



Newsletter

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NEXT INSET
Monday 6th January



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - 11th - 15th November

Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents/carers to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is 'Change starts with us'. The aims of this week are to help children understand:

- **What hurtful behaviour is and how we show caring thinking**
- **Understanding bullying behaviour and how to get help**

The children will participate in a school assembly and two anti-bullying PSHE lessons during the week. **Blue Friday** will take place on the last day of Anti Bullying Week, **Friday 15th November**.

Children should come to school in non-school uniform, wearing blue to help raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week.

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WELCOME - Miss Barfoot and Miss Manning who have recently joined the staff team. A few other existing staff commenced new roles from the start of this half term.

Mrs Kemp = SENCO (x3 days per week). The role has been changed from INCO (Inclusion Co-ordinator) to SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator)

Miss Watts = Senior Inclusion Mentor

Miss Smith = Y3 Horse Chestnut class teacher (3 days per week)

Miss Bowles & Mrs Barfoot = Inclusion Mentors

Miss Manning = Individual Needs Assistant

SCHOOL SPORT – the children in Y4-6 who participated in a multi-skills festival with four other schools last week deserve great credit for the excellent effort and enthusiasm that they showed throughout. Well done to: Billie-Jo, Sky (Elder); Fred, Zachary, Ivy, Louise (Rowan); Imogen (Redwood); Herbie, Flo, Clem, Sonny (Cedar); Robyn (Cypress).

PARENTS EVENING & SCHOOL PING

Parents evenings will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 13th November and Thursday 21st November for all classes **except** Cedar who are on Wednesday 13th 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. Bookings close on Tuesday 12th November.

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. 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 performance will continue to be held at the school.

Reception -10.12.2019 9.30am

Year 1 & 2 – 9.12.2019 1.45pm & 10.12.2019 1.45pm

KS 2 Cast A (Holly, Cypress, Redwood & Oak) – 11.12.2019 – 7 pm

KS 2 Cast B (Horse Chestnut, Cedar, Rowan & Elder) – 12.12.2019 – 7 pm

OUTDOOR LIBRARY – Thank-you to Laura Haynes and her team for making and donating our new 'outdoor library' in the top playground. The children are already benefitting from the increased opportunities to read. We hope to establish a book

swap space within the library for children to swap books from home (we'll keep you informed on this)

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Thank-you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival Assemblies on October 25th and for all the generous donations. These were packed up and shared between The Clock Tower Sanctuary for young homeless people in Brighton & Hove and to the Community Centre supporting people affected by the Pankhurst fires.



SECONDHAND UNIFORM- The school office has a good selection of second hand clothes for sale for 50p an item.

HELEN O'GRADY ACADEMY, SUSSEX are offering new pupils FREE TRIALS to attend their totally inclusive drama classes. They run great drama and acting clubs at Elm Grove Primary and across Sussex after school and Saturdays (ages 4-16), delivering an award-winning and nurturing curriculum. To book a place and see your child's confidence GROW call Gareth on 07980 607139 or email sussex@helenogrady.co.uk .

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:

15.11.19, 29.11.19 & 13.12.19

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.

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS –

15th November = Blue Friday (Anti- Bullying Week)

22nd November = £1 for Just One Tree

6th December = for donations for the PTA Winter Fair chocolate tombola

20th December = £1 to raise money for school resources

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
w/b Monday 11.11.19	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 13.11.19 3.30 – 5.50pm	Parents Evening.

Friday 15.11.19	Blue Friday – non uniform day (for Anti-Bullying Week)
Thursday 21.11.19 4.00 – 6.50pm	Parents Evening.
Friday 22.11.19	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
Friday 6.12.19	PTA Non-uniform day
Saturday 7.12.19	PTA Xmas Fair
Monday 9.12.19	Y1 & 2 Xmas performance 1.45 pm time
Tuesday 10.12.19	Reception nativity 9.30am time Y1 & 2 Xmas performance 1.45pm time
Wednesday 11.12.19	KS2 Cast A performance (Holly, Cypress, Redwood & Oak) – 7pm (St Martin's church)
Thursday 12.12.19	KS2 Cast B performance (Horse Chestnut, Cedar, Rowan & Elder) – 7pm (St Martin's church)
Thursday 12.12.19	Election – school being used as a Polling station but open as usual (Reception & Y1 will enter and leave via top playground on this day)
Wednesday 18.12.19	Christmas Dinner
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

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Ellis, Noah, Teddy
Birch	Sully-Blu, Marcus, Bobby
Baobab	Beau B, Sam, Scarlett
Bonsai	Kasper, Edie, Arthur C
Holly	Maisie, Nell, Sam
Horse Chestnut	Whole class
Cedar	Bella, Poppy
Cypress	Alethia, Finlay T, Emily H, Whole class
Redwood	Imogen, Soli, Mason
Rowan	Woody, Milliek, Carmen
Elder	Teacher absent
Oak	Niall, Theo L, Jodie

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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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