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Message from Mr Sutherland

indication of what lay ahead...

However, what has been clear has been how very lucky we all are to be teaching at PJS—your children have been back to their usual hardworking and excited selves, so thank you for all you have clearly done to keep them ticking along during the period of little or no school.

We remain focussed on all of our wellbeing and so you may (hopefully) have felt a slightly slower pace to all things Juniors this term and it's entirely deliberate.

What we haven't done is reduce the quality of education on offer, merely tweaked it, to make sure that we're all on board together, all comfortable with what to expect whilst recognising that we've all been through a tough time and we want the whole community to come out the other end, better, stronger and more positive than ever!

I am pleased to be continuing that journey with you all again this year!

Mr Sutherland

HARVEST 2020 NEEDS LIST

TINNED MEAT - Spam, Corned beef, Meatballs, Mince, Steak, Chicken Curry, Hot dogs, Ham
TINNED FISH - Tuna, Mackerel, Sardines, Salmon
TINNED VEGETABLES - Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Mushrooms
INSTANT COFFEE
PASTA SAUCES
RICE & COUS COUS
JAM, PEANUT BUTTER & MARMITE
PULSES
TINNED FRUIT
SWEET TREATS
RICE PUDDING
CLEANING PRODUCTS
TOILET ROLLS
TOILETRIES



Due to excess stock please **DO NOT** donate the following items -
Pasta and Baked Beans

Thank you so much for your amazing support.

Harvest Collection for Brighton Food Bank

We will be collecting donations of goods for the Brighton Food Bank from Monday 12th October. If you would like to donate, please place your donations in the boxes provided outside our main hall door. Many thanks for your support of this charity

The School Field—A Request

During the summer term and also the beginning of this one, there has been an increased use of the school field by the general public, outside of and during school hours.

The space is not a public space and cannot be used as such.

Although I have had no reports of any PJS pupils using the space, please can I ask all parents and carers to reiterate to the children that they shouldn't be using the

school field outside of their school lessons.

Unfortunately our school football goals (that are shared with Patcham United Football Club) have been routinely damaged and there has been huge amounts of litter, including glass bottles and cans left strewn across the whole area.

Dogs have also been walked on the school fields too which is of

course exceptionally dangerous from a number of perspectives.

Thank you in advance for your support of both us and the High School in reducing the numbers of unwanted visitors to the school field.



School Governor Vacancy

The governing body currently has a vacancy for a parent or 'co-opted' governor and the Chair of Governors, Marion Rajan, would be very keen to hear from any interested parents, carers or family members.



There is no requirement to have previous experience of school governance and at this time we are not looking for any particular skill-set to join the team other than a passion for supporting the school to be the very best it can be. The governing body are an important and valued piece of the workings of our school and although they are great at what they do, they are always on the lookout for new people to join them.

Please contact the school office via the office@ email address if you'd like further information about how you can get involved.

Non– School Uniform Day—Thursday 22nd October 2020

We will be having our first non-school uniform day of the year on Thursday 22nd October—this is the final in school day for pupils before the October half term.

We kindly ask for all of you that can, to please donate £1 for the day and all monies will go towards the school's PTA. Like all institutions that rely heavily on fund raising, our efforts have been somewhat thwarted for seven months by the pandemic, so this time around the Friends of Patcham Junior School (FOPJS) have requested this non-school uniform day to support their fund raising efforts.

It's A **DATE**

Day	Date	Who	Time	Details
Thursday	22nd October	All Years	All day	Non-school uniform day. Donation via ParentPAY
Friday	23rd October	All Years	All Day	INSET DAY
Saturday	31st October	Year 6		Deadline for applying for a secondary school place
Monday	3rd November	All Years	All Day	First Day of school
Thursday	5th November	Year 4	All Day	Victorian Day
Tuesday	1st December	All Years	AM	Flu Vaccinations in School

Flu Vaccinations—1st December 2020

Please remember to return your flu vaccination form irrespective of whether you would like your child to receive the vaccination, no later than Friday 17th November.

Many thanks

Applying for a Secondary School Place—Year 6

The deadline for applying for a school place in Year 7 is Saturday 31st October. Please ensure that you have completed the on-line application on the Brighton & Hove Council Website by that date as any applications received after this will be treated as late and you may not get a school of your choice.

Celebration Time!



Certificates for awesomeness are back in circulation! Congratulations to these amazing pupils for being the first to receive them this academic year!



Friends of The School (FOPJS)

Welcome back and welcome to the new parents and carers at Patcham Junior School.

We are a group of parents with children in all different year groups who are helping to raise funds for the school and pupils. Although fundraising events will not be able to go ahead at the moment how they normally would do, we still plan to run a few events this year and would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved in the Friends of Patcham Junior School (FOPJS).

Our AGM will be a great place to share any ideas you might have and to meet everyone. It will be a Zoom meeting on Monday 16th November at 8pm. If you would like to attend please look out for further information and the link via School Ping in the forthcoming weeks.

We will be looking for class reps so if there is anyone who would like to continue with this from last year or any new parents who would like to be a class rep please email us and let us know.

Our email address is: friendsofpatcham@gmail.com

Kind regards, Friends of Patcham Junior School

