



Dear Parents

The start of a new school year is always exciting and this year it has been even more special than usual as we returned to our new-look school. The hall is ready and, at each of the start-of-term information evenings, 'wow' was the most commonly uttered word on entering. We are incredibly fortunate to have a beautiful space that we all fit in comfortably and, while we are still getting used to some new routines, there's no doubt that it is a space we all enjoy being in. Whilst its official opening is not until October, I am delighted to confirm that the new hall will be called Laurent Hall. Those of you who know Alan will not be surprised to know that he is incredibly proud to have the building named after him, and equally modest about its new name.

At time of writing, I have not long said goodbye to Mr Snell who has visited school today. The Snell Room, of course, has now been divided, but Chris was delighted when asked whether we could name our new library the Snell Library. At the heart of the school, this is already bringing a new lease of life to our school. Alongside the expected use in lesson time, I have seen the library host a burgeoning Dungeons & Dragons club, an impressive amount of self-study from some of our older pupils, and plenty of moments for parents at drop-off and pick-up to sit and read with younger children.

All of our new children have settled in brilliantly. They are brim-full of enthusiasm and already have plentiful confidence in having made new friends, settled into new routines and discovered their way around the school. Each child who has acted as a 'shadow' for a new girl or boy should also be very proud of their contribution to this success.

More on our anti-bullying week is inside this newsletter but one of the highlights for me was watching the children seek each other out on the day they were given their younger 'buddy' for the year. There will be opportunities in the weeks and months to come for them to get involved in events together, but the underlying aim is to ensure that every child has someone in an older year who they can turn to, and for those in Year 3 and above, also someone younger than them to look out for and be an especially friendly face.

On behalf of all the teachers, my final words today are of thanks to all the children. The atmosphere in school is in equal parts purposeful and fun, and the balance is exactly right.

Well done to them all.

Mrs Keep

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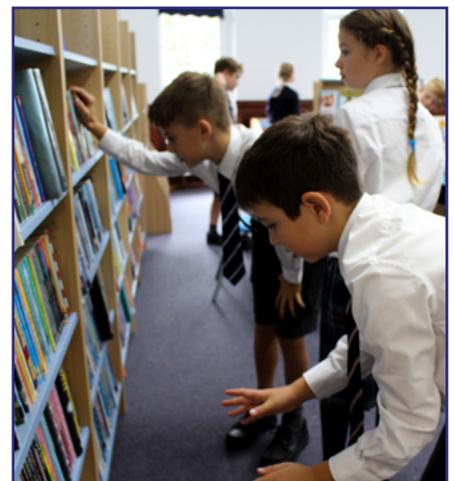
News at a Glance



The front of school is looking good!



Lunchtime in our new hall



Our new library is open



News from the EYFS

Nursery

It's been an amazing start for everyone in the Nursery. All have settled in very well, making new friends and enjoying taking part in daily activities such as PE, Music and our weekly Yoga sessions, which seem to be a hit!

We have started a project *All about me* which has enabled us to get to know about each other, family members, how we have changed, our likes and dislikes, which has really helped the children to settle into nursery life.

As Autumn approaches, we have ventured out to collect the early droppings of conkers and did a spot of apple picking to make some yummy apple crumble.

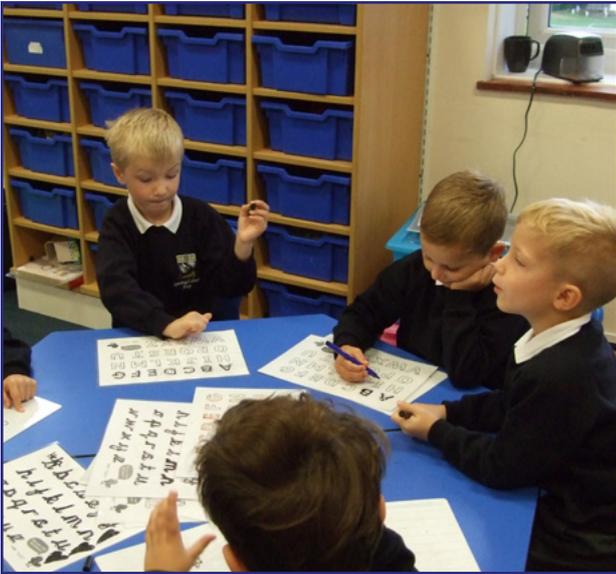


Reception

Our two reception classes have been exploring the new library; getting to know their new classrooms; making new friends and looking for conkers on our school field. It's been a great first two weeks for children in both our Reception classes!



News from Years 1 and 2



Pre-Prep children have thoroughly enjoyed their first few weeks back at school. They have seen old friends, made new ones and all settled into their classes exceptionally well.

Year 1 started their topic of *Marvellous Me* by creating a self-portrait. They looked very closely at their features and used a variety of materials to complete their collage. Mrs Morrison has been very impressed by the children's independence and at how motivated they have been to use the writing corner to practise their handwriting.

We have been thinking about houses and homes, and where we live, and enjoyed a walk around our local area to explore and learn about different types of houses and homes. The children loved looking at our

focus text, *You Choose*, and used their imagination to tell Mrs Morrison about where they would like to live and why. Raphi told his friends that he would like to live in a village 'because he would like his own home but also enjoys company'. Arnie chose an Indian Palace, 'because I would love to wake up to blue skies and sunshine each day'. I think we all agree, Arnie!

Charlie is delighted to show Mrs Morrison that he has made 30 and counts in 10's... 'look 10, 20, 30'. The Year 1 children also enjoyed a paired reading session with Year 2.



