

## NEXT INSET DAY

Thursday 29th March 2018

## Number 9 – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018



**FUNDING** - We are pleased to announce that we are confirmed winners of £1,000 funding from the Aviva Community Fund. The money will be put towards the playground development. Many thanks to everyone who voted. We appreciate the website was a bit of a struggle!

**TOP PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT** – the next phase of the development will be the installation of 4 giant pots (with planted trees) over the February half term. Please see the attached document overviewing further plans.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** – Overall pupil attendance dropped slightly over the Autumn Term. I appreciate much of the absence was due to unavoidable autumn/winter sickness and but ask for everyone's support, wherever possible, with our focus on school attendance. A Brighton & Hove attendance factsheet is attached to the newsletter.

Current attendance figures are as follows:  
 (overall 95.2%, down from 96.6%)

Year group	% attendance (Sept to Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> )
Reception	81.7% (due to staggered starts)
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	95.2%

Please ask the office if you would like an individual attendance report printed for your child.  
 National average attendance = 96%



**HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY** is a new Elm Grove activity. One pupil from every class is selected in recognition of their outstanding behaviour and invited to the staffroom for a hot chocolate with Ms

Willard. Invitations are presented in assembly on Monday mornings.

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP WITH A SUMMER TERM SCHOOL PERFORMANCE?** Mrs Willard is aware of a number of parents with performing arts backgrounds who might be keen to offer their services, with a view to producing a stage performance with the KS2 children later on in the year. If you are willing and able to help with such a project, please email Mrs Willard and/or come along to a meeting in the school hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9:15am.



**Picture of an elm tree**  
**ELM TREE PLANTING CEREMONY** – a new Elm tree is to be planted outside the school (on Elm Grove) on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**Message from Hanover action group:**

*'To celebrate the new Elm Grove tree outside the school and the playground silver birch trees, we at Hanover Action, would love it if the pupils/children of Elm Grove would draw or create a computer picture on A4 paper of a tree or wildlife in trees. On the 9th February, your head teacher; Louise Willard and local Councillor David Gibson will plant 1 of 3 new streets funded by the local community and organised by Hanover action with help from the council.'*

**Please take any completed pictures (clearly named) to the school office by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICIES AGREED FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 (B&H Council website)**

School admission arrangements for September 2019 have been agreed.

At a meeting on 15 January Brighton & Hove City Council's children, young people and skills committee considered a report on the responses to the consultation carried out during October and November on proposals for changes at both primary and secondary level for September 2019.

As a result no changes will be made to secondary school catchment areas (including the proposed Elm Grove catchment change). Existing local secondary schools have agreed to increase their numbers to accommodate this decision.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER** – the school does not take a strict approach to school uniform but does expect children to attend each day wearing at least the school colours of green, white and grey (& black) and avoid 'fashion/ highly decorated' items. Thank-you.

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**PTA NEWS** - The PTA would like to thank everyone again for their overwhelming support last term. We have some great things already planned for this term, please see dates below. Keep an eye out on Facebook and in the newsletter for further events coming up.

**PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SPRING TERM 2018**

**Thursday 8th February** - Parents Quiz Night

**Sunday 25th February** - Makers Market and Tea Room

**Friday 23rd March** - Butlers Wine Tasting - **We expect this event to sell out, please look out for online booking information coming soon!**

If you are able to volunteer at any of these events, or would like any further information please contact the PTA at [elmgrovepta0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrovepta0@gmail.com), We hope to see you there!

The PTA can always be contacted on [elmgrovepta0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrovepta0@gmail.com) If you have any questions or suggestions please do get in touch. Thanks, PTA.

**VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL – Elm Grove School needs YOU!**

If you would like to volunteer in our school, please get in touch with the school office, or Miss Emery (Year 1 teacher and Volunteer Co-ordinator)

**BRIGHTON CITY PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION (BCPFE)**

- The BCPFE Family Store was very well used over the Christmas period by families from our Partnership of schools and therefore stock is running low. If you have any donations of unwanted Christmas gifts or other items, they would be welcome. Specifically, good quality, clean bedding, winter coats, children's clothes, shoes, books and games are always useful. Please drop any donations to the BCPFE Family Support Service at the blue flats, opposite Oasis clothes shop on Middle Street - ring the buzzer or call 01273 291478.

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

**CONTACT DETAILS & SCHOOL EMAILS**- If you are still not receiving our school emails it may be that we have an old address listed. Please come to the School Office to check we have the correct contact details. Thank you.

**HOMEWORK GRIDS** will be sent home on: 26.1.2018 and 9.2.2018. Please look out for them in your child's book bag.

**GOLDEN BOOK MERITS**

<b>Apple</b>	Quinn, Leila, Ben
<b>Cherry</b>	Seinna, Alexander, Alex, Polly, Jayden, Cheyenne
<b>Beech</b>	Sofia, Edie, Olivia, Winnie, Lucien, Otto
<b>Birch</b>	Ben, Etien, Val, Bobby, Georgia, Mohammed
<b>Baobab</b>	Jagoda, Ridley, Isaac, Reece, Laurie, Georgia
<b>Bonsai</b>	Rosa, Ozzie, Rowan, Eva, Kitty, Conrad
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Louise, Riley, Pepa, Johnny, Millie, Sachin
<b>Holly</b>	Alice, Soti, Rufus, Enya, Fred, Molly, Otis
<b>Cedar</b>	Amelia, Jake, Rose, Florrie, Fleur, Jodie
<b>Cypress</b>	Alice, Skye, Sofia, Maggie, Lexie, Abu
<b>Redwood</b>	, Josh, Denley, Clayton
<b>Rowan</b>	Felix HC, Leo HC, Leo B, Bella, Amelie, Jay
<b>Elder</b>	Lilly Mae, Sid, Ted, Claudia, Charlie, Isla S
<b>Oak</b>	Poppy, Hope, Eimantas, Savannah, Tara, Oscar, Dante

**DIARY DATES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
24.01.2018 – 9am	Meeting for parents/carers interested in exploring performance options
08.02.2018	PTA Parent Quiz Night
09.02.2018	Elm Tree planting ceremony 11am (tbc)
09.02.2018	Last day of half term
19.02.2018	Children return to school
End of February (TBC)	Year 2 SATs talk for parents/carers
22.02.2018	Year 6 SATs talk for parents/carers
25.02.2018 (Sun)	PTA Makers Market & Tea Room
27.02.2018 & 28.02.2018	Parents Evening (in Main Hall – not Restaurant) More information to follow
01.03.2018	World Book Day More information to follow
23.03.2018	PTA Butlers Wine Tasting
28.03.2018	Last day of term

**2017-18 remaining INSET dates:**  
Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Best wishes,  
*Louise Willard*  
Head teacher

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

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