

NEXT INSET DAY
Friday 26th July

Number 9 – 11th February 2019



THANK YOU – to the many members of our school community who regularly give up their valuable time to volunteer at Elm Grove Primary School.

Your contributions are hugely appreciated and make a real difference; many things just would not be possible without your input.

Examples of the types of volunteering which take place include: PTA events and fundraising, governors, Blossom Garden maintenance, developing the new school website, individual reading or maths work with pupils, classroom and playground support, Elm Grove's contribution to the Children's Parade, sports trips and competitions, accompanying children on school trips and swimming, special events, even unblocking the school toilets!

FUNDRAISING IDEAS – as a school we really want to get creative with our fundraising to further develop of the Top Playground. The PTA does an amazing job but could you help in different ways? Does your employer do any match funding schemes? Could Elm Grove PTA be your named charity if you are entering the Brighton Marathon, mini marathon or other sponsored events?

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER – Elm Grove's uniform is green, grey and white. Thank-you to all the children who wear the correct uniform daily. The recent unclaimed lost uniform was donated to a local recycling charity to be washed and re-distributed.

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READING FOCUS – please help us in our drive to raise children's enjoyment and attainment in reading by reading with, and to, your child/children on a regular basis. We are planning to invest in some lovely new books for the children to enjoy in the near future.

Book week is w/c 4.03.2019. More information about this will be coming soon!

ATTACHMENTS BEING SENT WITH THIS NEWSLETTER INCLUDE:

- **BEHAVIOUR POLICY** – please find our new behaviour policy attached to this newsletter. The policy was launched in September 2019 with three main expectations: Ready, Respectful, Safe.
- **SAFER INTERNET DAY** – was on 5.2.2019. Please find a really helpful Safety Net safer internet newsletter attached.
- **POVERTY PROOFING THE SCHOOL DAY AUDIT** – letter to parents and carers
- **ANXIETY WORKSHOP INVITE**

UNITED APPROACH TO TACKLING NITS – Nits



can be a persistent and unpleasant experience for families. At the request of some parents and carers, we are hoping to say goodbye to any nit problems through a whole school combined effort. Please check (& treat if

necessary) your child's hair over half term. If everyone does it at the same time it is hoped there will be less chance of reinfection. Thank-you

SCHOOL SPORT – Our footballers showed great resilience but narrowly lost 4-3 to St Paul's Primary in a 7-a-side cup match. Well done to: Thomas, Jack (Oak); Dylan, Jasper, Zach (Elder); Jesse (Redwood); Manni (Rowan).

Our cricketers made impressive progress throughout a recent tournament, winning two matches and losing two matches, and finishing in 3rd place out of the five schools involved. Well done to: Gabriel (Oak); Rufus, George (Redwood); Freddie, Charlie, Manni, William, Cormac (Rowan).

NEW OFSTED FRAMEWORK – have your say through the link below to the active consultation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/education-inspection-framework-2019-inspecting-the-substance-of-education>

HOMEWORK GRIDS – the last homework grid for the half term was sent home on 8.2.2019. Please look out for them in bookbags or on the school website: <https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>

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

Apple	Bea, Marley, Marcus, Teddy, Titus, Eliza
Cherry	Orla, Minnie, Fabian, Cicely, Leo, Tyler
Beech	Scarlett, Beau D, Ben, Poppy, Isaac, Alex
Birch	Evan, Fitz, Marcy, Quinn, Rowan, Arthur A
Baobab	Georgia, Duggie, Bobby, Verity, Florence, Maisie
Bonsai	Amy, Sonny, Sophie, Barnaby, Olivia, Erin
Horse Chestnut	Evie, Rosa, Kiah, Reuben, Alfie, Bailey
Holly	Edmund, Georgie, Sharear,
Cedar	Kira, Rufus, Alice
Cypress	Akai, Whole class, Fred, Carmen, Harry, Emily
Redwood	Theo, Fleur, Rufus
Rowan	Maggie, Skye C, Peter, Miranda, Vivienne, Macey
Elder	Mia, Marley, Lois
Oak	Leo HC, Amber, Jay

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 15.2.2019	Last day of half term Non uniform day
Friday 15.2.2019	PTA Cake Sale
Monday 25.2.2019	Children return to school
w/b Monday 4.3.2019	Book Week
Friday 8.3.2019	Book Week dressing up day
Wednesday 6.3.2019	Parents Eve
Thursday 7.3.2019	Parents Eve
Thursday 14.3.2019	PTA KS2 disco
Friday 15.3.2019	PTA KS1 disco
Friday 15.3.2019	PTA Adult disco
Tuesday 9.4.2019	End of Spring Term
Tuesday 23.4.2019	Children return to school

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY – is on Friday 15th February. Wear your own clothes in return for a voluntary £1 donation to our School Fund. Thank you!

ELM GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2019-20 academic year

	<u>School opens on</u>	<u>School closes</u>
September	Fri 6.9.2019	
Oct Mid Term		Fri 25.10.2019
	Mon 4.11.2019	
CHRISTMAS		Fri 20.12.2019
	Tues 7.1.2020	
Feb Mid Term		Fri 14.2.2020
	Mon 24.2.2019	
EASTER		Fri 3.4.2020
	Mon 20.4.2020	
May Mid Term		Fri 22.5.2020
	Tues 2.6.2020	
SUMMER		Tues 21.7.2020

Bank Holiday: May Day – 4th May 2020

Teachers' Training Days:

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Thursday 5th September 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Wednesday 22nd July 2020

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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