



# Newsletter

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**NEXT INSET DAY**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

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After the Easter holidays, we will be introducing School Ping - a new communication service for parents and carers. This is an internet based messaging service, similar to 'Whats App'. It will be replacing our current provider, Teachers 2 Parents. During the week of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 parents and carers will receive an e-mail inviting them to log in to School Ping and set up their new account.

You can access School Ping through your smartphone, on a tablet or on a computer. School Ping works best if you download the App on your mobile phone. The App is available for Android phones from the Google Play Store or for iPhones from the Apple App store. The App will also include all of the information currently on the Calendar on the school website so will help you all to see important forthcoming dates. Many schools in Brighton and Hove have signed up to School Ping and are seeing the benefits it brings. As a starting point, we will be using it to send communications and manage parents evenings. Please be assured, if you do not use a smartphone, we will still be able to communicate with you via e-mail to your tablet or computer, or by text, as a last resort. If you have any problems at all, please come to the school office and we will help.



**SNACKS AT SCHOOL** – if children in years 3,4,5 & 6 choose to bring a mid-morning snack to school, we ask that it is either a fruit or vegetable snack.

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 have fruit and vegetables provided as part of a government initiative.

**OUTDOOR PLAY & LEARNING (OPAL)**– parents and carers are invited to an information event at either 9am or 2pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April if they want to find out more about Elm Grove's approach to lunchtime play and the use of loose parts. Please come to the school office at one of the advertised times.

**SCHOOL SPORT** – our netballers played well to finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 9 schools in a recent competition, winning 4 matches, drawing 2 and losing 2. Mr Maestro reported that their behaviour was outstanding throughout, including during an incredibly long wait afterwards because of an error by the taxi company! Well done to: Milly, Amber-lily, Jay, Kodai, Amber (Oak); Joely, Jolanta (Elder); Alice (Rowan).

Our hockey players also performed really well, making fantastic progress throughout a recent tournament, particularly given that most of our opponents were a year older! We eventually finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 6 schools, and were proud to be awarded the 'respect' certificate for our outstanding conduct. Well done to: Thea, Zouzou, Albert, Theo (Redwood); Wanda, Manni (Rowan).



**CHILDREN'S PARADE** - Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019. We've had a great uptake of children wanting to be involved in the parade this year. Parade

workshops are being held this Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. Please can pupils participating in the parade (accompanied by an adult) drop in between 9am – 4pm on either day to make props. Further information will be emailed this week. This year children will be rats or village children and will be asked to wear black clothes. The samba band members will be pipers in orange T-shirts (supplied) and clashing bright jogging bottoms or leggings.

Once again this year Same Sky will be working with the festival to try and raise funds to support the event. They are looking for volunteers to walk along with the parade and shake a bucket to collect donations from the crowd. They are looking for two adults to represent each school. It's a great way to see the parade and to get involved and volunteers to walk along with a school of their choice. Each volunteer would attend short briefing just before the start of the parade to collect a bucket and know what to do with it at the end of the parade. If you would like to join in please get in touch on the following address [parade@samesky.co.uk](mailto:parade@samesky.co.uk)

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**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** - 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](mailto:elmgrovepta0@gmail.com)

#### **ANOTHER STAR TO STEER BY** - by Andrew McCaldon

'For every story that's told a star shines in the sky.' Elm Grove is delighted to have been selected to host a free showing of the festival show for Year 6 pupils on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. [https://brightonfestival.org/event/17389/another\\_star\\_to\\_steer\\_by/](https://brightonfestival.org/event/17389/another_star_to_steer_by/)

**SCHOOL NURSE** – Sally Armstrong our school nurse will be doing a drop in session on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30 am – 9.00 am in the front playground.

#### **GOLDEN BOOK MERITS**

<b>Apple</b>	Reuben, Winnie, Alex, Audrey, Indi, Robyn
<b>Cherry</b>	Finn, Alicia, Olivia, Whole class
<b>Beech</b>	Sam, Lola J, Elka, Willow, Alexander, Joseph
<b>Birch</b>	Elijah, Jacob, Erin, Kimberley, Nathaniel, Rosie
<b>Baobab</b>	Summer, Bobby, Georgia, Sam M, Nell, Remy
<b>Bonsai</b>	Anya, Billy M, Vinnie, Otto, Siyar, Bethan
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Callie, Robynn, Foye, Sonny, Jamie, Ava
<b>Holly</b>	Max, Clem, Lucas, Sid, Tarisha, Jagoda
<b>Cedar</b>	Johnny, Baker, Addison
<b>Cypress</b>	Rowan, Louise, Emily, Harry, Carmen, Milo
<b>Redwood</b>	Fleur, Anna, Ned, Mattio, Thea, Isobel
<b>Rowan</b>	Comac, Joe, Anna, Lila, Anna, Franklin
<b>Elder</b>	Seth, Dylan, Joely
<b>Oak</b>	Amber, Mati, Ayo, Kodai, Akash, Amelie

#### **DIARY DATES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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 25.4.2019	9am & 2pm – OPAL parent /carer information event
Thursday 25.4.2019	School Nurse drop in 8.30-9am
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**

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