

NEXT INSET DAY
Friday 26th July

Number 9 – 18th March 2019



We are all looking forward to some Spring weather and this is a perfect time to replenish the 'loose parts' in the sheds for the children to play with. Please place any donations in the collection containers at the rear of the car park. We need: guttering, big bits of fabric, pots and pans, containers, things to construct with etc (see website for more details)

Thank-you to the PTA for the many recent enjoyable events, and to everyone who has supported them. We are hoping to do some further fundraising ourselves to have a big push to get enough funds to complete the top playground during the summer holidays. We'll keep you informed of any developments and plans.

CHESS – well done to the children in Y4/5/6 who have turned up every Tuesday lunchtime for the past 7 weeks to play in a school tournament. Special congratulations should go to Jake (Redwood) who finished as overall winner with a perfect score of 21 points.

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).



CHILDREN'S PARADE - Saturday May 4th 2019. Letters were sent home on

Friday to sign up to be part of Elm Grove's Pied Piper contribution to the 2019 Children's Parade. Please ask for a copy from the office if you need one. Confirmation of a place will be sent out via text by March 29th. Parade workshops will be on Saturday April 6th & Sunday April 7th in the school hall. Pupils (accompanied by an adult) will be able to drop in to make props or stay for the day. More information to follow.



PACKED LUNCHES – the school encourages children to bring healthy packed lunches to school and asks that they do not include chocolate bars

or fizzy drinks.

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 or nut products into school (this includes after school clubs and treats). Thank you.

PTA NEWS - thanks to everyone for making the discos such a big success. They're not only a great fundraiser but also the children really love them!

Mr Maestro, Mrs Cornforth and Miss Gates are running the 3 Forts Half Marathon to raise some money for Elm Grove Primary School. The half marathon is a tough challenge so please if you can, sponsor them by making a donation on <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/3-of-us-do-3-forts-challenge/>

...and please, please, do feel free to join them in raising much needed funds for the PTA. Anyone can start fundraising for the school by setting up an appeal or challenge on the Elm Grove PTA page on Local Giving (<https://localgiving.org/charity/elm-grove-parent-teacher-association/>). The Brighton Mini Mile is on Saturday 13th April and it is a great opportunity for your children to get involved in the events of the Brighton Marathon weekend.

PTA EVENTS COMING UP -

Thursday 4th April is the COMEDY NIGHT! The best Brighton comics are coming to Elm Grove! You can buy your tickets from the PTA after school or on <https://localgiving.org/school-for-laughs>. Tickets cost £10 and all the proceeds will be for the playground fund. This event is open to the general public, so tell your friends!

Friday 5th April is a cake sell and Easter Bonnet competition. Please bring your home baked (and nut free) creations to the office during the day or straight to the stall after school.

Do you have any other ideas on how to raise more money for the school? Are there any events you would like to help the PTA run? We're all ears! Please get in touch by sending an email to elmgrovepta0@gmail.com

HOMEWORK GRIDS – homework grids for the half term will be sent home on 15.03.2019 and 29.03.2019. Please look out for them in bookbags.

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Apple	Tristan, Romy, Fred, Maja
Cherry	Lewis, Jamie, Kiiichi, Sameer, Leto, Eddie
Beech	Grace, Cheyenne, Lola P, Toby, CC, Owen
Birch	Seyfaddin, Myla, Devonte
Baobab	Lorcan, April, Esme, Etien, Duggie, Samuel
Bonsai	Matilda, Sydney, Albie, Bethan R, Reid, Phoebe
Horse Chestnut	Nancy, Emily, Herbie, Sama, Luca, Marah
Holly	Heath, Finn, Freya, Poppy, Max, Sid, Emily, Finn, Phoebe
Cedar	Willow, Jay, Kira, Blake, Pepa, Mason
Cypress	Fred, Sebi, Yassin, Zachary, Molly
Redwood	Wilfred, Isobel, David, Niall, Scout, Alfie
Rowan	Sofia, Cormac, Freddie, Manni, Lucas, Corwin
Elder	Denley, Joely, Grace, Ray, Clayton, Bill
Oak	Sophie, Amber-Lily, Tisa
MDSA	Miranda, Anna

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 4.4.2019	PTA Comedy Night
Friday 5.4.2019	Parent/carers invited to singing assembly Reception, Y1 & 2 – 9.15am Y3 & 4 – 10.00am Y5 & 6 – 10.40am PTA Cake Sale & Easter Bonnet Competition
Saturday 6.4.2019 & Sunday 7.4.2019	Children's Parade workshops
Tuesday 9.4.2019	End of Spring Term
Tuesday 23.4.2019	Children return to school
Thursday 2.5.2019	Polling Day (local elections) – in main hall. School open as usual
Saturday 4.5.2019	Children's Parade

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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