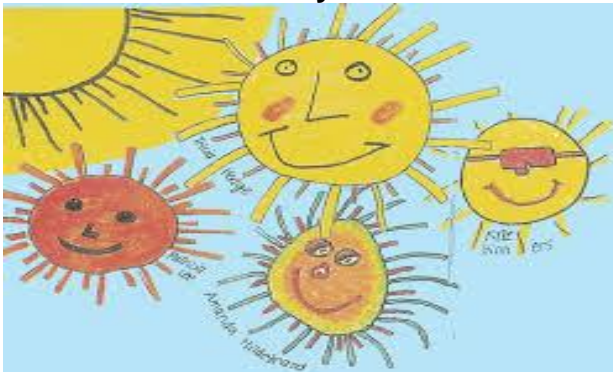


NEXT INSET DAY
Friday 26th July

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This will be the final newsletter of the school year. I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy summer break. It's been another very busy school year at Elm Grove; the support and input from our whole school community has helped make it such a successful one. Thank-you for all you have done to support the pupils and school through-out the year.

I'd like to congratulate the Year 6 pupils on their fantastic outcomes and send them every wish for their new adventures ahead. I hope they leave Elm Grove with lots of fond memories, good friends and a thirst for learning. I would like to express the same wish for any other pupil moving on to new schools in September, as well as Mrs Crawford to her new job and Mr Holloway with his relocation to Hampshire.

Mrs Crawford has worked with children across the school since joining Elm Grove in 2004; making a significant impact to them and their families. She is going to be much missed by children, staff and parents & carers.

Mr Holloway has been with the school for a shorter period of time having taught in Year 5 for the last 18 months. We are really pleased that he is moving on to his new home with a clean bill of health.

I would also like to thank Mr Macleod for all the support he has given Elm Grove this year. Mr Macleod has worked in Redwood, Cypress and Baobab covering staff absence.

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OPEN EVENING – 3.30-6.00pm Wednesday 17th July. Please come along to discuss your child's progress with their current teacher, take the opportunity to visit their new class and meet their new teacher. The final open evening of the year is a drop in event and no appointments are necessary. Children are welcome to accompany you to celebrate their work and progress.

TRANSITION - School staff are busy planning transition opportunities for the children and the official 'meet the new teacher' session will be on Wednesday July 24th. Transition work will have as its focus 'Moving On' to the next year group and the emphasis will be about seeing it as an exciting next step in their school career here at Elm Grove. Children who need more support with this, will receive an enhanced transition to ensure this is done as effectively and successfully as possible in readiness for the start of next year.

Miss Lara Crofton, our new Y5 teacher, will meet the children in next years' Redwood class on July 17th and will be available at this weeks' Open Evening.

SCHOOL SPORT – Our swimmers in Y5/6 performed really well in a recent gala, winning 6 medals in total and finishing in 7th place overall out of 11 schools. Well done to: Milly, Bella, Leo B, Honey (Oak); Lily, Jasper, Ray, Mati, Bill, Dylan (Elder); Mae, Theo, Sophia, Fleur, Jesse (Redwood); Cormac (Rowan).

QUESTIONAIRES – please see some of the main findings from our recent parent & carer questionnaires below.

- 88% of parents/carers feel valued at the school
- 95% have attended school activities this year
- 87% of parents/carers say their child feels positive about school
- 95% say their child feels safe at school
- 92% feel able to approach the school with questions/concerns
- 94% feel the school is well led and managed
- 85% believe the school communicates well with parents/carers (this is an improvement on the previous year)

- Communication about how well the children are learning and our homework grids have been highlighted as areas for us to review.

CLASS PHOTOS – The class photos are on display in the noticeboard on the main terrace area. The final date for ordering is 19th July 2019.

CAKE SALE – As part of our ‘Caring for the Planet’ Science Week, some Y5 pupils have decided to run a cake sale after school on Friday 19th July in the Top Playground. Everything will be £1 or under and all money raised will go to environmental charities.

PTA – Thank you to everyone who came to our AGM on Thursday. We have two members stepping down this year Michelle McQueen and Helen Pravda. Thank you for all your commitment and help this last year.

We are very pleased to announce two new members, Becky Penfold (Fred going in Y2) who will be our new Secretary and Kathrine Yeoman (Aoife going in Y6 and Erin going in Y2) who is our new Volunteers Coordinator.

Bego Escorihuela (Pepa going in Y5) is staying on as our Chairman, Vikki Gimson (Willow going in Y5) will continue to be our Treasurer and Laura Haynes (Sophie Y2) will continue to help make our events look amazing.

This year we are offering out our events for you to make your own. You will have direct communication with the PTA committee to help you find volunteers, shopping requests and equipment.

If you fancy taking on an event, we have a fully drawn out flowchart outside the office. Please come forward and put your name down.

Please find attached all of next years events and dates for your diaries.

We are only and small team of 5 and to keep raising money for the school we need a lot of help.

PLAYGROUND FUNDING – the school is in the process of applying for a National Lotteries grant to raise further funds for the Top Playground development. If successful, any grant will be added to monies raised via the PTA to complete the final phase of the playground. We will keep you posted. I would like to say huge thank-you for all the work carried out again this year by the PTA, and whole school community, to support the school in raising vital funds.

REMINDER – we have several children in school with nut allergies that are also airborne. Please do not send any foods /packed lunches that contain nuts or nut products into school (this includes after school clubs and treats). Thank you.

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GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Apple	Harrison, Robyn, Alex, Ameila, Whole Class
Cherry	Leto, Scarlett, Sameer, Whole Class
Beech	Willow, Joseph, Noah, Whole Class
Birch	Thalia, Elijah, Toula, Finley, Marcy, Kimberley
Baobab	Whole class, Denley, Elody, Samuel
Bonsai	Billy, Danny, Bethan, Olivia, Matilda, Maiwenn
Horse Chestnut	Lucas, Oscar, Robynn
Holly	Whole Class
Cedar	Whole class, Johnny, Marley, Lyla
Cypress	Yassin, Vincent, Isla, Millie
Redwood	Whole class, Loki, Jodie, Rose, Ned, Micaela
Rowan	Charlie, Lexie, Robyn, Wanda, Sophia, Chris
Elder	Mia, Charlie, Jolanta
Oak	Gabriel, Kodia, Akash

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
w/b Monday 15.7.2019	Science Week
Wednesday 17.7.2019	Open Evening-3.30 – 6 PM (drop in –no appts necessary)
Wednesday 24.7.2019	‘Meet the New Teacher’ – class swap pm
Thursday 25.7.2019	Last day of term for children Non uniform day
Friday 6 th September	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