



# Newsletter

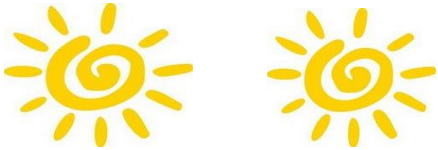
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## NEXT INSET DAY

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Number 17 – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018



### PARENTS AND CARER QUESTIONNAIRES –

Please help us to keep improving Elm Grove by responding via the link below to our Parent and Carer annual questionnaire. Responses help the school celebrate successes and also make decisions about priorities for the following year. The survey will be open until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Thank-you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZMBNGQT>

**STAFFING UPDATE –** Mr Jake Perry will be leaving Elm Grove at the end of July. Mr Perry is leaving teaching for a new venture, supporting families in East Sussex who have children with additional needs. We wish him every success in the future.

The school has appointed Mr Joseph McLaren as a new teacher in September and look forward to working with him. Mr McLaren will be teaching in Year 4.

Our thoughts are with Mr David Holloway at this time as he is being treated for a health condition. We would like to express our thanks to Miss Paisley Randall for returning to the school to teach Redwood class during this time and look forward to welcoming Mr Holloway back in September.

Ms Caron MacIntyre has unfortunately broken her hand and will not be able to cover her Year 6 classes for the rest of the term. A regular supply teacher will be booked to cover her day a week in each class.

We are currently finalising the staffing structure for the next academic year. Parents/carers and pupils will be sent an email on Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> to inform them of teachers and classes for next year.

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE –** Today in assembly the children found out about the Brighton Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, which aims to promote & encourage reading during the summer holidays. Your child can sign up at any Brighton & Hove library from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July.



We took 35 athletes to the Brighton and Hove athletics championships at Withdean, and they performed superbly, winning their division and the overall field events, as well as finishing as overall runners-up in the track events and winning 43 individual medals altogether! A huge well done to all of the Y4/5/6 children who were involved.

### RECEPTION & KS1 SPORTS DAY –

Reception Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9.30am

KS1 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 am (or Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July am - rain off day)

**KS 2 SPORTS DAY –**Withdean Stadium on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June are as follows:

Y6 = 9.30-10.45

Y5 = 10.45-12.00

Y4 = 12.00-1.15

Y3 = 1.15-2.30

**PARENTPAY-** We would like to thank 83% of our parents who have now signed up to Parentpay. Using online payments really helps us to reduce our administration and money handling time in school. We continue to aim to become a cashless school so we would like to encourage you all to use this online system to pay for dinners, swimming and school trips. If you have any problems with your log in, please see the School Office.

**Currently an average of 75% of parents and carers pay for school trips and events. The school never makes a profit from any trip; this means the school has to cover the difference from its own budget, which has a negative impact on the already limited resources. Elm Grove is really proud of the many educational experiences it offers the children and implores all parents and carers to support the voluntary contribution system to ensure they can continue.**

**SINGING ASSEMBLY INVITE –** We warmly invite you to our singing assemblies:

Reception & KS1 – 10.00am 17.07.2018 (main hall)

Y3 & 4 – 10.40am 17.07.2018 (Restaurant)

Y5 – 10.40am 18.07.2018 (Restaurant)

NB Y6 will be performing learnt songs at their leaver's performance on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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**BLOSSOM GARDEN** – Parents and carers are welcome to drop in and help look after the Blossom Garden on Wednesdays after school. Please bring your own tools. Tasks will include weeding, watering, planting etc. The children really benefit from the wonderful Blossom Garden environment and the school is hugely appreciative of all the efforts of Martin Lundgren (and the ECO council) to develop and maintain it. We are now looking for a sustainable way to keep it looking great.

**SUN SAFETY** – Please encourage your children to bring a named sun hat and a water bottle to school every day. If the forecast is correct, we should be able to enjoy some lovely sunny weather between now and the end of term.



**BIKES & SCOOTERS** – It's great to see more children cycling and scooting to school. Please can bikes and scooters be taken straight to the bike shelter in the mornings and, for health & safety reasons, not be ridden up and down the terrace before the school doors open. There have been a few near misses recently with bikes or scooters colliding with young children waiting for school. Please can parents and carers also ensure the gate for the school is kept as clear as possible at the start and end of the day. Thank-you

**NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS**- Our '#BeMoreSnail day' raised £277 for the Marlets Fundraising campaign and our non school uniform day in May raised £206. The PTA non school uniform day is on 6<sup>th</sup> July- Please bring snacks instead of money. The next will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> July (the last day of term) and please bring in a £1 donation for School Fund.

