



Hassocks Infant School

NEWSLETTER NO. 1 - September 2025



Welcome Back to all of our families.

Welcome back to a new school year! We do hope that you all enjoyed the summer holidays and had a wonderful time. It has been lovely to see all of our children and families return to the school and we've all enjoyed a lovely start to the new school year. We would also like to say welcome to our new Reception children. The children have enjoyed their first days at school and are already settled into their new classes.

Mrs Stedman, our Deputy Head Teacher has recently organised a "6 week in" meeting for all of our Reception families. This will take place in the school hall on **Thursday, 19th October** from **9-9.40am**. This is an opportunity to meet some key staff in the school, as well as finding out more about your child's first year in school. Please do come along if you are able to.

Throughout the school, we have been so impressed by all of the children. At the start of each year we spend some time focussing on our three school rules: Be Ready, Be Safe and Be Respectful, as well as re-familiarising ourselves with routines and allowing the children time to get to know one another. Lots of children have already earned a sticker for following our school rules – do look out for these and ask your child how they have earned it.

In this shorter newsletter, we have included lots of key information about the term ahead. The autumn term is always a busy term so we do hope that you find this helpful.

Kind regards, Adrian Bates-Holland, Headteacher

Reception Parents 6 Weeks in Meeting

Keep an eye out for our colourful flyer all about our "**6 Weeks In**" Meeting on **Thursday 16th October at 9:00am!**

This will be a lovely chance to hear how the children have been settling into school, as well as meet our school SENCo and Safeguarding Lead. It's also the perfect opportunity to ask any questions you might have now that we're one term into your child's school journey.

Pop the date in your diary – it'll be here before you know it! We can't wait to see you there.

Uniform Reminder

The children are all looking incredibly smart in their new school uniforms. As you purchase new uniform throughout the year, please ensure that you refer to our uniform policy, shown below.

Please also remember that children should:

- Wear black shoes – please avoid sending children in to school in sandals or boots
- Avoid wearing jewellery for health and safety reasons
- Have a book bag and not big ruck sacks. We don't have space in our cloakrooms for these!
- Do not have lots of key rings on their book bags. Please just attach one. Children get very upset when these are lost or damaged
- Avoid wearing smart watches. If children wear a watch, it should be a simple, analogue watch and not have a value greater than £15

Uniform is expensive and the cost adds up. Do remember that FoHIS run second hand uniform sales throughout the year – this is a great way to save money on essential uniform items.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



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

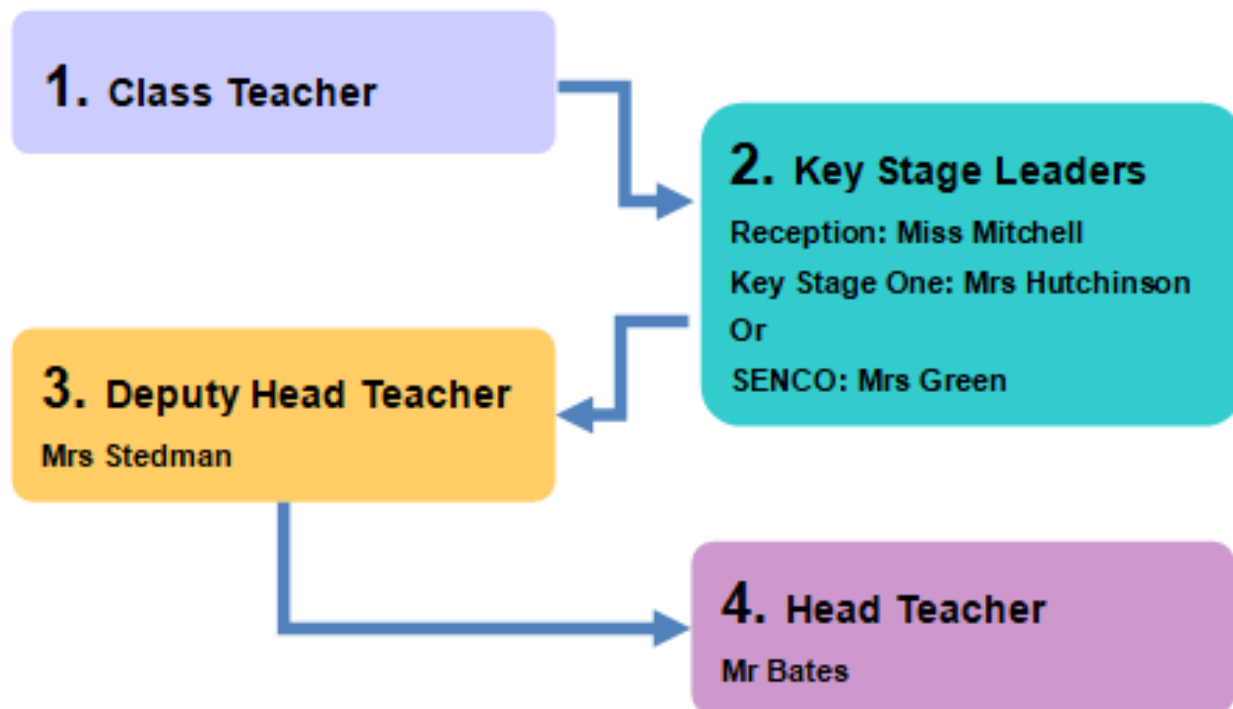
(please note that Reception children will not require this until the second half of the Autumn term and you will be notified in advance when this needs to be in school)

- 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.

