



Newsletter

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NEXT INSET DAY

Thursday 3rd January 2019
Friday 4th January 2019

Number 5 – 26th November 2018



OPAL - Please keep the donations of loose parts coming. The children are always finding new and inventive games to play with the donated items. Now it's winter we are looking for more

waterproof items such as, thick rope, guttering and drainpipes, planks, pots and pans and any clothing the children can dress up in. There will be a collection bag at the winter fair and OPAL information leaflet at parents evening.

PARENTS EVENINGS – are being held on Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th November. 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 (Head teacher) and Lucy Roberts (Inclusion /Special Educational Needs Leader). Please contact the school office if you have not received an invite to book your appointment time yet.

FINAL DAY TO ORDER INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS AT REDUCED COST – today (Monday 26th November) is the final day to order school individual photos at the advertised price. The photos are high quality and were taken by one of our school parents. A percentage of the profits from any sales will go directly to the school to buy additional resources for the children.

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

The closing date for applications is January 15th 2019

PTA NEWS - Huge thank you to everyone who volunteered at yesterday's Makers Market and special thank you to Caroline Budden-Gibson for arranging the event to be held at the school. We are still calculating costs raised but will let everyone know as soon as possible.

Next on the agenda for us is the Winter Fair on Saturday 8th December 1.00-4.00pm. Volunteer roles will be sent out this week, please help in any way you can. It's very labour intensive, but people only need to help for an hour.

We are now collecting jam jars (filled/unfilled), wine bottles (filled/unfilled), teddies, books and bric a brac. Please bring all donations to the office.

Our Winter Fair raffle tickets should have made it home last week and this year Katy Ruffles has managed to collect a huge amount of prizes, thank you. A list of prizes can be found on our section of the website: <https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/pta/>

Friday 7th December will be a non-school uniform day and we are asking for everyone to bring in a bar of chocolate for the chocolate Tombola.

Look out for our signup sheets if you wish to help, or send us an email elmgrovepta0@gmail.com

Thanks for all your support

The PTA



SCHOOL SPORT – many congratulations to the 39 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 who showed impressive resilience at the recent cross-country championships.

ECO SILVER AWARD – we are very proud to tell you that this year our school has been awarded the Silver Flag for excellence in the environment and tackling some green issues. This is through much work that both Eco Council and Eco Club have done. We also need to give a special thank you to Martin Lundegren our parent volunteer, as without him our Blossom Garden and the Eco Club would not have done nearly as well.

This year we would like to become an even more Eco friendly and environmentally aware school and so are going to apply to become a green flag school. This will involve some work and a few changes but we think it is possible. Our next step is to appoint a passionate and motivated Eco Council so watch this space.

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SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS – please can all KS2 parents and carers remember to pay for swimming. It's £1.50 per week and can be paid in advance via Parent Pay or in cash on the day. So far 73% of parents and carers have paid this half term.

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.

LOST PROPERTY - Luca in Horsechestnut Class has lost his red Monclaire puffa jacket – unnamed. If it is found, please return to the school office.

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.

HOMEWORK GRIDS – will be sent home on 23.11.2018 and 7.12.2018. Please look out for them in bookbags.

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Amina, Elka, Lola P
Birch	Robin, Myla, Toulou, Guy, Elijah, Fitz
Baobab	Denley, Etien, Suummer, Georgia, Elodie, Sam
Bonsai	Billy S, Sonny, Danny, Riley, Sonny, Olivia
Horse Chestnut	Jamie, Marah, MontyLuca, Nancy, Herbie
Holly	Laurie, Max, Emily, Laurie, Jessica, Dylan, Cosi
Cedar	Poppy, Imogen, Oscar, Jay, Hughie
Cypress	Suhraya, Oscar, Ivy, Fred, Sachin, Harry
Redwood	Thea, Lola, Zouzou, Elsa, Ned, Alfie
Rowan	Jake, Jacob, Sofia x 2, Vivienne, Joe, Scarlett
Elder	Zach, Masha, Joe, Amiah, Ray, Seth
Oak	Jake, Charlie, Amber-Lily, Jack, Akash, Thomas

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Wednesday 28.11.18	Parents Evening 3.50 – 7 pm
Thursday 29.11.18	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6 pm
Monday 3.12.18	B&H Schools Choir Carol Concert (Brighton Centre)
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
Friday 7.12.18	PTA non uniform day – donate chocolate for tombola stall
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 pm Oak, 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

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

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