**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

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PE Bags	£3.00
Ties	£3.00
Caps	£4.00

**PTA News - URGENT - The PTA will require a new chair for the coming school year.** The PTA is essential in providing money for the school to offer enrichment projects and equipment that can't be funded in any other way. However, it can't run itself and in order to continue needs to have a full committee. Being the Chair of the PTA may seem overwhelming but speaking from experience, it's not! I have had so much fun working with the committee, class reps, school staff and wider community. I've made loads of new friends and enjoyed seeing our hard work coming to fruition. If you think you might be interested and want to find out more about what's involved, please email the PTA, give me text/call on 07769708900 or grab me in the playground and we can have talk through what's involved - Zoe Campbell.

The PTA AGM will take place on Wednesday 11th July at 8pm in the back room of The Hanover Pub, **All welcome!** Please come along and be part of the PTA plans for the coming year!

**The Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 7th July.** It is one of our biggest fundraisers and requires over 100 volunteers. If you can help with set-up, break down or give an hour of your time to run a stall, we want to hear from you! You can sign up by using this link <http://signup.com/go/DVUStUy> or email [elmgrovepta0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrovepta0@gmail.com)

You should have received a letter requesting donations for the fair but if you need any more information then please do not hesitate to email the PTA on [elmgrove0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrove0@gmail.com)

Raffle tickets are now available to buy from the office or you can buy them on the day. We have some great prizes available including cash prizes donated by Barrie Alderton, a yurt break, 2 tickets for the 100m water slide run by Amaze and a family ticket for the brilliant Branching Out Adventures, plus many more. Tickets are 50p per ticket or £2 per strip.

Finally, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July and asking for donations of snacks rather than money for the all new **Snack Sensation Tombola** at the Summer Fair. You could donate anything from dried fruit to jelly beans, muesli bars to haribo, breadsticks to crisps or sweet biscuits to crackers, the choice is yours! Please do not donate chocolate as it will melt and please remember that due to nut allergies that all donations must be in sealed packages. **Every single penny raised goes to our children's school**

Thank you

**The PTA.**

**LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM – MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.

#### DIARY DATES

Date	Event
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 (Y6 parents/carers may collect directly from office on July 13 <sup>th</sup> if they wish)
16.07.2018	Pupils meet their new teacher - pm
17.07.2018	Singing assembly invite: Rec & Y1 & 2 10am Y3 & Y4 10.40am
18.07.2018	Singing assembly invite: Y5 10.40am
18.07.2018	Parent/carer 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 and Non School Uniform day

#### GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

<b>Apple</b>	Charlie, Scarlett, Joseph, Scarlet, Poppy, Finley, Flo
<b>Cherry</b>	Lola J, Erin, Alexander
<b>Beech</b>	Edie, Billy M, Reid, Whole class
<b>Birch</b>	Whole class, Denley, Lorcan, Nell
<b>Baobab</b>	Alex, Edmund, Dylan, Freya, Jessica, Isaac
<b>Bonsai</b>	Bailey, Jim, Evie, Callie, Robynn, Nancy
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Akai, Jay, Oscar, Yassin, Suhraya, Woody
<b>Holly</b>	Rosheen, Daisy Lynn, Rufus
<b>Cedar</b>	Conor, David, Loki
<b>Cypress</b>	Noah, Mae, Manni, Sky, Macey, Enzo
<b>Redwood</b>	Layla, Amelie, seth
<b>Rowan</b>	Amber-Lily, Betty x 2, Nancy, Bella, Tisa, Alex
<b>Elder</b>	Edith, George, Sylvester
<b>Oak</b>	Naomi, Zach, Freya

#### OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We are currently requesting:

**Planks**

**Pots & Pans**

**Logs**

**Cones**

**Shells**

**Twigs**

Old curtains

Quilt covers

**Guttering**

**Pipes**

Poles

Cushions

**All donations to be taken to the 'loose parts' containers in the car park. Many thanks.**

**LOST ITEMS** William (Elder) has lost his named Orange Casio waterproof digital watch. Oscar (Horse Chestnut) has lost his blue Nike hoodie. Please bring to the office if you have taken it home by mistake. Thank you

#### 2017-18 remaining INSET dates:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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