

## Number 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020



**BOOK WEEK** - Elm Grove will be celebrating Book Week all week this week beginning 2nd March, with some fabulous book inspired activities. The week will culminate in a dressing up assembly on Friday 6th of March. Children can dress up as their favourite characters – prizes will be given for the best costume in each year group!

Other activities during the week will include:

- Stop and read on Friday 8th pm - classes will pair up and read to each other.
- Waterstones Book fair on Thursday 5th pm – all children will be able to come out of class and exchange their free £1.00 token choosing a book from the stand.
- The stall will also be there after school 3.15pm – 4.0pm if parents wish to use the opportunity to buy a different book (with cash or card).



**CONGRATULATIONS** – to Ms Millie Watts who has given birth to a baby girl. We are all looking forward to meeting her soon. Mrs Carla Kemp will commence her maternity leave at the end of this term. Miss Alexandra Graham

will be joining Elm Grove to cover as SENCO during this time.

**SAFER INTERNET** – please find some helpful information for parents and carers attached to this newsletter.

2020-21 holiday dates are also attached.

**SCHOOL SPORT** – We took a group of Y3/4 children to an indoor climbing competition at Withdean Sports Centre. We are still waiting to hear where we finished in the competition, but the children showed excellent skills and determination. Very well done to: Danny, Vinnie, Maisie, Poppy, Leila, Etien, Primrose, Ava, Reuben, Leo, Lily and Verity.

### REQUEST FROM DOLPHIN HOUSE FAMILY

**COUNSELLOR** - You may have seen my request via Ping for participants for a small research project I am conducting as part of my Systemic (or Family) Psychotherapy masters qualification. I am keen for more participants and wondered if some of you might consider it. Here is a short summary of the original information I sent:

Research question: *What connections do same-sex parents make between the way they were parented and the way they parent now?*

The aim of the study is to gather stories and experiences from parents and their interpretations of such connections. I am looking to interview about 5 individuals who are parenting in a same-sex partnership. This could also include people who are same-sex co-parents but not necessarily living together as a couple. It is not necessary for both parents to participate if one does not want to. I will be asking you to share stories from your own childhood experiences of being parented along with stories of your present experience of parenting. The interview will be informal, will last for about an hour and will only cover what you would like to discuss. It will take place in a private room at Elm Grove school and will be audio-recorded, transcribed and then analysed by me. The interview will be kept confidential and your details will be anonymised through the process.

It is hoped that you will find the interview interesting and useful and that discussing parenting experiences will stimulate your own thinking and reflection. You may also feel that you are helping other parents and families through your participation. The results of the study will be written up into a research report as part of my MA in Systemic Psychotherapy at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust. This project has been approved by the Tavistock and Portman Research Ethics Committee (TREC).

If you are interested or would like to know more, I would be grateful if you could email me at [dolphinhousecounselling@gmail.com](mailto:dolphinhousecounselling@gmail.com) or call me on 07425 389774.

Many thanks -  
 Ruth Bruell

**REMINDER** – We have several children in school with nut allergies that are also airborne. Please do not

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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.

#### **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

#### **WINSTONS WISH CAKE SALE/NON-UNIFORM DAY –**

(Friday 28.2.20) raised an incredible £470.00

Thank-you for such an over-whelming response showing what a caring and supportive community Elm Grove is.

#### **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.

**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.

#### **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](mailto: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.

#### **GOLDEN BOOK**

Classes	Names
<b>APPLE</b>	Otis, Arthur, ClaraCallum, Amaniu, Willow
<b>CHERRY</b>	Raya, Anita, Louis
<b>BEECH</b>	April, Ellis, Romy, Eliza, Scarlett, Niko
<b>BIRCH</b>	Rocco, Rex, Solomon, Ted, Sully-Blu, Maia
<b>BAOBAB</b>	Willow, Toby, Sydney, Beau B, Amina, Scarlett
<b>BONSAI</b>	Whole class, Rowan, Mabel, Devonte
<b>HOLLY</b>	Whole class
<b>HORSE CHESTNUT</b>	Edie, Danny, Lyra, Sophie, Edward
<b>CEDAR</b>	Lucas, Kitty, Alex, Leila, Lucas M, Jamie
<b>CYPRESS</b>	Isaac, Aletheia, Primrose, Robynn
<b>REDWOOD</b>	Poppy, Willow, Marley
<b>ROWAN</b>	Yassin, George, Milo
<b>ELDER</b>	Manni, Scarlett, Wanda, Anna, Franklin, Lila
<b>OAK</b>	David, Wilfred, Scout, Ned, Rose, Alfie

#### **DIARY DATES**

Date	Event
w/b 2.3.20	Book Week
Wednesday 4.3.20	Parent Consultation Group
Thursday 5.3.20	Waterstones Book Sale
Friday 6.3.20	Book Week – dress up as Book Character
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
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
Saturday 2.5.20	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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