



On Our Patch

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A Welcome message from Mr. Sutherland

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And we are back!

A very warm welcome to all new parents, carers and pupils across the school.

It has been a superb start to the new academic year at The Juniors and the entire school team have been endlessly impressed with how polite, kind and hardworking the children have been since the return to school just four weeks ago.

Whilst we have spent some time getting to grips with being back in typical

school mode (and the adults juggle normal life with the added fun of 'find the fuel' currently), we now have all after school clubs up and running, and details for face to face parent/carer evenings have also been released (have you signed up for one yet?)

The next steps will include our first educational trips out of the school building as well as a full schedule of fund raising events organised by our wonderful Friends of Patcham Junior School (FOPJS) team coming up this term and throughout the

rest of the academic year.

Thank you for your flexible and kind support of the changes to the school day— although it's not yet perfect, we are getting slicker each day!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the parents and carers evenings in a couple of weeks' time.

Mr Sutherland



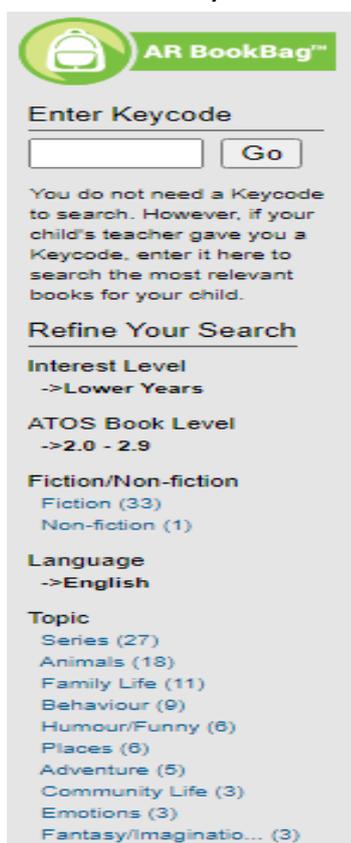
All about reading at Patcham Junior school:

Our reading culture is based around reading for pleasure, which is far more likely if a child is reading at their level. At Patcham we use Renaissance Place to monitor reading. From Years 3- 6 we set 20 minutes of reading homework a day.

Children complete a star test in school using the renaissance software and are then given a colour code and numerical key matched to their reading level. Each level/colour code is broken down into 3 subsequent levels. The children will complete a star test every half term to monitor progress.

Children are not able to quiz books at home. However, if the book being read is on the Accelerated Reader (AR) system – then they can quiz the book that day or the day after completion at school. At home, you can log in to their reading profiles by going to: school website/ learning/ reading and phonics/accelerated reader icon. On the site you will be able to see what your child has read and quizzed on at school. You can view their personal bookshelf too.

Using **AR book finder** (<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/collections.aspx>) at home is a helpful tool for looking up books within their level and interests. You can enter their key code, authors or search by interest to find books.



The screenshot shows the AR BookBag website interface. At the top, there is a green header with a book icon and the text "AR BookBag™". Below this is a section titled "Enter Keycode" with a text input field and a "Go" button. A paragraph of text explains that a keycode is not always necessary but can be used to find relevant books. Below this is a "Refine Your Search" section with several filters: "Interest Level" (Lower Years), "ATOS Book Level" (2.0 - 2.9), "Fiction/Non-fiction" (Fiction: 33, Non-fiction: 1), "Language" (English), and "Topic" (Series: 27, Animals: 18, Family Life: 11, Behaviour: 9, Humour/Funny: 6, Places: 6, Adventure: 5, Community Life: 3, Emotions: 3, Fantasy/Imaginatio...: 3).



Year 3 Stone Age Day!



Year 3 started off the year with an awesome Stone Age day. The children looked incredibly fierce in their fabulous outfits—thanks to all Parents and Carers for your hard work and dedication to the cause.

Some Stone Age art was created all over the playground much to Mr Sutherland's delight! The children played lovely Stone Age games in PE including Rock, Paper, Scissors.

The highlight was our incredible Stone Age man who taught the children welcome dances and showed them some artefacts from the Stone Age times which they all got to hold.

A great start to our fascinating topic.





Friends of Patcham Junior School



Please note this date in your diaries.

Friends of Patcham Junior school will be holding their first meeting of the academic year on **Monday 11th October at 6pm**. The meeting will be held online and further details of how to access the meeting will be sent via PING closer to the date.

