



# Patcham Infant School Newsletter

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

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Here's wishing you all a very Happy New Year! 2019 has got off to a flying start! Read all about it in this month's newsletter...

## Super Starts

Nursery children have been exploring food from around the world.

Reception's big question is 'Stomp, Stomp, Stomp.....what is that?' and the theme got off to an exciting start with an arrival of a mystery box and we are looking forward to a visit from the Dino Dome.

Year 1's big question is 'Friend or foe...how do you know?'

Their learning journey got off to a flying start with a superhero cadet school day.

Year 2's big question of 'Where oh where in the world are we?' was launched with a visit to The Pavilion and Brighton seafront.

All the memorable events got the learning off to a great start.

## INSET dates

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Monday/Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

April 2019

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Coats, Hat and Gloves

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a named coat. We encourage and value learning outside and want to provide plenty of opportunities for children to enjoy our playgrounds whatever the weather.



## Parent/Carer Consultations

Meetings will be taking place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019** between 3.45 & 6.45pm and **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019** between 3.45 & 5.45pm. You will be able to sign up on School Ping from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.



## PTA project Spring 2019

This term the children will be working with a mosaic artist to design and create mosaic murals for the blue walls in the south playground. Our intention is to create a calm space in between the sheds by the friendship bench.

The school council have already given some thought to it during their meetings with Mrs Erikson and have come up with some super ideas.

We are hoping to have the mosaics installed at the end of this term. Thank you to the PTA and your generous donations for making this happen.



## Important dates for your diary:

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Giraffe Class assembly - 9 am, parents and carers invited

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Tiger Class assembly - 9 am, parents and carers invited

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Last day of term - school closes at 3.15pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

INSET Day

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Half term week

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

School opens 8.45 am

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Parent and carer consultations

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Zebra Class assembly - 9 am, parents and carers invited

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Book Fair - 3.15pm school hall

**Monday and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April**

INSET Days - school closed for children

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Easter holiday.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

School opens 8.45 am

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



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## Incy Independent & the start to the school day

We would like to congratulate all our children for starting their school day just like Incy. It is great to see them all coming into school independently and taking responsibility for their belongings. The transition into school has become much calmer and safer for everyone and the children are ready to start their learning more quickly. Many thanks for all your support in making the school day start so well.



## Please help us keep our children safe!

I would like to remind you that when dropping off and collecting your child from school, dogs must be tied up well away from the gates and not brought into the school grounds.

In addition I thank those considerate drivers who are working with the school to keep our community safe. Can I respectfully ask everyone to take notice of the new signs and keep everyone safe by parking legally? If you are ever concerned about inconsiderate parking please support us by calling [08456035469](tel:08456035469), (option 3), to report it. Alternatively you can report nuisance/dangerous parking via [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org) or calling (01243)642222



## Nursery Applications - September 2019

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 **30 hours free per week\*** at our wonderful school and led by qualified teachers. For more information, or an application form, contact the school office on (01273) 509766 or email

[admin@patchaminf.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@patchaminf.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

\*For parent/carers working more than 16 hours per week



## Golden Book Awards - a celebration of the achievements of learners within class and around the school

Badgers: Matilda, Connor, Eddie, Lottie, Elliot, Layla, Sonny, Evie

Hedgehogs: Tilly, Helena, Otis, Olivia, Indie, Zachary, Eden, Freddy

Squirrels: Boe, Jack, Blake, Charlie, Kiki, Daisy, Sophia, Hannah

Tigers: Ruby, Ella, James, Cody, Reehan

Zebras: Oscar, Amelia, Cleo, Finley S

Giraffes: Mia, Tilly, Marcus, Poppy



## Playground equipment

Please can I respectfully ask that parents do not allow their children to use the playground equipment before and after school. Many thanks for your support with this.



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

Headteacher: *Chris Taylor*