



# Newsletter

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**NEXT INSET**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**



## PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES –

Thank-you to all the parents and carers who responded to our annual questionnaires in the Summer Term. The results and individual responses have helped influence our School Improvement and Development plan for the coming year. As a direct result of the questionnaires the school intends to review its approach to homework, as well as how information about the children's learning is best communicated. The main findings were:

Questionnaire	% of parents/carers who agree or strongly agree
I feel valued at Elm Grove	88%
I have attended school events & activities	95%
I believe my child feels positive about school	87%
My child feels safe at school	95%
I am able to approach the school with questions & concerns about my child & my views are listened to	92%
I am well informed about what my child is learning	74%
The homework grids help my child with their learning	52%

I believe my child's academic needs are well met	79%
I believe my child's personal, social and emotional needs are well met	82%
I think the school offers a good variety of before & after school school	83%
I feel the children's behaviour is well managed	79%
I feel the school is good at dealing with friendship issues	67%
I feel the school is well led and managed	94%
I believe the school communicates well with parents & carers	85%

## 2019-2020 ELM GROVE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHTS:

- 1 Further improve the quality of teaching and learning by deploying members of the senior leadership team to be critical friends.
- 2 Improve outcomes in maths through strategies such as 'same day intervention' and further developing the mastery approach.
- 3 Improve outcomes in English to ensure whole school consistency with regard to grammar, spelling, presentation and the love of reading.
- 4 Improve outcomes for vulnerable groups (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities & Pupil Premium pupils) by offering bespoke learning opportunities.
- 5 Embrace the new Ofsted framework to further develop the provision of foundation subjects

**INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOS** – will be taken the week beginning 7.10.2019. The approximate timetable is as follows:

- 7.10.19 – Siblings photos, Oak, Elder
- 8.10.19 – Sibling photos, Rowan, Redwood
- 9.10.19 – Cedar, Cypress, Horse Chestnut, Holly
- 10.10.19 – Apple, Cherry, Beech, Birch
- 11.10.19 – Bonsai, Baobab

More information will be sent when the prints are ready for ordering. The individual photos are taken and organised by a school parent who donates a percentage of the profit to the school fund.

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**YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION –**  
Y6 parents and carers will shortly receive information about secondary school open evenings and links to applying for a secondary school place. The final date for applications is **31.10.19**

Please see school staff if you require any support with completing the online form. They will be happy to help.

<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/apply-school/important-dates-secondary-school-applications>

**SCHOOL UNIFORM –** All children are expected to wear Elm Grove uniform colours of green, white and grey – in any combination. (NB this can include jogging bottoms and hoodies). No items with logos please, apart from the optional Elm Grove logo. We have made the decision to say grey, **not** black tights/leggings. We also ask that the children wear sensible, school appropriate shoes.

The PE uniform is white T-shirt and white shorts. Uniform can be purchased via the school office or in local supermarkets

**OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) -**



We **urgently** need to replenish the selection of 'loose parts' in our playground sheds. Every day the children can

be seen creating camps, inventing a range of imaginative games and having lots of fun with the resources found in the sheds. However, stocks are running very low.

Please see the list of suggested items we are looking for:

- Planks**
- Ropes**
- Pots, Pans & utensils**
- Logs**
- Old curtains**
- Quilt covers**
- Blankets**
- Guttering**
- Pipes**
- Poles**
- Cushions**
- Unwanted toys and games**
- Dressing up clothes**
- Suitcases**
- Chalks**

All donations will be gratefully received. Please deposit them in the containers labelled 'loose parts' at the rear of the car park. Many thanks.

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS? THIS CAN HELP THE SCHOOL AS WELL AS YOU AND YOUR CHILD –** Please see the office if you feel your child might be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. The office staff can check an online system. If you are, as well as receiving a free school meal, your child will also be able to benefit from reduced club and residential costs. Even if your child already gets a free lunch (Reception – Y2) or prefers a packed lunch, the school receives additional funding which is used very carefully to support learning opportunities. Thank-you

**2020 CHILDREN'S PARADE (Sat May 2<sup>nd</sup>) –** If you are interested in joining the working group of parents and carers involved in creating and co-ordinating Elm Grove contribution for the parade, please contact Louise Willard- [louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

There will be further opportunities for everyone participating to take part in making workshops nearer the time.

**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. Thank you.

**School Ping/website/communication –** It is very important to let us know if your contact details have changed over the summer holidays as this will affect the communication we send to you. Please let us know of any changes as soon as you can. Thank you.

**GOLDEN BOOK MERITS**

<b>Beech</b>	Theo, Lewis, Nathan, Eli, Titus, Tristan
<b>Birch</b>	Jamie, Indi, Marley, Audrey, Solomon, Rex
<b>Baobab</b>	Felix, Toby, Amina, Poppy, Isaac, Neve
<b>Bonsai</b>	Whole class, Toulou, Robin, Polly
<b>Holly</b>	Summer, Guney, Etien, Elodie
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Sonny, Barnaby, George, Billy, Anya, Vincent
<b>Cedar</b>	Whole class, Jagoda, Florence, Edmund
<b>Cypress</b>	Luca, Ava, Georgia
<b>Redwood</b>	Theo, Baker, Blake, Otis, Alice, Beau
<b>Rowan</b>	Fred, Enya, Lilly, Rufus, Marley, Milo
<b>Elder</b>	Cormac, Freddie, Lila
<b>Oak</b>	Isobel, David, Rufus, Anna, Eva, Jesse

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## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 3.10.19	PTA Cheese and Wine evening for Reception and all new parents.
Friday 4.10.19	PTA Coffee morning for Reception and all new parents.
w/b Monday 7.10.19	Individual photos taken.
Thursday 24.10.19	PTA Quiz night.
Friday 25.10.19	Last day of half term. Harvest Festival. Non-uniform day. PTA Pumpkin carving competition. PTA Cake stall after school.
Monday 4.11.19	Children return to school.
Thursday 8.11.19	PTA Disco KS2
Friday 9.11.19	PTA Disco KS1
Wednesday 13.11.2019 3.30 – 5.50pm	Parents Evening.
Thursday 21.11.2019 4.00 – 6.50pm	Parents Evening.
Sunday 24.11.19	PTA Makers Market.
Saturday 7.12.19	PTA Xmas Fair
Friday 20.12.19	Last day of term. Non-uniform day. PTA Cake stall after school.
Monday 6.1.20	INSET Day.
Tuesday 7.1.20	Children return to school.

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

Best wishes,

*Louise Willard*  
Head teacher

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