



Newsletter

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NEXT INSET
Monday 6th January



SCHOOL SPORT – 40 children from Years 4-6 braved the cold to compete in the Brighton and Hove Schools' Cross-country Championships at Waterhall recently. They demonstrated admirable determination and deserve great credit for their performances. Special congratulations should go to Kira, who finished 9th in her race, out of 300+ runners.

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

The performances will not be ticketed – parents and carers will be invited to find a seat on arrival. We request that audience numbers are kept to a reasonable number. Thank-you.

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

29.11.19 & 13.12.19

SCHOOL DINNEY MONEY – Please can all KS2 parents check their Parentpay account online today to ensure it is not in a deficit for school meals. The school does not have any extra funding to pay for meals. It also wastes valuable staff time to chase parents who pay late. If you are unable to pay for school meals please ensure your child has a packed lunch every day.
Thank you.

SWIMMING PAYMENTS – We would like to remind all parents to contribute towards swimming each half term. The swimming lessons are currently costing the school £1,834 more than we have received in payments. The school will have to subsidise this loss through our annual school budget, ultimately leading to less money for school resources.

YEAR 6 JCA RESIDENTIAL PAYMENTS- A reminder that the payments schedule for the Year 6 residential is as follows:

28th June 2019 = £30 deposit, September = £50,
November = £50, February = £50 & April = £50.

Please ensure you have paid £130 by the end of November.

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, please ensure you have paid £65 by the end of November.

Thank you.

FUNDRAISING LINK – Please follow the link below if you wish to support a team of 17 of Mason Warwick's family and friends running the Brighton half marathon. All proceeds will go towards an anniversary memorial for Mason and to Winston's Wish charity.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/half-marathon-for-mason-warwick?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_l ink&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

HELEN O'GRADY ACADEMY, SUSSEX is 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.

Elm Grove Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this commitment is reflected in all relevant policies and practice.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE RISE- Our school uniform suppliers have recently increased the price of several items. The new prices are as follows:
Fleece jacket £14.00 PE bag £4.50
Book bag £5.00 Polo Shirt £7.00 Tie: £4.50

Don't forget we have a good selection of second hand clothes in the School Office for sale at 50p an item.



JUST ONE TREE – Thank-you to everyone who supported the Just One Tree fundraiser on Friday 22nd November. We raised an impressive £450.00

in total, which will be passed on to the charity to plant trees across the world. £257.40 of the amount was from the non uniform contributions and £192.60 was from the cake sale. Thank-you to Soli (Y5), his family and friends for organising this and for all the cakes donated.

FUTURE NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS –

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

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

14th February 2020= £1 to raise money for school resources

3rd April 2020= £1 to raise money for school resources

B&H ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION - Brighton & Hove City Council is consulting on admission arrangements for its community schools, Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA), Portslade Aldridge Community Academy (PACA) and City Academy, Whitehawk. These arrangements would take effect from September 2021.

The responses to this consultation will be presented to the council's children, young people & skills committee at a meeting on 13 January 2020

<https://consultations.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/admission-arrangements-for-brighton-hove-schools-2/>

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS – please find a flyer for a new Spanish club at the school and an invite to participate in an educational film attached.

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 5.12.19	Flu Immunisations
Friday 6.12.19	PTA Non-uniform day (chocolate tombola donations)
Saturday 7.12.19	PTA Xmas Fair
Monday 9.12.19	Y1 & 2 Xmas performance 1.45 pm

Tuesday 10.12.19	Reception nativity 9.30am Y1 & 2 Xmas performance 1.45pm
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
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	Tom, Livvy, April
Birch	Conan, Audrey, Theo
Baobab	Samuel, Ben, Grace
Bonsai	Jacob, Leo, Finley
Holly	Denley, Ronnie, Olivia
Horse Chestnut	Reid, Otto, Lyra
Cedar	Rosa, Jamie, Wilfred
Cypress	Amber, Ava, Bailey
Redwood	Beau, Addison, Daisy-Lyn
Rowan	Edie, Tashy, Seb
Elder	Wanda, Skye C, Manni
Oak	Florrie, Millie, Wilfred

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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