The Year 2 children started off their *Healthy Me* topic by drawing round their bodies. They have been writing or drawing all of the things they currently do to stay healthy.

The pupils had a whale of a time in their Music session this week!



Anti-Bullying Week

The week started off with a visit from the NSPCC who delivered their *Speak out. Stay safe.* assembly. They shared information with the children about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

Sally from the NSPCC introduced the bright green buddy and was delighted to announce that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the the charity.

Children from Reception up to Year 6 will be taking part in a fun sponsored activity which will not only be exciting for our pupils but will also mean they are raising money for the NSPCC's vital work and helping keep even more children safe.

Later on in the day Sally conducted a *Speak out. Stay Safe.* workshop with both Year 5 and 6 classes where they gained the knowledge and understanding of how to stay safe from abuse.

The NSPCC also ran a workshop for parents during the week which we hope those who attended found informative and useful. Thank you to all those who came.

We also had a speaker from the Breck Foundation, a charity set up to raise awareness of playing safe whilst using the internet.

The Foundation came in to talk to our pupils in Years 7 & 8, followed by a presentation in the evening for parents and Lancing Prep Hove staff. The school received very positive feedback about how engaged our pupils were and how many questions they asked!



Sports Round-Up



U8/9 Football Fun

The Years 3 & 4 boys came over from our sister school, Lancing Prep Worthing, for a fun afternoon of football games and training this week with their counterparts here at Hove.

All the boys played in small-sided games and had a fantastic time. Match teas in the new Hall were appreciated by all!

Lancing College U11 Football Tournament

The Lancing Prep Hove team had a great afternoon at the annual College U11 6-a-side tournament. They played well to progress through to the final of the plate competition, where they were unlucky to lose 3-2 to Windlesham House.

Girls' Hockey v Handcross Park

The U13A team took their opportunities in their first outing on the hockey field and did extremely well to carve out a 3-0 win.

The U13B battled well and gained some valuable experience which will stand them in good stead for future fixtures. The signs are that the 3-1 loss here will be followed by more positive results as the season progresses. Girl of the Game: Reagan, for great goal keeping.

The U11A girls enjoyed a very evenly matched game, resulting in a 2-2 draw. It was a good performance for the first match of the season. Girl of the Game: Lara C.

The U11B played well in their first fixture despite a 7-0 loss. The final scoreline did not accurately reflect how close the match was. There was some great teamwork and the girls created several scoring opportunities that they could not quite convert into goals.

Congratulations

Firstly, congratulations to Francesca D who over the summer has taken her GCSE French and Spanish exams and achieved A* in both. She has also passed the DELF (Diplôme d'études de langue française) and will collect her marks from the Institut Français in London. It is a French qualification, recognised in France and the rest of Europe. Francesca has worked independently on these achievements, supported by a co-operative joint venture between Lancing Prep Hove and Lancing College. Well done!

Secondly, Isobel Abatan has, after a series of qualifying trials, been selected for the U14 England Netball Pathway Satellite Academy. She will be based in the Sussex Academy for the 2017-2018 season and will be representing Sussex in a series of matches against academies from the other regions.

Diary Dates

Monday 18 September

Freshwater Theatre Company
workshops for Years 1, 2 & 3
Girls' hockey v Brighton College
U13/U12
17.30 Staff/parent choir rehearsal
18.00 French Trip Information meeting

Tuesday 19 September

Gillman & Soame portrait photographs

Wednesday 20 September

Football v Cottesmore - 1st XI & 3rd VII
Football v Hurst - 2nd XI, U10A & B /
U8 & U9 Festival
Football Triangular U11A & B
Girls' Hockey v Copthorne
U13A & B, U11A & U11B

Thursday 21 September

Year 5 Maths competition
at Christ's Hospital
Football v Windlesham - U9A & B

Friday 22 September

Jeans for Genes Day
Year 8 Girls' HPV Dose 1
Football v Kent College Colts A/B/C/D

Monday 25 September

Girls' Hockey U11 Tournament
at Lancing College
17.30 Staff/parent choir

Tuesday 26 September

Years 7 & 8 French Trip departs
Year 6 Maths competition
at Windlesham House
Football v Dorset House, U9 A/B/C

Wednesday 27 September

Football v St Ronan's
1st XI, 2nd XI, Colts A/B/C (home)
Football v Copthorne U9B/U8A & B
Girls' hockey v Roedean
U13 @ Lancing College
Girls' hockey v Burgess Hill Girls
U10/U11 (away)
16.30 Reception parents
phonics workshop

Thursday 28 September

Wind Band Festival at Lancing College
Oakwood U8 Football Festival

Friday 29 September

Girls' U10 Hockey Tournament
Worth School

Saturday 30 September

18.30 PTA Pool Party at Triangle
Leisure Centre, Burgess Hill

Noticeboard

Jeans for Genes Day

Lancing Prep Hove will once again be supporting Jeans for Genes on Friday 22 September. The charity aims to improve the lives of thousands of children with genetic disorders. For further information please visit to their website www.jeansforgenes.com.



The children are invited to come to school in their jeans or home trousers. However, they do need to wear their school sports top or normal school uniform (shirt, tie & jumper/ cardigan).

There is a minimum donation requested of £1.00 which should be handed in to form teachers. Pupils may wear their choice of footwear on this day but these should be practical for a day in school.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Price



Notable Dates

Saturday 14 October - Open Morning
Friday 20 October - Half Term starts at 16.30
Monday 6 November - Term re-starts
Wednesday 6 December - Joint Carol Service with LPW at Lancing College
Friday 15 December - Term ends 16.30