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NEXT INSET
Monday 6th January



HARVEST FESTIVAL – Friday 25th October 2019.
Y1 & 2 = 9.15am in the main hall
K3,4,5 & 6 = 10.00am in the main hall.
Parents & Carers are welcome to join the assembly.
(NB: there is only limited seating available).
Please support our Harvest Festival by donating food items (eg fresh fruit or vegetables/tinned or packet food). Donations can be taken to the hall from 8.50am on Friday 25th October (or to the school office any day this week). At the children's request, all donations will be shared between The Clock Tower Sanctuary for young homeless people in Brighton and to those affected by the recent fires in Pankhurst Estate.

STAFFING UPDATE – As a result of on-going ill health, Miss Lucy Roberts has made the very difficult decision to resign from her post as Inclusion Co-ordinator (INCO) at Elm Grove. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Roberts a speedy recovery and all the best for the future.

Going forwards we intend to separate this role into two distinct posts, commencing November 4th 2019. The posts will be:

- a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) whose role will be to oversee and manage all the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in the school. Mrs Carla Kemp will take on this role x3 days per week (Mon- Weds). Mrs Kemp, who is currently a teacher at the school, has good knowledge and experience in this area having previously worked as SENCO at another local primary school.

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- a Lead Inclusion Mentor whose role will be to oversee and manage all the Social Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH) needs across the school. Miss Millie Watts will take on this role. Miss Watts already works as part of the Elm Grove Inclusion Team.

Welcome to Miss Sara Smith who has recently joined Elm Grove to teach in Y3 Horse Chestnut class on Mon – Weds each week (replacing Mrs Kemp). We have also been able to grow our Inclusion team through the recent appointment of Miss Tammy Bowles and Ms Sam Barfoot as new Inclusion Mentors.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION – The school received positive feedback about its improved communication systems at the recent Parent/Carer consultation group.

You can find important school dates on both the School Ping and website calendars. Helpful information about the children's learning can also be found on the year group pages on the school website.

<https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>

PARENTS EVENING & SCHOOL PING

Parents evenings will be held on Wednesday 13th November and Thursday 21st November for all classes **except** Cedar who are on 13/11/19 and Wednesday 20th November.

The slots are now available to book on School Ping. If you are having problems with this, please contact the School Office asap and we can book a slot for you.

SCHOOL SPORT – Our Y5/6 children participated brilliantly in a recent tag rugby festival, winning all of their matches against other schools. Well done to: Sofia, Anna (Elder); Millie, Jodie, Jesse, Niall, Alfie, Wilfred (Oak); Kira (Redwood); Charlie S, Carmen, Aubrey (Rowan).

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK-YOU – We would like to offer our congratulations and thanks to Jim Callender who recently cycled from Lands End to John O Groats in 9 days, raising money for the Chestnut Tree Hospice and Elm Grove School.

We would also like to thank Mr Paul Brooke who generously donated nine excellent computers to the school. These are already set up and in use around the school.

XMAS PERFORMANCE INFORMATION & DATES

– We are very grateful to St Martin's Church, Lewes Road, for offering their facilities free of charge for the KS2 evening performances this year. This is to increase audience capacity. The school hall is not large enough to safely host the audience numbers seen in recent years.

St Martin's Church will take a collection for the poor and needy at each performance.

Reception and KS1 performances will continue to be held at the school.

Reception – 10.12.2019 am

Year 1 & 2 – 9.12.2019 pm

& 10.12.2019 pm

KS2 Cast A (Holly, Cypress, Redwood & Oak) – 11.12.2019 - 7pm

KS2 Cast B (Horse Chestnut, Cedar, Rowan & Elder) – 12.12.2019 - 7pm



ADULT COUNSELLING -

The adult counselling project which is funded by Dorset Gardens Methodist Church and delivered by Dolphin House

Charity is now in its fifth year. This is a wonderful service providing free counselling sessions to parents or carers whose children attend either Carlton Hill, Tarnar nursery or Elm Grove School. Counselling sessions run on a Monday and Wednesday morning during the school term and are provided by qualified counsellors, Nadja and Rachael.

