



Hassocks Infant School

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To all of our families,

What a busy first half to the Summer term we have had! When I look back over the last half term at everything we have packed in, it is incredible! The half term started with an OFSTED inspection. At the time of writing, we are still waiting for the report to be finalised but we will send a separate communication once we have received the final report. We've also enjoyed a curriculum week focussing on Design Technology and Music. At the end of the week, we held our very first Hassocks Fest, which was an incredible end to this week! Thank you to everybody who attended this – we will certainly be looking at planning similar events in future.

We hope you had a wonderful half term.

Adrian Bates-Holland

PE Update

It's been such a busy start to the summer term for PE! Year Two have been enjoying trying out wonderful new sports such as Pickle ball and Rugby. Year One have been exploring striking and fielding games, and competing in friendly competitions between the classes, whilst Reception have been practicing their races for sports day!

One of our most exciting events this term has been the Whole School Mini Marathon, which raised a whopping £1000 towards PE equipment for our school. Thank you to Jenny for running such a wonderful event, alongside our incredible Year Two Sports Leaders who did a fantastic job! Thank you to FOHIS for providing the gorgeous turtle keepsakes and organising the fundraising and thank you to all the amazing children for running their socks off and making it such a fantastic day!

We are really excited for lots of fun events this half term including a Year One interschool competition with The Gatton's Infants and London Meed School, as well as sports days for all of the children. Details for all will be sent out soon! Thank you again for a fantastic start to the summer term and well done to our little athletes - we are very proud of you all!



Reception

Last half term, we got to visit Hassocks library. We loved exploring their books, listening to a story and learning about how a library works. The children were very well behaved and followed all the Respectful Rabbit rules.



In April, the children had a visit from the Rainbow Theatre. They performed 4 well known fairy tales. Some of the children joined in the performance and we all sang along to their songs!

Playtimes

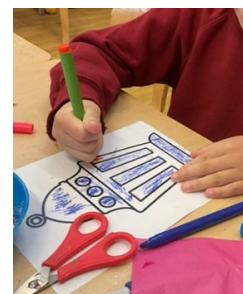
Over the past year, we have worked hard to enhance our playtimes for all of the children. This time last year we welcomed the Olympic Athlete Heather Oliver. This visit was organised by Great Athletes and all of the children took part in a sponsored task which raised an amazing £4,669.25. Mrs Daniel and Jenny Handley have used this money to purchase some additional PE equipment which is used by all of the classes throughout the school. We have also invested some of this money in new playground equipment for both of our playgrounds. All year groups have been very excited to use the new equipment and this has greatly enhanced our playtimes.

Thank you once again to all of our families who supported this activity last year – it has made a huge difference!

Eid Celebrations

To celebrate Eid, we held a special whole-school event filled with colour, learning, and celebration. The children arrived dressed in bright, festive clothing and spent time exploring what Eid is, how it is celebrated, and why it is such an important occasion for many families.

Each year group took part in a creative activity linked to the celebration: Reception children made beautiful lanterns, Year 1 created vibrant collage artwork, and Year 2 designed their own Eid greeting cards. We also enjoyed sharing food together, reflecting an important tradition of Eid, before heading out to the playground for a lively celebration. It was a joyful occasion, and everyone had a wonderful time.





Wormeries

The sun shone brightly for Ash Class last term! The children have had a brilliant five weeks, getting stuck in like ducks to water! Over these sessions, Ash Class have learned and developed skills of resilience, connection, friendship, respect, perseverance, risk taking and exploration. They have tried new skills and achieved great things! Well done Ash Class, it has been joyful to spend time with you at Forest School.

Activities have included:

Natural painting, clay work, perfume making, mud and charcoal painting, weaving, cooking on the fire, drilling, wood peeling, bug hunting, relaxing in the hammock, playing in the mud kitchen and learning new games.



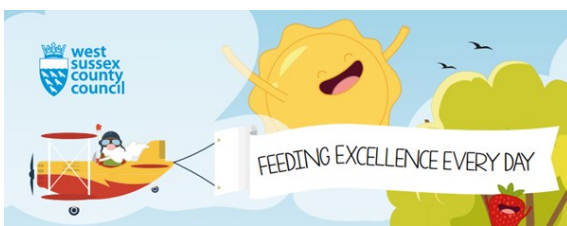
If you are interested in supporting and joining in your child's forest school sessions please get in touch with Claire Daniel via the school office.

Your support means everything to us and ensures these sessions can go ahead.

Thank you.

Easter hunts and visits from Teddy!

Popcorn making on the fire and making our very own leaf bowls!



School Meals Update

We are delighted to announce that from September 2026 onwards, there will be a new catering provider supplying all of our school meals. Our current kitchen reheats meals using microwaves – these will be replaced by ovens, and a brand new menu.

There are some changes to the ordering system for parents too – from September, a new app will be available for parents. Parents will be able to change meals right up to the day before the meal is taken.

The new provider has a website with further information: <https://www.feedwestsussex.co.uk/>. We will provide further updates as more information is received from West Sussex County Council.