During the meeting we will be planning fundraising events with a focus on this term, Halloween/ Christmas etc and would welcome your contribution. If you have been considering volunteering your time, the start of the school year is the perfect time to get involved. We would particularly love to welcome our new year 3 parents and carers to join the meeting. If there are any Grandparents interested in joining us too they would also be very welcome!

Over the past two years fundraising has reduced significantly due the pandemic, but we hope that this year will be stronger than ever! Our goal is to raise funds to build a new library.

We realise that for our community of busy working parents and carers time is precious. We hope that with clear planning, allocating roles and responsibilities and providing a better understanding of what we do, everyone will feel they can take part, no matter how small the contribution. However small the amount of time you can give, it will be welcomed and we would like to encourage you to come along. In the meantime, if your would like to get in contact with us, please email friendsofpatchamjunior@gmail.com

Looking forward to welcoming you.

Warmest Wishes,
Friends of Patcham Junior School



Woof Woof

Rocket, Mr Rodericks' dog, crashed landed In Patcham Junior school on 17th September.

So far Rocket has taken some super star children for walks, motivated a child to write a story, inspired others to get creative by drawing pictures, as well as helping children come into school. It was no wonder Rocket was exhausted and he fell fast asleep in Mr Rodericks' office by 10.30! We all look forward to seeing Rocket in school every Monday morning.

Here are some highlights of Rocket's time in school so far...





The dog's trust – The dog's trust came into school the week beginning 20th September. All the children eagerly participated in the workshops and an assembly run by Steph, learning 'how to be dog smart'.

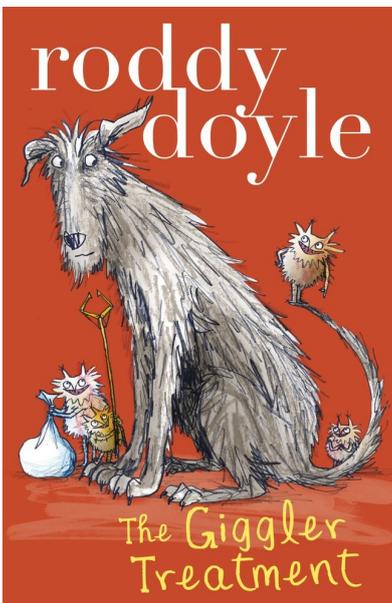
Here's what some children learnt...

Kaydee – "It was really good to do the training to learn about dogs."

Emily – "When you see a dog in public and you'd like to stroke it, you must ask the owner first."

Tilly – "Always let a dog sniff you first before you stroke it."

Reading Recommendation



Miss Thornton and 3ST recommends reading The Giggler Treatment.

We have been enjoying this book as a class and we love it because it is silly and funny. The Gigglers are little creatures who look after children by making mean adults step in dog poo. Unfortunately, they are sometimes mistaken and adults need to be rescued! If you like talking dogs, grumpy seagulls and intelligent babies then this book is for you. We always laugh out loud when we read this story.



One of our current pupils (Noa, Year 5) and her older brother (ex-pupil Mihlo) will be appearing in this production of Oliver at the end of October!

Phoenix Theatre Company is a truly inclusive community theatrical group for all ages, and we are so excited to be performing this new version of the all-time classic musical, Oliver!

Bringing Charles Dickens' beloved novel to life, Lionel Bart's Oliver! will take you on a wild adventure through Dickensian England.

Join young orphan Oliver Twist as he navigates the dark and smoky London underworld filled with theft and violence; searching for a home, a family, and - most importantly - for love.

Come with Oliver as he meets Fagin, Dodger and the gang of young pickpockets and thieves.

Watch him fall under the spell of Nancy and Bet, and fear for his life when trapped by the terrifying Bill Sikes.

With spirited, timeless songs like "As Long as He Needs Me," "Food, Glorious Food," and "Where Is Love," Oliver! is a musical classic for the whole family.

Thursday October 28- Saturday 30th 2021, All Saints Hove.

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/phoenixthco/oliver/e-qxmemz

NEW Afterschool childcare facility opening in Patcham. Please see our website if you are interested in more information.



6th October	Wednesday	9.30	Y2 Parents Open Morning
8th October	Friday	9.30	Y2 Parents Open Morning
11th October	Monday	6pm	FOPJS on-line meeting
12th October	Tuesday	3.15 to 7pm	Parent's Evening
14th October	Thursday	3.15 to 7pm	Parent's Evening
15th October	Friday	6PD	To Brighton Museum
19th October	Tuesday	5ES & 5SR	To Brighton Museum
25th to 29th October	All Week	Whole School	Half Term
1st November	Monday	Whole School	INSET Day