



Newsletter

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NEXT INSET DAY

Tuesday 24th July 2018

Number 16 – 11th June 2018



RECEPTION & KS1 SPORTS DAY –

Reception Monday 2nd July 9.30am
KS1 Friday 6th July 9.30 am (or Monday 9th July am - rain off day)

KS 2 SPORTS DAY – Withdean Stadium on Tuesday 26th June are as follows:

Y6 = 9.30-10.45
Y5 = 10.45-12.00
Y4 = 12.00-1.15
Y3 = 1.15-2.30



SCHOOL SPORT – Our footballers in Y6 travelled to the King Power stadium in Leicester just before the half term break, in order to represent Brighton and Hove Albion in the national finals of a

competition that was entered by over 1600 schools! We narrowly lost 2-1 against Leicester City and Bournemouth, and we drew 0-0 against Newcastle United and Chelsea. We were particularly proud of our performance against Chelsea, as they beat every other team that they played on their way to becoming overall winners. It was an unforgettable experience for all involved, and huge congratulations go to the players: Max, Milo, Sacha (Oak); Charlie, George, Noah H, Toby (Elder).

Our tennis players in Y3/4 played in a competition at Withdean last week. They all played superbly and ended up as winners! Well done to: Kira (Holly); Johnny (Chestnut); Mae L, Rufus (Cedar); Anna, Alice, Manni, Cormac (Cypress).

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE- Jim Callender (Dad of Sam (Reception) and Finn (Yr 2)) and Sarah Callender (Mum of Evan (Reception) and Edie (Year 3)) have volunteered to work with us to create a new school website, because it is in much need of an overhaul. Jim is mainly going to be looking after the technical and security side of the website while Sarah looks after the content. They will be working with Val, the School Business Manager and nominated teachers from KS1 and KS2.

Our aim is to overhaul and streamline communications between school and parents and make it easier to find information ranging from term dates and events to school policies. We also want to showcase the school's activities and achievements more. We want to create a website that people actually want to use!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help us to plan the website to make sure it does what it should do. Ideally we are looking for 3 parents/carers:

- 1) one who isn't that confident online
- 2) one who is likely to seek the answer to a question about school on the school Facebook page rather than the school website
- 3) one who is confident online but isn't a frequent visitor to either the school Facebook page or the school website.

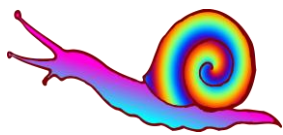
It is likely volunteering will involve 2 meetings - one to understand what you want/need from the school website, and one to look at the test website to make sure it's doing what it needs to do. If you are interested in being involved, please email sarah@sarahcallender.co.uk
We are of course interested in hearing from anyone who has thoughts about the school website so do send Sarah an email at sarah@sarahcallender.co.uk with your comments and suggestions or have a chat to her or Jim. We don't have the time or budget to do a wide consultation but will make sure that all stakeholders are represented.

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM – MONDAY 23rd JULY – we appreciate it is very unusual for the last day of the school year to fall on a Monday. It came about when INSET days had to be moved earlier in the year and became unavoidable.

OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school - and get £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://po.st/schools18>

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2018-19 STAFFING STRUCTURE – We are currently finalising the staffing for the next academic year. Parents/carers and pupils will be informed once this has been confirmed (this is expected to be by the end of the month).



Be More Snail - This year Elm Grove will be decorating a snail as part of the Martlets #BeMoreSnail fundraising

campaign (similar to the Snow Dog campaign). Children will be creating designs within school but may wish to bring them home to finish. We will be asking questions like: What are the things that are really important in life? How can we be more mindful? How can we slow down and be more snail? There will be a non-school uniform day on **Friday June 15th for #BeMoreSnail Day** which is taking place across the city. Elm Grove is going to Snail it this year! Please be aware that teachers will be discussing the work the Martlets do to support end of life care for families. This can raise questions for children or bring back memories of past losses, if you have any worries or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FOSTERING? Brighton & Hove City Council has an ongoing need for foster families to provide safe, loving and stable homes for vulnerable local children. As a foster carer you will receive 24/7 support, an extensive training programme and a dedicated social worker assigned to be with you every step of the way. It's your personal qualities that make you great at fostering, so foster carers come from all sorts of different backgrounds, cultures, religions and age groups. Foster carers can be single, in a civil partnership, married or unmarried; they can be LGBT, from any ethnic or religious background, a homeowner, living in rented accommodation, working, unemployed or retired. Some have children already, and some do not. What they have in common is a genuine interest in helping support children through a difficult time. If you have childcare experience, a spare room and time and love to give to a local child, you could be part of Brighton & Hove's growing, vibrant fostering community. Brighton & Hove City Council Fostering Team are proud to be a not for profit service.