School Contacts

Communication Pathway for Parents



Safeguarding Concerns

Speak to one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Stedman

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mr Bates & Mrs Green dsl@hassocksis.com



Kamilya Stedman
DSL / Deputy Head



Adrian Bates-Holland
DDSL / Head Teacher



Alison Green
DDSL / SENCO

If you'd like to feedback concerns or would like advice or support then please follow this pathway.

All admin issues, such as ordering school meals, medical issues, ParentMail, Tapestry or PurpleMash login issues, updates to collection arrangements or contact details, volunteering queries, copies of letters, library book queries or attendance updates are dealt with by our school office team.

Our class teachers are responsible for **all** children in their class, including those with additional needs and therefore they should always be the first point of contact if you have a concern or query. Class teachers can be approached at the start or end of the school day, or contacted through the school office at office@hassocksis.com or phone 01273 842549.

Please be aware that class teachers are teaching and may not be able to respond straight away. If you send an email via the school office, you can expect to receive a reply within 48 working hours. Email inboxes are not monitored outside of the school office hours, weekends or school holidays.

This pathway will continue to be followed if concerns are not resolved or if either party feels that it needs to be escalated.

We do recognise that there are some concerns / incidents that are of a more serious nature that may be dealt with by Key Stage Leaders, the school's Deputy Headteacher, or in the most serious circumstances the Headteacher. It is most likely, even in these circumstances that the class teacher will be involved.

Staffing Update

Reception	Willow Class Miss Mitchell	Beech Class Miss Martinoli	Cherry Class Mrs Daniel / Mrs Stimson
	Teaching Assistants / Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Cobbet, Mrs McDowell, Mrs McVeigh, Mrs Beale, Mrs Joe, Mrs Sawyer		
Year 1	Ash Class Mr Jan	Chestnut Class Miss Barrett	Apple Class Mrs Soan / Mr Everett
	Teaching Assistants / Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Banks, Mrs Black, Mrs Salter		
Year 2	Elm Class Miss Wilson	Holly Class Mrs Hutchinson	Oak Class Miss Riley
	Teaching Assistants / Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Holden, Mr Johnstone, Mrs Joyce, Mrs Roxburgh, Mrs Thompson (ELSA), Mrs Turner		

Parents Evening Arrangements

Last year, lots of you shared feedback in our annual survey for parents / carers. Lots of you were keen to see the school return to face-to-face parent consultation meetings. This year, the meetings will take place in school on the following dates:

Tuesday 4th November, 3.20-6.30pm - please note date change!

Thursday 6th November, 3.20-6.30pm

They will be 10-minute slots and we will really need your assistance to ensure that these run to time! We will send more information later in the term, as well as a link to the online booking system.

Due to the change in arrangements, we will not be running open afternoons in the Autumn and Spring terms. All of the children's books and learning will be available for you to look at before and after the parents evening appointments.

Reminders and Information from the School Office

Collection Arrangements

Please do keep the office informed about collection arrangements, either telephone 01273 842549 or email office@hassocksis.com before 3pm if it is not your regular contact/s picking up from school that day.

We hold a list of those adults with permission to collect your child so please do keep us updated with these details & changes. Thank you.

After-School Clubs

Collection from all after-school clubs are made from the front playground. Please make contact with the club directly with regards to who is collecting your children from clubs.

Contact Details

Should any details change, such as address, telephone numbers or emails, please update the office so we can update our records. Thank you.

This is particularly important with emails and ParentMail.

Car Parking

Unfortunately we have already received a number of complaints from local residents regarding car parking at drop off and pick up times. Please take notice of road markings in Chancellors Park, Downs View Road and the surrounding area.

If you do need to drive to school please consider using the public car parks in the village and walking into school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Medicines and Illness

Please be reminded that we can only hold prescribed medication in school. This needs to be in the original packaging with the prescription label.

Please can medicines be brought into the office, where paperwork will need to be completed. Please do not leave any medication, sun cream, hand cream or lip balms in book bags or with your child. Thank you.

The NHS has useful guidance for parents about when to keep children off school. Please click the link [here](#) to see guidance on is my child too ill for school?

Chartwell Meal Ordering

Ordering of school lunches is carried out on ParentPay. You are able to order several weeks in advance, with the cut off for ordering and amending meals being the Thursday evening for the week 10 days following.

If a meal has not been ordered (and your child does not have a packed lunch), please be aware they will only be offered a jacket potato with the topping of the day.

Morning Drop Off and Collection

Just a reminder to all of our families that children should remain with their adult at all times at drop off and collection times. For health and safety reasons, children should be supervised until they go into their classroom / leave the school premises. Whilst it is very tempting, children should not be using the play equipment at these times.

We also ask that an adult accompanies our Year 2 child(ren) onto the front playground each morning. Adults should remain with children until the front door opens and children are safely inside the school building. Thank you for your support with this.