If any parent or carer is interested in finding out more about this service or would like to book an initial meeting, please contact Michele Karban the Project Manager by phone or text on 07814942528

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY – We will be raising money for school resources by holding non school uniform days on Friday 25th October and Friday 20th December. Please bring in a £1 (or more) donation on these days.

SCHOOL SWIMMING & TRIPS - Please can we remind all KS2 parents to remember to pay for swimming each half term. You can do this by paying on your Parentpay account.

The school is charged a large fee for the hire of the pool and for instructors each term and so it is vital we are able to recoup this via your donations. Thank you to all parents who have paid already.

Elm Grove School often arranges school trips to further enrich the children's learning. However, these trips can prove costly to organise, especially if the

children need to travel via coach. The school relies on parental contributions in order to run the activities.

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES - the Brighton & Hove Healthy Lifestyles team are delivering free and low cost activities this October Half term.

Soup and Stomp family events are being held in Whitehawk, Hollingdean, and Hangleton.

As a family, help prepare vegetables needed for the soup, get creative with arts and crafts, and head out on a 'stomp' around the local area and then enjoy the freshly made soup - only £1 per person.

Free Street Games at Moulsecoomb Leisure Centre from 5 - 7.30pm for ages 11 - 16 years.

A variety of activities will be on offer - football, basketball, gym, and cricket.

Freedom Leisure still offer free swimming for anyone 16 years and under at Prince Regent, King Alfred, and St Luke's Swimming pool.

For further details on all activities see the leaflet attached.

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.

HOMEWORK GRIDS – will be sent home on the following dates:

25.10.19 . 15.11.19, 29.11.19 & 13.11.19

Please look out for them in your child's bookbags.

The homework grids are a good way for finding out what your child is currently learning in class.

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

Best wishes,

Louise Willard

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DIARY DATES

Date	Event
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 Y5 Cake stall
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
Friday 22.11.2019	Just One Tree Non Uniform Day & Cake Sale (£1 donation for 1 tree)
Sunday 24.11.19	PTA Makers Market
Thursday 5.12.19	Flu Immunisations
Saturday 7.12.19	PTA Xmas Fair
Monday 9.12.19	Y1 & 2 Xmas performance pm
Tuesday 10.12.2019	Reception nativity am Y1 & 2 Xmas performance pm
Wednesday 11.12.19	KS2 Cast A (Holly, Cypress, Redwood & Oak) – eve (St Martin's church)
Thursday 12.12.19	KS2 Cast B (Horse Chestnut, Cedar, Rowan & Elder) – eve (St Martin's church)
Wednesday 18.12.19	Christmas Dinner
Friday 20.12.19	Last day of term Non-uniform day PTA Y4 Cake stall
Monday 6.1.20	INSET Day
Tuesday 7.1.20	Children return to school
Friday 14.2.20	Last day of term Non-uniform day PTA Y3 Cake stall
Monday 24.2.20	Children return to school
Friday 3.4.20	Last day of term Non-uniform day PTA Y2 Cake stall
Monday 20.4.20	Children return to school

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Meadow, Robyn, Harrison, Eliza, Rudi, Hazel
Birch	Orla, Sameer, Diggory, Leo, Molly, Maia
Baobab	Jayden, Beau D, Elka, Alex, Alexander, Jacob
Bonsai	Marcy, Sienna
Holly	Albie, Georgia, Ben
Horse Chestnut	Bethan, Sonny, Matilda
Cedar	Max, Jim, Kitty
Cypress	Aletheia, Foye, Finlay, Emily B, Reuben, Evie
Redwood	Kira, Pepa, Lyla, Mecia, Hughie, Flair
Rowan	Lilly, Louise, Ivy, Sammy, Suhraya, Aubrey
Elder	Corwin, Maggie, Isobel

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