



Newsletter

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Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play | Get it on Microsoft

Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health
See what illnesses are going around
Secure system, all communications encrypted

Working in partnership with NHS, Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton and Hove City Council, and Elm Grove Primary School. Studybugs logo.

STUDYBUGS – report absence securely and help improve children's health

We're pleased to announce that Elm Grove is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

[Get the app or register now](https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

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Thank you

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations [improve children's health](#).

(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY – Please ensure your child/children arrive promptly at school each day. The school bell rings at 8.50am; the doors then remain open for 10 minutes and all pupils are expected to be ready for learning by 9am at the latest. Children find it unsettling to enter a classroom after lessons have commenced and can miss valuable teacher input.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Elm Grove is having a renewed focus on improving attendance and punctuality, and ask for your support with this. 96% is the Nationally expected attendance percentage for all schools. Below are Elm Grove's current attendance percentages:

Apple = 88.03%
Cherry = 97.01%
Beech = 96.01%
Birch = 96.06%
Baobab = 95.05%
Bonsai = 96.01%
Holly = 96.00%
Horse Chestnut = 95.04%
Cedar = 96.03%
Cypress = 95.00%
Redwood = 92.00%
Rowan = 94.08%
Elder = 94.06%
Oak = 96.02%
Total overall = 95.04%

STAFF CARE POLICY - Elm Grove School is proud of its open door policy and values its partnerships with parents/carers. School staff will always do their best to listen to any problems or concerns that parents/carers may have and offer support and advice where they can.

Elm Grove Primary School respects the work life balance of its staff. With this in mind, please can any emails, apart to those to senior staff members and the Inclusion Team, be sent to the school office (admin@elmgrove.brightonhove.sch.uk), marked 'for the attention of ...'. The emails will then be forwarded to the appropriate staff member each day. Please note, if emails are sent outside normal working hours, or within teaching sessions, there is no expectation for staff members to provide an immediate response. Thank-you.

WELCOME – to Miss Leah Carr who is the new Teaching Assistant in Year 1 Birch Class.

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.



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 items the children have suggested they would like:

Planks, Ropes, Pots, Pans & utensils, Logs, Old curtains, Quilt covers, Blankets, Guttering, Pushchairs/Scooters, Pipes, Cushions, Unwanted Toys and Games, Dressing Up Clothes Suitcases, Buckets, Paint Brushes and Rollers, Cable Drums, Car Seats, Fabric, Yoga Balls and Mats, Pop Up Tents.

We would appreciate parents/carers using their social media links to encourage the wider local community to donate too. Please deposit any donations in the containers labelled 'loose parts' at the rear of the car park. Many thanks.

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

PTA THANKS - Many thanks to everyone who purchased Poppy and Pete's Penguin Adventure DVD (the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play 2019). A big thank you to Alice (Lydia's sister - Myla Grace's mummy - Bonsai) who kindly donated her time and expertise by filming and editing the show. And thanks also to PTA Class Reps Anne-Marie (Baobab), Clare and Karen (Bonsai) and Becky (Beech and Birch) and Year 1 and 2 Class Teachers for making it happen. A total of £510 was raised for PTA funds. There are a couple of DVD's left over, if anyone would like one please contact your PTA Class Rep.

3RD PARENT CONSULTATION GROUP MEETING – Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 2pm. Please email Louise Willard if you are interested in attending (louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk). The topic of discussion will be 'Class Reshuffles' which currently happen at the end of Reception and at the end of Year 3.

FUTURE NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS – **14th February 2020**= £1 to raise money for school resources

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

24th April 2020 = donations towards Children's Parade materials

GOLDEN BOOK

Classes	Names
APPLE	Leo, Reuben, Esme
CHERRY	Kieran, Juno, Marlie, Gabriel, Joey, Ornette
BEECH	Fabian, Leto, Athena, Tristan, Hazel, Tom
BIRCH	Audrey, Reuben, Minnie
BAOBAB	AlexanderD, Cheyenne, Javi, Ben, Beau D, Elka
BONSAI	Seyf, Erin, Robin, Polly, Toulou, Evan
HOLLY	Mattie
HORSE CHESTNUT	Sydney, Otto, Anya, Yousef, Edie
CEDAR	Jamie, Rosa, Eva, Flo, Herbie, Edmund
CYPRESS	Lilly, Bailey, Georgia, Cosi, Reuben
REDWOOD	Mecia, Luca, Pepa, Bonnie, Rosheen, Soli
ROWAN	Fred, Marley, Yassin, Zachary, Enya, Charlie S
ELDER	Freddie, Sofia, Jacob, Franklin, Peter, Mae
OAK	Isobel, Ned, Millie

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Saturday 8.2.20	PTA Board Games
Friday 14.2.20	Last day of term Non-uniform day PTA Y3 Cake stall
Monday 24.2.20	Children return to school
Wednesday 26.2.20	KS1 Parents meeting re Assessment
Wednesday 4.3.20	Parent Consultation Group
Wednesday 11.3.20	Parent's Eve (NB Horse Chestnut date TBC)
Thursday 12.3.20	Let's Dance – Brighton Dome
Friday 13.3.20	PTA Cinema 5pm-8.30 pm
Monday 16.3.20	NSPCC Safeguarding Assemblies
Wednesday 18.3.20	Parent's Eve (NB Horse Chestnut date TBC)
Friday 3.4.20	Last day of term Non-uniform day PTA Y2 Cake stall
Monday 20.4.20	Children return to school
Friday 24.4.20	Non-uniform day for Children's Parade

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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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