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It seems hard to believe that half term is already fast approaching. The children break up this Friday and return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. It is a non-uniform day on Friday; we are asking for £1 donation towards our School Fund. The Year 3 PTA cake sale is also being held after school.

Information regarding the Parent's Evenings in March, including how to book an appointment, will be sent home soon. Have a lovely break.

Ms Willard

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM B&H:**

#### **What is the coronavirus?**

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus has been spreading since it was first reported in December 2019. Symptoms include fever and respiratory symptoms including coughing and shortness of breath.

Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

If you develop these symptoms and have recently travelled to an area where the coronavirus is being widely reported or believe you may have come in contact with the virus then you should stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of the details linking you to the virus.

#### **A case of coronavirus has been confirmed in Brighton & Hove?**

One individual from Brighton & Hove tested positive on Thursday 6 February and is in a London hospital where they are being well cared for.

The new case is a known contact of a previously confirmed UK case, and the virus was passed on in France. Where this person lives has not been confirmed by the Chief Medical Officer.

Public Health England is the lead organisation responding to the situation. Public Health England is working with partner organisations to take measures to prevent any possible further spread of the virus.

Anyone who may have been in contact with the virus is currently being identified and will be contacted directly by Public Health England.

#### **What should I do?**

**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.**

If you do feel unwell having travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days, then you should stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei province in the last 14 days then you should stay indoors and avoid contact with others as you would with flu, and call NHS 111 informing them of your symptoms and inform them of your recent travel to the city.

Everyone is being reminded to follow Public Health England advice to:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- You can find the latest information and advice from Public Health England at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you are feeling unwell and have not been contacted by Public Health England, then there is no need for concern. You should continue to treat your symptoms as usual for seasonal flu or a common cold. If you feel unwell and do not know what you should do, then call NHS 111.

#### **Where can I find more information?**

- Information for the public: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>
- Blog and frequently asked questions: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>
- Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>



**THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE** -has donated some percussion instruments for our school! It has been their first donation as an organisation and the school is very grateful to have been chosen to receive some lovely new instruments.



**SCHOOL SPORT** – We took 12 children from Y3/4 to a basketball festival recently, and they made stunning progress over the course of the event! Well done to: Emily H, Cosi P, Reuben T, Monty C, Callie J-H, Lucas S, Remy A, Ben W, Maisie W, Matilda B, Danny H + Sophie H-C.

Our Y6 cricketers performed really well in an indoor tournament; indeed, one of our two teams managed to win and progress to the next stage of the competition. Well done to: Jacob, Cormac, Manni, Charlie, Freddie, Wilfred, Rufus, Jake, George, Niall, Jesse and Albert.

We also took a team of 23 children from Y5/6 to an indoor athletics competition at BACA, which we managed to win. We're now waiting to hear whether we will be representing Brighton and Hove schools in the Sussex finals later this year.

Look out for the two new trophies on display on the middle corridor.

Two children also deserve a special mention for representing our school in the U11 Sussex Table-tennis championships in January. Very well done to Jesse and Woody for this achievement.

### HELP ELM GROVE SCHOOL BE A GOOD



**NEIGHBOUR** – the school recently received the following email from a local resident regarding problems with parking during school drop off and pick ups:

*'I am a resident of Luther Street and am writing to ask if you could help me and fellow residents to deter people from double parking or parking on double yellow lines at the entrance to the street. We are essentially a cul-de-sac and there have been recent problems with refuse collection lorries and emergency services gaining access. A couple of years ago a house burned down because of a fire engine not being able to get to it in time and the possibility of this happening again is a genuine fear that some residents have.*

*Your support for the well being of our community is greatly appreciated. I understand that it is likely that customers of the Flour Pot are parking here too and have also contacted them asking for their support.'*

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY** – Thank-you to all parent, carers and pupils who have responded to our focus on improving punctuality and attendance. There has been a noticeable improvement in punctuality in recent weeks. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to our new StudyBugs absence reporting system. 31% of parents/carers have already registered with the app.

Following on from the Miss School Miss Out attendance campaign, and the video produced to promote attendance in primary schools, the LA has now produced a video made with secondary pupils at Hove Park saying what they like best about going to school. The link to the video is here (for older pupils,):

<https://youtu.be/kdjDW6oUx6k>

The primary school video is available here:

<https://youtu.be/sacirXUERZU>



**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).

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**HEADLICE** –Please can all parents/carers check their child's/children's hair over half term and treat as appropriate. Hopefully if everyone does this at the same time, we will be able to start the new half term clear of any headlice in the school.

**3<sup>RD</sup> PARENT CONSULTATION GROUP MEETING** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2pm. Please email Louise Willard if you are interested in attending ([louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto: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.



**USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO ENCOURAGE LOOSE PARTS DONATIONS FOR THE PLAYGROUND SHEDS** – the school would really appreciate parents/carers using their social media links to

encourage the wider local community to donate loose parts for the children to play with at lunchtimes. We are currently looking for items which can be used in wet weather, such as logs, planks, guttering, buckets, pans, rope. 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

**TIKTOK APP** –information for parents and carers here:

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

**ECO COUNCIL-** would like to launch our school into becoming more energy aware and efficient and have lots of ideas of how to do this. To launch this Eco Council have proposed a 'Wear Green Day' on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to also celebrate the coming of Spring. All children to wear green (this can be anything from dressing up as a plant to wearing green socks!) We ask for a £1 donation that we can put towards our Blossom Garden. Thank you so much.

**FUTURE NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS** –  
**14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**= £1 to raise money for school resources  
**20<sup>th</sup> March 2020** = Wear Green/ECO day £1 to support maintenance of the Blossom Garden  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**= £1 to raise money for school resources  
**24<sup>th</sup> April 2020** = donations towards Children's Parade materials

## GOLDEN BOOK

Classes	Names
<b>APPLE</b>	Rudy, Samuel C, Ellen, Isla, Seb, Luca
<b>CHERRY</b>	Jake, Oren, Sam, Stanley, Vera, Alice
<b>BEECH</b>	Noah, Harrison, Robyn, Livvy, Romy, Teddy
<b>BIRCH</b>	Cicely, Marcus, Marley, Theo, Kiichi, Bea
<b>BAOBAB</b>	Alex, Samuel, Toby, Neve, Felix, Joseph
<b>BONSAI</b>	Kasper, Charlie, Mabel, Marcy, Elijah, Thalia
<b>HOLLY</b>	Georgia, Lorcan, Ben, Ronnie, Fionn, Sam
<b>HORSE CHESTNUT</b>	Winnie, Bethan R, George, Vincent, Olivia S, Sonny
<b>CEDAR</b>	Lily, Wilfred, Elsa, Oscar, Monty, Evie
<b>CYPRESS</b>	Laurie, Sama, Ava, Tarisha, Alfie
<b>REDWOOD</b>	Daisy-Lynn, Ruby, Poppy, Flair, Oscar M, Imogen
<b>ROWAN</b>	Rufus, Lulu, Fred, Isla, Rowan, Marley
<b>ELDER</b>	Vivienne, Maggie, William, Lexie, Corwin, Charlie
<b>OAK</b>	Hazel, Eva, Conor, Zouzou, Eva, Theo, Jesse, Sophia, Anna

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Wednesday 12.2.20	Y6 SATs meeting for parents/carers 3.30pm
Friday 14.2.20	Last day of term Non-uniform day PTA Y3 Cake stall
Monday 24.2.20	Children return to school
Tuesday 25.02.20	School Nurse Drop in Session 3pm- Front Playground
Wednesday 26.2.20	KS1 Parents meeting re Assessment
Wednesday 4.3.20	Parent Consultation Group
Wednesday 11.3.20	Parent's Eve (NB except Horse Chestnut class)
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

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Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Horse Chestnut Class Parent's eve
Wednesday 18.3.20	Parent's Eve
Friday 20.3.2020	Wear Green/ECO day
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

Thank you so much, if you have hunted around for copies of the books on our **"Whole Class Reading Spine"**. We are attempting to collect 16 or more of each of the books on the spine. We are delighted with the results so far:

<b>Reception:</b>	<b>We're going on a Bear Hunt</b> by Michael Rosen	7 copies
	<b>Brown Bear, Brown Bear</b> by Eric Carle	2 copies
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>The Gruffalo</b> by Julia Donaldson	11 copies
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Rover</b> by Michael Rosen	1 copy
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>George's Marvelous Medicine</b> by Roald Dahl	21 copies
	<b>How to be a Roman Soldier</b> by Scoular Anderson	1 copy
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Varjak Paw</b> by S.F Said	1 copy
	<b>Mathilda</b> by Roald Dahl	9 copies
	<b>Gorilla</b> by Anthony Browne	2 copies
	<b>Fish Boy</b> by Chloe Daykin	2 copies
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Holes</b> by Louis Sachar	6 copies
	<b>Cosmic</b> by Frank Cottrell-Boyce	1 copy
	<b>Kensuke's Kingdom</b> by Michael Morpurgo	5 copies
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Wolf Brother</b> by Michelle Paver	1 copy
	<b>The Girl of Ink and Stars</b> by Kiran Millwood-Hargrave	1 copy
	<b>The Highwayman</b> by Alfred Noyes	1 copy

If you were willing and able to continue the search for these books, the school would be very grateful as we are still looking to complete the sets. (Full list attached) Thank you very much.

**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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