



Newsletter

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NEXT INSET
Monday 4th January 2021



PARENTS EVENINGS – a separate Ping message is being sent out today (5.10.20), inviting parents and carers to book a parents evening appointment on either 14th, 15th or 21st October. The appointments will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams, or by phone if preferred.

FUNDRAISING – Elm Grove is participating in two different charity fundraisers over the next fortnight. Both for very worthy causes.



World Mental Health Day

Help us spread the word that, together, we can look out for each other and feel hopeful about the future, **by wearing something yellow** and donating £1 to YoungMinds.

Whether it's a scarf, hat, or your favourite bow tie, dig out your best yellow clothes and wear them with pride on **Friday 9th October** for World Mental Health Day. You could even dress up in yellow fancy dress. The Simpsons, minions, emojis, a banana costume – these are just a few ideas!

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Just One Tree

Last year Elm Grove Primary School took part in our JUST ONE Tree Non-Uniform Day, as a result 458 trees were planted on behalf of our school in an area severely affected by mass deforestation.

Just One Tree is a non-profit initiative removing CO2 from the atmosphere through global reforestation. They make it simple for everyone to contribute to collective action on the climate crisis. Just £1 plants 1 Tree. They donate to established reforestation partners who concentrate their planting in areas severely affected by mass deforestation. In doing so they have the greatest positive effect on combatting global warming whilst simultaneously alleviating extreme poverty within impacted communities through training, education and employment.

Friday 16th October Just One Tree is asking schools to join them in a nationwide non-uniform day to mark the start of National Tree Planting Week. Each child brings in a suggested donation of **£1 to plant a tree**. The non-uniform day will unite children, parents and teachers across the country, demonstrating how an individual's actions can have a positive impact on the environment. Please find attached an information pack which explains in more detail: It seems even more appropriate for Elm Grove to participate again given it, and each class, is named after a tree

<https://www.justonetree.life/>

POLLING STATION – Elm Grove school is required as a polling station for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections scheduled for 6 May 2021. It is assumed that due to the uncertainties relating to Covid 19 the whole school site will need to close on that day to allow voting to take place. We ask that you make note of this additional date in your diary and apologise for any inconvenience.

STUDYBUGS APP TO REPORT ABSENCE – PLEASE SIGN UP



Report absence securely and help improve children's health. Elm Grove introduced a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence last year, 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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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>)

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL

INFORMATION – Y6 parents and carers have received information about secondary school virtual tours and links to applying for a secondary school place. The final date for applications is **31.10.20**

Please see school staff if you require any support with completing the online form or need a paper application printed. They will be happy to help. The B&H admissions team are continuing to work from home and are not in the office so are encouraging all parents and carers who are able, to apply online through the council's website: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions

There are paper forms available for parents who don't have access to the internet which can also be downloaded from the council's website here: <https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/apply-school/application-form-start-secondary-school-year-7>

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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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – Caterlink is providing the school restaurant with an additional heated serving trolley to speed up the service during the new, temporary, change in lunchtime routine. The new trolley is due to arrive on 5.10.20.

ELM GROVE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – due to a bereavement, please can any communication relating to the club be directed to Liza: monty1969@gmail.com

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 9.10.20	#HelloYellow- Non Uniform Day - wear yellow for World Mental Health Day
Friday 16.10.20	Just One Tree Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 14 th , Thursday 15 th & Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening (MS Teams virtual meetings)
Friday 23.10.20	Last day of half term Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 31.10.20	Final date for secondary applications (Y6 pupils)
Monday 2.11.20	Children return to school
Thursday 12.11.20	Flu Immunisations (Rec – Y6)
Friday 18.12.20	Last day of term
Thursday 6.5.2021	School closed - Polling Station

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

Best wishes,
Louise Willard
Head teacher