Visit www.fosteringinbrightonandhove.org.uk for more information or join us at our Information Evening on Tuesday 22nd May at The County Cricket Ground, Hove, 7pm. Alternatively you can call 01273 295444 for an informal chat. Our carers tell us that fostering is the best thing they have done.

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE – From September 2018 all children will be expected to wear Elm Grove uniform colours of green, white and grey – in any combination. (NB this can include jogging bottoms). No items with logos please, apart from the optional Elm Grove logo. We have also made the decision to

say grey, **not** black tights/leggings and sensible, school appropriate shoes. The PE uniform is white T-shirt and white shorts. Uniform can be purchased via the school office or in local supermarkets.

Waterproof Reversible Coat/Jacket 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14	£20.00
Fleece Jacket 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14	£13.00
Sweatshirts – 26" 28" 30"32" Sm	£9.00
T-Shirts - 26" 28" 30"32"	£5.50
Polo Shirts - 26" 28" 30"32"	£6.50
Cotton Shorts 22/24, 26/28/30/32	£6.00
Book Bags	£3.00
PE Bags	£3.00
Ties	£3.00
Caps	£4.00

PTA – NEWS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Summer Fair - Saturday 7th July 12-3pm. If you know a local business that may be able to support us with donations of prizes or are able to help on the day please get in touch!

The PTA will need a new chair and volunteer coordinator, for the coming year. Please get in touch if interested. Being part of the PTA is not only incredibly important for raising invaluable funds for our children's school, but is also a great way to meet loads of people and have lots of fun! The PTA can always be contacted on elmgrovepta@gmail.com If you have any questions or suggestions please do get in touch.

BLOSSOM GARDEN - We are requesting about 100 empty plastic bottles (milk, fizzy drinks etc the larger the better) as we are making our own plant food from fermenting nettles! We also need old CD's to scare foxes and birds away.

REMINDER – we have several children in school with nut allergies that are also airborne. Please do not send any foods /packed lunches which contain nuts into school. Thank you.

HANOVER IN BLOOM - <http://www.hasl.org.uk/streets-for-sharing.html>

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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
11.06.2018	Class Photo's KS2
12.06.2018	Class Photo's KS1
15.06.2018	BeMoreSnail 'non uniform' day – raising money for Martlets
26.06.18	KS2 sports day at Withdean Stadium (all children)
28.06.18	Y5/6 swimming gala(all children)
02.07.18	Reception sports day 9 .30 am
05.07.18	Y3/4 swimming gala(all children)
06.07.2018	KS1 Sports Day a.m.(rain off day – 09.07.2018)
06.07.2018	PTA Non Uniform Day
07.07.2018	Summer Fair 12-3pm
12.07.18	Y6 Leavers Show
13.07.2018	Annual Reports home to parents/carers
18.07.2018	Parent/carers open evening 3.30pm- 6.30pm (in classrooms)
19.07.18	Y6 Leavers Party – Thursday - 6.45 pm – 8.45 pm
23.07.2018 (Monday)	Last day of term for children

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We are currently requesting more **natural** resources:

Planks

Pots & Pans

Logs

Cones

Shells

Twigs

We are also requesting:

Old curtains

Quilt covers

Guttering

Pipes

Poles

Cushions

2017-18 remaining INSET dates:

Tuesday 24th July

Best wishes,

Louise Willard

Head teacher

NEWSLETTER - If you have a visual impairment, a copy of the newsletter is available in large print from the office.

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Apple	Isla, Charlie, Jacob W, Jacob Mc, Joseph, Elka
Cherry	Mabel, Arthur, Nathaniel, Elijah, Cheyenne, Devonte
Beech	Whole class, Erin, Caelan, Albie
Birch	Whole class, Fionn, Bobby, Florence
Baobab	Heath, Cosi, Clem, JJ, Dolly, George
Bonsai	Kitty, Rosa, Conrad, Lucas, Elsa, Ozzie
Horse Chestnut	Willow, Blake, Sachin, Lola, Milo, Luca
Holly	Daisy Lyn, Flair, Fred, Rowan, Sebi, Bonnie
Cedar	Alfie, Eva, Rose
Cypress	Anna, Macey, Vivienne, Franklin, Alexandra, Maggie
Redwood	Joe, Mati, Jody
Rowan	Felix W, Milly, Sophie
Elder	Claudia, Ramou, Rosalie, William, Maya, Felix
Oak	Grace, Freya, Milo, Isaak, Gabe, Eimantas

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