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## Message from Mr. Sutherland



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And all of a sudden, we find ourselves on the brink of the autumn term coming to an end and the excitement of Christmas (and the rest of the World Cup?) to look forward to.

Despite what seems like relentless rain at times, our spirits and learning

opportunities have not been dampened by the weather and there's been plenty to get involved in during this second half term.

Last Friday's fayre was wonderfully attended (it didn't rain, inexplicably) so thank you to all of you that donated or came along to support us—we raised a ton of money for the library—more details later in this issue.

I am sure I will see many of you in the remaining days

of term at the various end of term performances.

Although we will all be apart for a few weeks from the 16th December (we have an INSET day on the 3rd January and the children return to classes on the 4th January), please have an enjoyable Christmas break and I hope you get to spend quality time with the people that mean the most to you if you possibly can.

See you all in 2023!

*Mr Sutherland*

### Staffing News

After more than 13 years at PJS, Mrs. Cox, one of our talented Literacy Support Assistants, will be retiring from education and leaving the school at the end of this term.

We have loved having Mrs. Cox as a member of the school team and we will all miss her dearly.

We wish you luck in your next adventures Mrs. Cox!

## BBC Children in Need



On Friday, 18th November we celebrated BBC Children In Need day at school. The children were invited to come dressed in non-school uniform for a donation to the charity. They all looked great and we raised an impressive £363.70. Thank you to everyone who donated and for the continued support.



## Year 6 football update!

It's been a very busy few weeks for the Year 6 football team with two league matches and the long awaited, previously postponed Brighton schools 7-aside tournament.

First up was a league match versus St. Luke's Primary which saw the boys battle out a fine 2-1 victory with a late strike from Joshua to seal the three points.

Just two days later, the boys were in action again at the Ladies

Mile Road Stadium, this time against Junior School rivals Downs Junior.

Although everyone put in a spirited performance, a second win in a week was not on the cards, with the team slipping to 2-0 loss.

The third league game of the season is scheduled for Thursday 8th December, so cold-snap



permitting, a report on this match up will be in the next issue.

## Brighton Schools 7-aside tournament

There was further football excitement at the end of November when the Year 6 7-aside tournament could finally take place, albeit in a slightly different format to the original—two mini tournaments were arranged instead of the usual one large festival.

It's fair to say that the PJS team got off to something of a slow start, scoring zero goals in their opening three group games (although only conceding one to City Academy Whitehawk).

The lacklustre first round placed the boys in the 'Bowl' competition and it was the sudden whiff of silverware that sparked the team into action, winning their first game 2-0, drawing with Carden a second time (1-1) then winning the final game 1-0 to unexpectedly lift the Bowl trophy and give Mr Sutherland his first football tournament win since arriving at the school 6 years ago!

Well done to all of the boys—you played your socks off throughout and richly deserved the win.





Wednesday	7th Dec	1.15	Y3 performance	All Saint Church
Thursday	8th Dec	9.15	Y3 Performance	All Saints Church
Thursday	8th Dec	3.15	Y6 Football match	here
Friday	9th Dec	11.00	Y4 Christmas Assembly	Main Hall
Wednesday	14th Dec	11.00	Y5 Christmas Assembly	Main Hall
		12.00	Christmas Lunch	Lunch Hall
Thursday	15th Dec	11.00	Y6 Christmas Performance	Main Hall
Friday	16th Dec		Last Day of term	



# Year 4 Trip to Preston Manor

As part of our history topic of 'Brighton Now and Then', Year 4 visited Preston Manor to experience what it was like to be a servant during Victorian times. The children looked very much the part dressed in their Victorian attire and impressed the house keeper who was looking for 4 new members of staff to join the household – a footman (who had to be clean and smart), an odd-man, who had to be strong and fast to chop wood and

fetch errands, a fourth maid, who needed to get up very early and light all the fires, and a kitchen maid, who needed to be alert and an excellent cook.

The housekeeper was very strict and made us work incredibly hard, but we all learned to grind herbs and spices, grate nutmeg and lay the table for a Victorian dinner party as well as polishing the grate, cleaning the

windows and making the beds. It was a tricky choice for her to choose 4 children as they were all brilliant.

Preston Manor was an amazing experience and made us realise how lucky we are that children these days all get an education and do not need to go to work as they did back in the 1900s!







# Guitar Heroes!

On Monday 21st November, we welcomed our guitar teacher Rupert in to one of our whole school assemblies, where we were entertained by many of his budding guitar-hero students. It was wonderful to listen to their playing and in a number of surprise moments, their singing too!

Parents, carers and family members were also in attendance!

If your child would be interested in any of the peripatetic instrumental opportunities throughout the school week, then please contact the school office for more details.



# Cross Country Success

On Wednesday 16th November we had 21 Year 5 and 6 runners that took part in the Brighton and Hove Cross Country 2022 event. Each of the races featured between 200-300 runners competing for most schools across the city. Everyone that took part from PJS completed the course and Mrs Thompson says that they were a superb team. We also had two pupils who have made it through to the final next year, where they will represent Brighton & Hove!

The Brighton and Hove representatives from PJS will be Harry in 5ES who came 11th overall in the Year 5 boys' race and Isabella in 6NS who came 5th in the Year 6 girls' race, which is a sensational achievement!





# Christmas Fayre

The Friends of Patcham Junior School (FOPJS) team, once again out did themselves in creating and running this year's Christmas Fayre! Despite weeks of rain, the weather was kind we were treated to a totally dry event.

Every class ran a stall and coupled with the plethora of opportunities for some early Christmas fun (including an inflatable obstacle course and some 'actual' snow), the fayre was a roaring success.

As reported previously on PING, the profit, which will go towards our new school library project was a whopping £3,233!!

Thank you to each every one of you that donated or came to the fayre itself (or both!) as well as the to amazing members of the FOPJS team!\*

\*New members ALWAYS welcomed with open arms to support with these incredible (and critical) fundraising events. Ask Mr. Sutherland or the school office if you'd love to get involved!



# One Voice Festival of Singing

On Friday 2nd December a number of our Year 5 and 6 choir members were fortunate enough to perform at magnificent Glyndebourne.

Performing alongside the Glyndebourne Chorus and led by Glyndebourne Chorus Master Aidan Oliver, the Christmas event was a spectacle of musical talent and expertise arranged by Create Music Brighton.

The children were fantastic from start to finish and took their grand surroundings and singing alongside professional musicians in their stride, singing with gusto and pleasure during each song they performed.

A huge thank you to Miss Dell and Mrs Bogaru for their perfect preparations—I wish you could all hear how utterly magical they all sounded on stage.

Members of the choir taking a breather  
during rehearsals before the live show

