



Newsletter

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NEXT INSET DAY

Thursday 3rd January 2019
Friday 4th January 2019

Number 4 – 12th November 2018



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 12th – 16th November 'Choose Respect' - children will be undertaking lessons, activities and assemblies linked to this year's National Anti-Bullying

Week. Schools are launching the week with 'odd socks' Monday.

PARENTS EVENINGS – are being held on Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th November. Please look out for invites and online booking information which will be sent out today. These are our first official meetings of the year and we hope to see as many parents and carers as possible. It will be an opportunity for parents and carers to share any key information about their child and for the class teachers to update on progress made so far this term. Appointments can also be made, if required, with Louise Willard (Headteacher) and Lucy Roberts (Inclusion /Special Educational Needs Leader).

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS – proof photos were sent home last week, including information on how to order prints. The photos were taken by one of our school parents and a percentage of the profits from any sales will go directly to the school to buy additional resources for the children.

MURAL ON THE TOP PLAYGROUND – please can any artistic parents or carers contact Ms Willard if they are interested in volunteering to help create a 'nature' mural on the wall behind the climbing frame:
louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

LOST PROPERTY - Lola in Year 5 has lost her pale pink metal water bottle. If it is found, please return it to the office. Thank you.

DORSET GARDENS - The adult counselling project which is funded by Dorset Gardens Methodist Church and delivered by Dolphin House Charity is now in its fourth year. This is a wonderful service providing free counselling sessions to parents or carers whose children attend either Carlton Hill, Tarner nursery or Elm Grove School. Counselling sessions run on a Monday and Wednesday morning during the school term and are provided by Nadja and Rachael. If any parent or carer is interested in finding out more about this service or would like to book an initial meeting, please call or text the project manager Michele Karban on 07794889272

ELM GROVE NEW WEBSITE – we are delighted to launch our new website: www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/
It is still developing in some areas but our aim is to create a place for parents & carers to access any current information about the school (dates, letters, policies, homework grids, clubs, trips, outcomes etc). Please visit the website to see how it's changed.

PTA NEWS - thank you to everyone who came and helped out with our Monster and Alien Disco's, you helped the PTA raise an amazing £907.00

Coming up on **Sunday 25th November** we have our very own open house with **Elm Grove Makers Market**. Please come along and tell friends and family to come along too. There will be a host of local artists and makers selling their wares to Christmas present shoppers. The PTA will be organising a vintage style tea room with tea, coffee and delicious cakes.

We will need volunteers to help set up and take down at this event. Look out for our sign up sheets if you wish to help, or send us an email elmgrovepta0@gmail.com

Our **Winter Fair** will be happening on **Saturday 8th December 2018 1.00pm-4.00pm**. Please find attached to the newsletter an early donations list. We are starting to collect jam jars, wine bottles, books and bric a brac. The winter fair involves a lot of hard work and will require a lot of volunteers. Please help us even if it's only an hour. This is one of our biggest events in terms of resource and money made.

Should any parents wish to have a table at the winter fair, please send us an email elmgrovepta0@gmail.com

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One of our lovely reception parents is hosting a disco just for the reception children on 19th December 2018 at St Martins church hall. She is kindly donating all proceeds to the PTA and we are most grateful. Details of the event are attached.

All money raised from these events will go towards a beautiful sand pit and water play area in the two playgrounds and further development in the blossom garden. Please help any way you can. These events cannot happen without everyone pulling together.

Thank you
PTA Committee

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHOSE CHILD IS DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER? – if so,

please let them know we are holding tours for prospective parents and carers on:

Monday 26.11.18 - 1 – 2pm

Tuesday 27.11.18 – 6 – 7pm

Wednesday 28.11.18 – 10.00 – 11.30am

Tuesday 8.1.19 – 10.30 – 11.30am



SCHOOL SPORT – many congratulations to the following children in Year 5, who have been selected as Sports Leaders: Theo, Jesse, Cormac, Zouzou, Anna N, Wanda.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AT THE START OF THE DAY – the internal playground gate leading into the top playground will be kept shut each morning to ensure the safety of children attending breakfast club. Children attending any before school clubs need to access them via the main door.

Due to limited space, the school car park is strictly for school staff parking only. It cannot be used to drop off or collect children.

Please also respect the zig-zag lines outside the school and do not use these safety areas to drop off or collect children.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS? THIS CAN HELP THE SCHOOL AS WELL AS YOU AND YOUR CHILD – please see the office if you feel you might be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. The office staff can check if you are using an online system. If you are, as well as receiving a free school meal, your child will also be able to benefit from reduced club and residential costs. Even if your child already gets a free lunch (Reception – Y2) or prefers a packed lunch, the school still receives additional funding which is used very carefully to support learning opportunities.

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 (this includes after school clubs and treats). Thank you.

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Beau B, Isaac, Lola, Whole class, Sam, Poppy, Owen, Samuel
Birch	Evan, Sienna, Marcy, Whole class, Rosie, Polly, Thalia
Baobab	Zofia, Dylan, Ben, Whole class, Zofia, Fionn, Lorcan
Bonsai	Winnie, Tommy-Lee, Sophie, Whole class, Barnaby, Siyar, Anya
Horse Chestnut	Alfie, Jim, Oscar, Emily, Finlay, Bailey, Sam, Elsa, Eva
Holly	Winnie, Sharear, Whole class, Max, Clem, Leila, Primrose, Jagoda, Cosi
Cedar	Otis, Kira, Mason, Alfie, Anna, Seb
Cypress	Tomas, George, Aubrey Enya, Rowan, Millie, Yassin, Sammy, Carmen
Redwood	Jesse, Eva, FlorrieZouZou Matteo
Rowan	Charlie, Lucas, Skye C
Elder	Maisie, Bertie, Amelie, Adam, Lois, Lily
Oak	Gabriel, Jared, Alex, Felix HC, Amber, Bailey

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Sunday 25.11.18	PTA Makers Market
Wednesday 28.11.18	Parents Evening 3.50 – 7 pm
Thursday 29.11.18	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6 pm
Wednesday 5.12.18	Reception Performance 9.30 am
Thursday 6.12.18	KS1 Performance 1.45 pm
Friday 7.12.18	KS1 Performance 1.45 pm
Saturday 8.12.18	PTA Winter Fair 1-4pm
Tuesday 11.12.18	KS2 Cast A Performance – 7pm - Oak, Rowan, Cypress, Holly
Wednesday 12.12.18	KS2 Cast B Performance – 2pm – Elder, Redwood, Cedar, Horse Chestnut
Thursday 13.12.18	KS2 Cast A Performance -2 pmOak, Rowan, Cypress, Holly
Thursday 13.12.18	KS2 Cast B Performance – 7pm – Elder, Redwood, Cedar, Horse Chestnut
Tuesday 18.12.18	School Xmas Dinner
Wednesday 19.12.18	Last day of term Non-uniform day
Monday 7.1.19	Children return to school

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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