



Newsletter

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NEXT INSET DAY
Friday 26th July

Number 7 –14th Jan 2019



WELCOME BACK – we hope you all had an enjoyable break and the children are looking forward to the new term ahead. We would like to especially welcome new pupils and families to Elm Grove.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT - please find a 2019 Home School Partnership document attached with this newsletter. The children will also bring home a paper copy of the document, which we ask you to sign and return to the school office by Monday 21st January 2019.

A home-school partnership is a statement explaining the school's aims and values, its responsibilities towards its pupils, the responsibilities of the pupil's parents/carers, and what's expected of pupils.

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE - please can we remind parents and carers of the importance of notifying the school each day if your child is absent, either in person or by phone. It is crucial that the office is told rather than class teachers as this is where a log of children's absences and lateness is held. Please ensure you report to the office if collecting or returning your child to school from any medical appointment.

PARENTPAY- thank you to 82% of our parents who have now signed up to Parentpay the online system for paying for dinners, swimming, sports clubs and school trips. It is very time consuming for our admin staff to continue to accept and bank cash payments and so we will no longer be taking any cash or cheque payments in the future. If you have not yet signed up with Parentpay, please do so immediately. The School Office can help you with this by producing a letter or a barcode letter for Paypoint-which you can use in most newsagents.

Please note, the only exception to this is School Uniform, for which we can only accept cash or cheques.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS- are you eligible?

The office can arrange a quick online check for parents and carers who think they might be eligible for free school meals.

The school will receive additional funding for all children who are entitled to free school meals and so if you think you may be entitled, please let us check this for you asap.

HOMEWORK GRIDS – will be sent home on 11.1.2019, 25.1.2019 and 8.2.2019. Please look out for them in bookbags and on the school website: <https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE COLLECTIONS – thank-you to everyone who kindly donated to our Christmas performance collections. A total of £739.98 was raised which will be donated to The Martlet's as part of Elm Grove's contribution to the BeMoreSnail campaign.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – we hope you were pleased with the individual pupil photos which were ordered and distributed prior to the school holidays. The school raised a total of £928 which will be used towards the purchase of classroom resources for the children, such as exercise books, pencils, gluesticks, pens, rubbers. Thank-you.

MIDDAY MEAL SUPERVISOR VACANCY – we have a vacancy for a midday meal supervisor to start after February half term. Please ask for an application pack at the school office if you are interested or would like further information. The hours are 12noon to 1.30pm five days per week, plus additional adhoc support at sports events on some Wednesday afternoons if possible.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) – a flyer requesting donations for the children's lunch play activities is attached to this newsletter. Please feel free to share the flyer with relations, neighbours and on social media. We are constantly in need of more resources for the children to enjoy.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER – Elm Grove's uniform is green, grey and white. Thank-you to all the children who wear the correct uniform daily.

Elm Grove Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this commitment is reflected in all relevant policies and practice.

CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCY – Elm Grove’s governing body has vacancies for co-opted governors. Please contact or email Louise Willard, (louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk), if you know anyone who may be interested in finding out more about this voluntary role.

Best wishes,

Louise Willard

Head teacher

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.

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

INTERNET SAFETY – children have internet safety lessons at school but parents and carers may be interested in the parentzone section of the link below. https://parentzone.org.uk/trending/free-school-resources?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=9e768fd9a2-

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSION- Sally the school nurse will be available to see on Thursday 17th January in the front playground from 8.30 am–9.00am if you would like to see her.

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Grace, Sydney, Jayden, Joseph, Felix, Jacob
Birch	Seyf, Isla, Edie, Leo, Thalia, Emily
Baobab	Valentina, Lorcan, Fionn, Florence, Maisie, Denley
Bonsai	Otto, Billy M, Bethan R
Horse Chestnut	Foye, Ava, Jim
Holly	Aletheia, Belle, Isaac
Cedar	Daniel, Mason, Soli, Baker, Lyla, Mecia, Daqi
Cypress	Emily O, Rowan
Redwood	Eva, George, Anna, Jake, Loki, Wilfred
Rowan	William, Corwin, Franklin, Jacob, Robyn, Billie-Jo, Sky D
Elder	Whole class, Josh, Sarah, Amial
Oak	Leo B, Gabriel, Thomas, Amelie, Florence, Alithia

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 17.1.2019	School Nurse drop in
Friday 15.2.2019	Last day of half term
Monday 25.2.2019	Children return to school
w/b Monday 4.3.2019	Book Week
Wednesday 6.3.2019	Parents Eve
Thursday 7.3.2019	Parents Eve
Tuesday 9.4.2019	End of Spring Term
Tuesday 23.4.2019	Children return to school

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