



Newsletter

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NEXT INSET DAY

Tuesday 24th July 2018

Number 15 – 21st May 2018



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) –The children continue to benefit from our new approach to lunchtimes.

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

Planks
Wooden sticks
Logs
Cones
Shells
Twigs

We are also requesting:

Old curtains
Quilt covers

Guttering
Poles
Cushions

CHILDREN'S PLAY POLICY

We have the right to have fun at playtimes. We have the responsibility to make sure that everyone has fun and our play does not stop this.

We have the right to make our own decisions about our play and choose what we do. We have the responsibility to make sure our decisions don't affect others in a negative way.

We have the right to choose who we play with. We have the responsibility that no one is left out of play or forced to do something they don't want to.

We have the right play with lots of different toys and have a well looked after environment. We have the responsibility to take pride in, respect and look after our environment and toys.

We have the right to explore be creative and take thoughtful risks. We have the responsibility to think about what we are doing and talk to a play maker about the risks we are taking if they ask us too.

RECEPTION & KS1 SPORTS DAY – Reception Monday 2nd July am, KS1 Friday 6th July am (or Monday 9th July am - rain off day).

SUN SAFETY – Hopefully we will continue to enjoy warm weather during the summer term. Please remember to supply your child with a water bottle and named sun hat (Elm Grove sun hats are available from the office £4.00)
Parents and carers may also wish to apply suncream before the school day.

PARENT/CARER GOVERNOR VACANCY – information about our new governor vacancy was sent out recently (closing date: 22nd May 2018 at 3.30 pm) Please see Ms Willard for further information if you are interested.



SCHOOL SPORT – Our footballers battled well but ultimately lost 7-3 to St John the Baptist School in the semi-final of the Geerts Shield. Most do have the consolation of a national final in Leicester later this week, however! Well done to: Max, Milo, Sacha (Oak); George, Charlie, Noah H, Toby (Elder); Denley (Redwood).

We also entered a Y3/4 tri-golf competition for the first time, and our children made lots of progress over the course of the afternoon, with our two teams finishing in 4th and 7th places overall. Well done to: Charlie, Cormac, Skye, Aoife, Lila, Wanda (Cypress); Jake, Wilfred (Cedar); Beau, Daniel, Kira, Rufus, Rowan, Lyla (Holly); Pepa, Tashy, Willow, Harry, Marley, Lola (Chestnut).

CHILDREN'S PARADE THANK-YOU - The Children's Parade was a tremendous success and I would like to personally thank a number of people who played a major role in the organisation and execution of the event. They committed a great deal of time and resources to the school in order to enable the day to take place.

Thanks to: The P.T.A. for additional funding.

Adrian Day and his community volunteers from Kineo: Lisa Nanson, Stuart Chadwick, Nish Mallassi, Jessica Moseley, Tom Boyle.

And to Tula Parker, Jen Teasdale, Sophie Abbott, Mike Durran and Mick Sanders. Couldn't have done it without you all. Bring on 2019!

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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.

SCHOOL CAR PARK – For pupil safety and also capacity issues, the school car park is strictly for school staff use only. Please ensure Reception and Year 1 pupils use the walkway provided to walk to and from their classrooms.

FURTHER SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE – The recent advance message about school uniform expectations for September caused considerable discussion. As a result, please see updated information below.

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 logo's 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.

PTA - News and dates for your diary

The date has been set for the Summer Fair - Saturday 7th July 12-3pm. Thank you to those that attended the planning meeting and those that have already come forward with ideas and support. If you have any ideas, no matter how big or small, 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 new committee members including 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 elmgrovepta0@gmail.com If you have any questions or suggestions please do get in touch.

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.

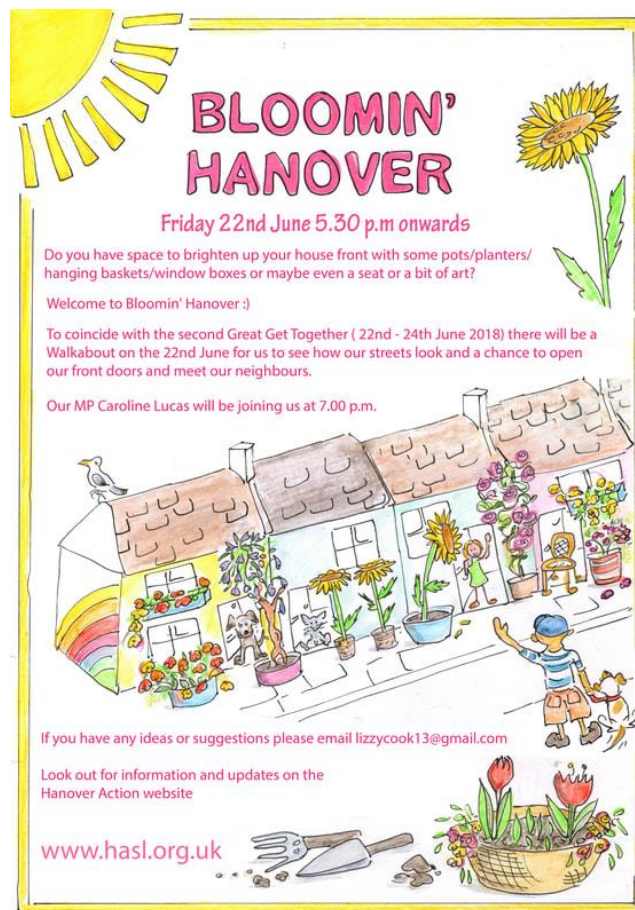
LOST ITEMS –Zac (Redwood) has lost his brand new blue & black barefoot stunt scooter from the bike shed area on Thursday 17th May.

Bethan (Beech) has lost her blue & red stripy, flowery Sun Hat.

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Please bring to the office if you have taken it home by mistake. Thank you.

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.



HANOVER IN BLOOM -

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

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
25.05.2018	Non-uniform Day (donations to school fund) Last day of half term
04.06.2018	Children return to school
11.06.2018	Class Photo's
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)
07.07.2018	Summer Fair
12.07.18	Y6 Leavers Show
19.07.18	Y6 Leavers Party – Thursday - 6.45 pm – 8.45 pm
23.07.2018 (Monday)	Last day of term for children

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	Fitz, Myla, Rowan, Myla, Jacob W, Oisin
Cherry	Beau B, Beau D, Sienna, Joe, Emily, Sydney
Beech	George, Siyar x 2, Olivia, Sydney, Olivia
Birch	Whole Class, Samuel, Olivia, Zofia
Baobab	Primrose, Laurie, Lucas, Reece, Emily, Alethia
Bonsai	Monty, Sonny, Reuben, Emily, Rowan, Polly
Horse Chestnut	Milo, Hughie, Baker x 2, Millie, Luca
Holly	Poppy, Marley, Daniel, Alice, Lyla, Aubrey
Cedar	Fleur, Mae, Matteo, David, Albert, Thea
Cypress	Charlie, Skye, Scarlet, Sofia, Miranda, William
Redwood	Zach, Josh, Marni, Sarah, Josh, Mia
Rowan	Mati, Sophie, Nancy, Milly, Amber-Lily, Charlie
Elder	Kit, Maya, Joe, The whole class
Oak	Grace, Isla, Summer, The whole class

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