



Patcham Infant School

Newsletter

*We dream, we
aspire, we
thrive.
Powerful
learning for life.*

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Wishing you all a wonderful, relaxing and sunny summer!
We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting
year of learning!

Fabulous Finishes

All the summer term Learning Journeys are coming to an end and have been marked by some truly fabulous finishes. The Nursery went on a special picnic to Roundstone Farm and fortunately Reception had a safe return of their class bears that had been *bear-napped* earlier in the term plus a visit from a pirate. Year 1 enjoyed their street party and Year 2 had an enriching day at Parkwood. What super ways to bring the Big Questions to a close. Thank you to all the parents and carers who contributed towards the costs and also to those of you who accompanied us on days out - we could not offer these valuable experiences without your help and support.

Thank yous and Goodbyes!

Now is the time to publicly thank all the staff at Patcham Infant School and Nursery Class for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. We have an outstanding team of teachers, admin and support staff that put the children at the heart of all they do. Their energy, passion, creativity, teamwork, fun and friendship make our school the amazing place it is. Special thanks also have to go to the governors who support and challenge the school. Our governors do this in a voluntary capacity and work tirelessly with the school to ensure our children get the school start they deserve.

Thanks must also go to you, the parents and carers, for your support. Patcham Infant School and Nursery Class would not be the wonderful place it is without you!

We wish a fond farewell to our Year 2 leavers and wish them every success as they move on to the next stage in their education. You are all truly wonderful and we are so proud of each and every one of you. Keep being amazing and come back and visit some time.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Claudia. Claudia has worked at the school for the last 2 years and is moving on to continue education studies in Spain; she will be missed by all! Miss Ali Cardone is also leaving and we wish her all the best for future ventures.

We are also saying goodbye to two of our fabulous governors, Irene Leeves and Claire Wickham and would like to thank them both for the huge difference they have both made to the strategic direction of the school. You will both be sorely missed!

Important dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th September: INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 5th September: School opens for Year 1 and Year 2 children at 8.45

Friday 25th October: INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 4th November: School opens at 8.45

Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas at 3.15

Monday 6th January: School opens at 8.45

Please see published School Term and Holiday Dates and separate letters for more details.

A few requests!

*Please return all school books, and borrowed clothes (washed) by the end of term.
*Please come and look through lost property.
Thank you!

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Fundraising News

Following the resounding success of our Summer Fayre I can announce that the grand total raised is a WHOPPING **£5500!! IT'S THE BEST ONE YET!**

Our Year 2 Leavers' Disco raised a fabulous £450 and lots of fun was had by all!

A huge thank you has to go to all the fundraisers for their relentless hard work and to everyone who supported on the day. A special thank you must go to AIMEE DUNKLEY AND SARAH ADSETT who led the fundraising team so very ably.

Our recent sponsored sports activity raised over £1800. Thank you all for being so supportive of the school. We look forward to further developments to the school grounds in the autumn term.

Patcham Infant School Culture for Learning

We really value working in partnership with all our school community and would love you to support the school by talking with your children about our learning characters and how they can be used throughout all walks of life.

The children have also developed a really good understanding of the school's Rights and Responsibilities which can be modelled at home too. It is an effective script to use when talking with children and will support positive behaviours whilst on holiday. I'll be using them on mine!



Reception & Key Stage 1 Sports Afternoons

We had a fabulous afternoon in the playground and on the playing fields last week for our sports afternoons. The children must be congratulated on their performances; their team work was great and they were very supportive of one another. Thank you to Mrs Studd for organising the event and credit must be given to Patcham High School PE students who, very ably, led the afternoon for us.

School Improvement Plan Update

I am pleased to tell you that we have made some excellent progress towards the priorities on our School Improvement Plan this year with very pleasing outcomes. We are now in the process of reviewing our current plan and compiling a new one for the academic year 2019-20.

Thank you to all the staff and governors who have worked so hard this year supporting and leading key priorities, which is helping our school move from strength to strength.

Nursery Applications -

September 2019 - Last few spaces!

We are currently taking applications for our Nursery (Caterpillar Class) for September 2019. Was your child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 or do you know someone with a child who was? We can offer up to 15 hours per week at our wonderful school. For more information, or an application form, contact the school office on (01273) 509766 or email admin@patchaminf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

New Website

We are delighted to announce that our website has been developed. Take a look at <http://www.patchaminf.brighton-hove.sch.uk>

Newsletter: If you have a visual impairment, a copy of this newsletter is available in large print from the office.



Golden Book Awards



Tigers: Harry, Eyman
Giraffes: Elizabeth, Ella
Hedgehogs: Matilda, Indie
Badgers: Jessica, Hugo
Squirrels: Stanley, Tamim

Headteacher: *Chris Taylor*

