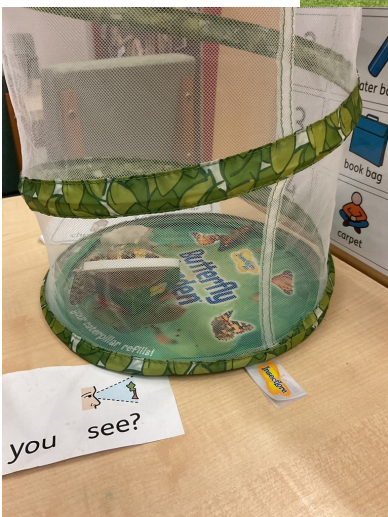
Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a happy and enjoyable summer!

**The Governing Board**

## Reception Update

Reception have enjoyed growing their own vegetables this year. They were very pleased with the results. The children tried the lettuce and ate the peas from their pod. It was also very exciting to dig in the soil and find lots of potatoes!

Reception have also been looking after some caterpillars. After a few weeks the caterpillars had gone into a chrysalis and eventually turned into butterflies! We took them to our garden area, to enjoy the flowers.



## Year Two Update

Year 2 had a fantastic start to our 'Going for Gold' topic! We kicked off our learning with a stunning start, investigating clues to discover and learn about some truly inspiring athletes. The children were fascinated to find out more about Marcus Rashford, Billie Jean King, Rudolf Nureyev, and Simone Biles.

We used this inspiration to develop our explanation writing skills and even created our own 'Little People, Big Dreams'-style books. The children loved becoming authors and writing their own fantastic pieces of non-fiction.

In Maths, we've been busy learning all about capacity and measurement. A highlight was making magical potions and working as a team to transport water—without spilling a drop!

As part of our ongoing fundraising efforts for the Madagascar Development Fund, Year 2 took part in a brilliant Danceathon. The children danced their socks off and showed fantastic enthusiasm for a great cause. Well done, Year 2!

