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Dear Parents and Carers,

CORONAVIRUS : I have reattached the latest information letter which was sent home on Friday and will of course continue to update you as soon as I hear anything further.

I will also update you later today regarding Parent's Evenings this week once a decision has been made as to whether it is sensible to go ahead or not. Thank-you for your understanding during these challenging times. Attached to this email is a simple social story explaining coronavirus in child language which you may want to look at with your child at home. Please keep the school informed if your child is going to be absent, preferably using the Study Bugs app.

Kind regards,
Louise Willard

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

Given current circumstances, it is even more helpful to get as many parents and carers as possible to sign up to Study Bugs. It makes recording pupil absence easier but is also a secure and more efficient system, saving valuable time for school. It provides important local health data, helping school be more aware of any common local health issues.

So far 38% of our parents and carers have signed up to Study Bugs. We are aiming for 75% or higher. 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://www.improvechildrenshealth.org/). (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

COLLECTING PLASTIC FOR THE CHILDREN'S PARADE

– schools were advised last week that the parade is set to go ahead on May 2nd. However, things are moving quickly and this may well change. If it is to go ahead, the school will be asking for donations of clean plastic bottles/containers/etc to attach to the whale and children's costumes.

SCHOOL SPORT – We took a team of Y5/6 children to a recent hockey competition and managed to finish in 4th position out of the 8 schools, winning 4 of our matches and losing 3. Well done to: Rufus, Theo (Oak); Anna, Manni, Wanda (Elder); Kira (Redwood). We also entered a girls' indoor cricket competition for the first time, winning 1 match and losing 2, and being the only team to employ an overarm bowling technique for every single delivery! Well done to: Isobel, Zouzou, Hazel, Anna, Jodie (Oak); Miranda (Elder).

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



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 20th 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.

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FUTURE NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS –
20th March 2020 = Wear Green/ECO day £1 to support maintenance of the Blossom Garden
3rd April 2020= £1 to raise money for school resources

24th April 2020 = £1 donations towards Children's Parade materials

INVITE TO SHARE YOUR JOB WITH THE CHILDREN – we are hoping to inspire the children with a number of Monday assemblies hearing first hand about different careers. Please email Louise Willard (louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk) if you are interested in talking to the children for 5/10 minutes about your career. We hope to get as wide a variety of jobs represented as possible, particularly those which challenge gender stereotypes.

CHILDLINE has launched Report Remove, a service that allows children and young people **under 18** to report and get removed from the internet a nude image or video of themselves that might have been shared online. The webpage includes links to services and information offering emotional and safeguarding support.

Visit the Childline website: [Report a nude image online](https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety sexting/report-nude-image-online/)
<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety sexting/report-nude-image-online/>

This information is vital in protecting children so please familiarise yourselves with the site and signpost to colleagues and those who need this service

SCAFFOLDING UPDATE – thank-you for your patience with the ongoing scaffolding to the rear of the building. The work is correcting a roof leak. The contractor is a week or two behind schedule at the moment due to the recent wet weather. As well as repairing the roof, the contractors are also re pointing one of the main chimneys and re-doing some of the lead work.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER – children are expected to wear the school uniform colours of green, white and grey at all times, apart from non-uniform days and special dressing up events. Thank-you for your ongoing support with this.

Uniform can be purchased at the school office or local supermarkets. There is also a bank of second hand uniform stored in the school office costing 50p per item. Old uniform (clean & in good condition) can also be donated to this bank.

There seems to be never ending amounts of lost property in the lost property containers – please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named so they can be returned to their owners. Thank-you.

YEAR 6 CAKE SALE – will take place on Friday 20th March in the Top Playground from 3pm. It is to raise funds to support the Y6 Leavers Events this Summer

THANK-YOU FROM THE WARWICK FAMILY –

I just wanted to say a massive 'Thankyou' from all of Masons family

Everyone's support was incredible more than I could've ever imagined .

Seeing all the children dressed in blue and all the donations given was so heart warming , and the cake sale , to everyone who donated and helped you really are amazing .

We raised £470 with that alone and all other money raised reached an amazing £6030 .

With this money we have donated £1000 to Winstons Wish , we will pay for Mason's memorial and what ever is left we will be putting towards a funday we hoping to run in the summer; all money raised there will go to a charity to raise awareness of child suicide .

Also we are planning to start selling anti bullying bands again in memory of Mason which also will be started off with the money we have raised , again money will go to another charity for children and mental health .

So from Mason's famil,y just know everyone has helped us to raise awareness to help as many children as possible

Many thanks

☺team Mason



Our Family is returning to CBeebies for a new series and we're looking for 3-6 year olds and their families to take part!

This heart-warming show captures the ups and downs of childhood and family life – everything from familiar daily routines and activities, through to clubs, events, outings and holidays – anything and everything that children and their families get up to!

We are looking for all different types of families across the country, who would love to share their lives, loves and learnings with the CBeebies audience.

If you would like to apply please complete an online application here:
<http://www.6sense.co.uk/of2020>

To find out more about the previous series visit:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ceebies/shows/our-family>



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GOLDEN BOOK

Classes	Names
APPLE	Leo, Evie, Betty, Samuel C, Lizzie, Dulcie
CHERRY	Ethan, Kit, Bo, Elijah, Freddie, Mei
BEECH	Hannah, Rudi, Olivia, Fred, Gracie, Nathan
BIRCH	Cicely, Ollie, Jamie, Bobby, Indiana, Minnie
BAOBAB	Sam, Poppy, Grace, Scarlett, Noah, Lola J
BONSAI	Quinn, Jacob, Rosie, Arthur C, Seyf, Edie
HOLLY	Nell, Summer, Denley, Florence, Denley, Danny
HORSE CHESTNUT	Albie, Olivia B, Matilda, Yousef, Anya, Maiwenn
CEDAR	Nancy, Jagoda, Sonny, Freya, Edmond, Jim
CYPRESS	Alfie, Coco, Georgia, Foye, Marah, Finn C
REDWOOD	Hughie, Lyla, Otis, Anna, Bethan, Blake
ROWAN	Millie K, Charlie S, Tomas, Seb, Carmen, Sammy
ELDER	Macey, Noah, Claire, Billie-JO, Robyn, Sky D
OAK	Rufus, Cristabel, Fleur, Jake, Michaela, Mae

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

Best wishes,
Louise Willard

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Monday 16.3.20	NSPCC Safeguarding Assemblies
Tuesday 17 th March	Horse Chestnut Class Parent's eve
Wednesday 18.3.20	Parent's Eve
Friday 20.3.20	Wear Green/ECO day Y6 Cake Sale
Friday 27.3.20	PTA Curry & Quiz Night 7.30-10.00
Friday 3.4.20	Last day of term Non-uniform day PTA Y2 Cake stall
Monday 20.4.20	Children return to school Y4 Residential trip
Friday 24.4.20	Non-uniform day for Children's Parade
Saturday 2.5.20	Children's Parade

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