

# On Our Patch

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## Message from Mr. Sutherland

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As we draw this latest half term to a close, it's important to reflect on what amazing things you've all achieved since the turn of the year.

Now I'm not going to pretend that it's been easy (or really much fun), however WE all now have new or improved skills compared to this time last year, last term or even last week!

A year ago, the thought of conducting teaching and

learning through online means only, was a completely alien concept, yet here we are now, six weeks into our second go at providing what we hope and feel continues to be a healthy balance of 'blended' learning—some live content, some pre-recorded, and more importantly live contact with teachers, classmates and friends as part of our current working week.

It's not perfect—nothing will replace the learning that happens when it's delivered and explored face to face, however at the very least, it has shown us all once again what we are capable of doing, when we really need to.

I hope that every single one of you in our school community feel proud of yourselves, because we are really proud of YOU!

More than ever, it's essential that you step away from the screens this half term, and try to do more of the things that you love, even if being able to go to new and exciting places might not currently be possible.

Thank you ALL for your monumental support of the whole school team this half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back into school, hopefully in March.

*Mr Sutherland*

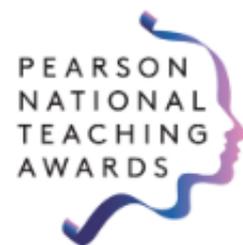
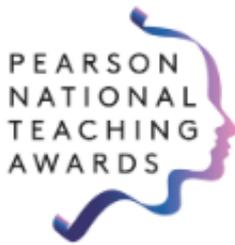
## Assemblies with Mr Sutherland

Just in case you missed them, below are the links to the first three whole school assemblies with Mr Sutherland (#4 will be uploaded on Dojo shortly!)

#1—<https://youtu.be/vbA-ZXGHWzs>

#2—<https://youtu.be/qAKHKo1BG7c>

#3—<https://youtu.be/jFkrpllhwWQ>



Fresh from an incredible week of coverage on The One Show, entries for The 2021 Pearson National Teaching Awards are now open!

Now more than ever, schools and colleges need a reason to feel joyful, and The Pearson National Teaching Awards can be just that. A prestigious, UK-wide celebration of teaching, known as the 'Oscars' of the teaching world and televised by the BBC, the awards comprise 14 categories including individual, whole school/college, and team awards.

Entries close at midnight on the 12 March 2021.

Just being nominated gives a teacher, their school or college and students a sense of their value being recognised. Winning an award can have a huge impact, not just on the winner, but also on the wider community. You can read about how winning an award has made a difference to teachers as well as their school or college and communities here.

The awards are open to all state schools and FE colleges in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and are free to enter. It's easy to enter, and it makes such a difference - this is your chance to celebrate excellence in your school or college! Enter online at [www.teachingawards.com](http://www.teachingawards.com) before 12 March 2021.

Watch the awards entry film at: <https://bit.ly/3qFEimk>



## The Ripple Effect

A Brighton & Hove campaign run by eco action families. Choose 3 friends and take 3 simple actions together. Full details can be found on the following link:

<https://www.ecoactionfamilies.life/ripple-effect>



## Food Parcels

Tarner Community Project are offering food parcels every Wednesday to be collected between 2pm-6pm **directly from them at Ivory Place, Brighton, BN2 9QE**. They will contain all you will need to make a healthy meal with a few goodies for the children thrown in. Every week there will be the ingredients to make a vegetarian meal, including fresh fruit and veg.

Please contact [Natalie@tarner.org.uk](mailto:Natalie@tarner.org.uk) and they can reserve one for you.

Details of companies offering food parcels can be found here: \_\_\_\_\_

<https://bhfood.org.uk/resources/referring-to-a-food-bank/>

## Have your say - Changes to support active and sustainable travel in the city

Brighton & Hove City Council has launched a consultation on changes planned for travel and transport in the city. The proposals are designed to support active, inclusive and sustainable travel, including supporting children travelling to school, and are funded from government's Active Travel Fund.

These proposals are located on Western Road, Preston Circus to Patcham Roundabout (A23), Old Shoreham Road (A270) (both new and existing temporary changes), and the Seafront (A259) (both new and existing temporary changes).

Further information can be found at: [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onejourneybetter](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onejourneybetter). Via this link you will also be able to **give your views through an online survey until 14 March 2021**.

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# Become a Raystede Ranger



Welcome to our new [Become an online Raystede Ranger challenge](#).

We invite children to enjoy interactive games, puzzles, make and do activities and much more as they learn about the five animal welfare needs and how to care for pets. The website includes a range of fully resourced activities, which can be completed individually at home, or as part of a wider group experience. With paper or virtual versions to choose from, they have control over what and how you learn.

Visit the website for full details: <https://www.raystede.org/education/raystede-rangers-online-challenge>

Want to reward your children for their efforts? Once they have completed at least one activity for each of the five animal welfare needs, they can share what they have learnt to claim a Raystede Ranger certificate and badge ([click here](#) for more details).

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact us. We hope that you all enjoy taking on the challenge, and look forward to seeing what the children learn.

Best wishes,

Emma Young