

Number 5 – 16th November 2020

**NEXT INSET**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021



**UNITED AGAINST BULLYING** - Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place this year from 16th -20th November.

2020 has been a heartbreakingly hard year for many and there's a significant amount of uncertainty ahead. But we are seeing examples of what can happen when we come together for a common goal. Whether it be communities coming together to make sure everyone has their shopping, key workers continuing to work despite the risk to them and their loved ones lives or people enduring a solitary lockdown to try and save others. Communities have worked together.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. Anti-Bullying Week is no different. Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have our part to play in coming together to make a difference. We are all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we are united against bullying.

This year the aims of Anti-bullying week are to help children understand:

- What bullying is
- How to report bullying
- Who they can talk to about bullying if they are worried about it



Odd Socks day is taking place today, on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness.



**ENTER A RAFFLE TO WIN A HANDMADE QUILT** – Jo Carey, Elm Grove parent and member of the staff team, is raffling a handmade quilt. The quilt was made by herself over the course of the last year, with some help at the beginning of the project from some children and parents & carers at the Elm Grove Makers Market, Autumn 2019.

All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Elm Grove Primary School. The raffle winner will own a truly unique, original item that they may have even helped in making! The quilt would add a cosy hand-crafted feel to a bedroom or make a fantastic one-of-a-kind Christmas present. The raffle ends on Tuesday, 15th December 2020 at 18:59

Tickets are £2.50 each and can be purchased via the following link:

<https://raffall.com/140795/enter-raffle-to-win-patchwork-quilt-for-pta-hosted-by-jo-carey?fbclid=IwAR2IYyzsuzH6ZvDEX9aRySALgyefRIHEhDAeshT7VCCIKvaIYvBqut6ehiw>

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### **What?**

Held in Mind have delivered an adult therapy project, funded by Dorset Gardens Methodist Church, Kemp Town, for the past 5 years. There is no charge for the service and it is available to parents and carers of children who attend Elm Grove School, Carlton Hill School and Tarnerland Nursery.

### **Where and when?**

The service runs during school term time from Dorset Gardens Methodist Church, Brighton BN2 1RL. We also offer a virtual service during the current Covid19 pandemic.

### **Who?**

We have two highly qualified and experienced adult therapists who offer the service on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

### **Interested?**

If you are a parent or carer who wants to find out more about this service or would like to book an initial meeting, please call or text the Project Manager, Ruth Lazarus on 07794889272 .

### **VIRTUAL PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS –**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to welcome prospective parents and carers into the school this year. Instead, we have made a short film to give a flavour of life at Elm Grove. Please share this link if you know any families who have a child due to start primary school in September 2021: <https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/news/prospective-parent-information/>

We will also be holding two virtual Q&A sessions to answer any questions prospective parents and carers might have. These will be held on MS Teams and will each be 1 hour long. The first will be on Wednesday 18th November at 11-12pm. The second will be on Thursday 19th November at 4-5pm.

**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.

**INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS** – are taking place this Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and will be available in plenty of time for Christmas. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to take sibling photos this year (apart from twins in the same year group pods).

**FUNDRAISING** – Thank-you and well done to Enya in Year 6 who raised money over the half term break to support the schools fundraising scheme to create food hampers for those in need.



**COVID SYMPTOM STUDY** – Elm Grove has partnered with the COVID Symptom Study to help make sure our students are as safe as possible as we head back to the classroom, whilst doing our part in creating the world's largest scientific dataset of COVID-19 in children.

We are asking all parents to join the COVID Symptom Study now, by downloading the free app and taking less than 1min a day to report how your child/children are feeling each day. With all parents reporting daily via the app, the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community and help keep our students safe. Importantly, the information you report will be invaluable to critical scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes - the Study will be sure to share any findings from their research with you.

We are asking all parents to download this app as soon as possible. The app is available to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to Edit Profile on your child's profile > School Network > enter our school's Unique School Network Code (see below) > select the Bubble that your child belongs to.

Our Unique School Network Code is **BRJUFJQ**. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school.

For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to:

<https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

### **What is the COVID Symptom Study app and why should you use it?**

The [COVID Symptom Study](#) app is a not-for-profit initiative that was launched at the end of March 2020 to support vital COVID-19 research. The app was launched by health science company ZOE with scientific analysis provided by King's College London. Now, with over 4 million contributors globally, the Study is the world's largest ongoing study of COVID-19.

The app also provides unique insight on asymptomatic and symptomatic information across the UK which builds into a larger picture for the government and captures information not covered by other means. The Government has been so impressed with the data and research being produced it is now funding ZOE to continue the great work.

All data collected in the app is used anonymously for informing other parents in your child's school and your child's school, and anonymously for research and for public health purposes only. ZOE takes data security and privacy very seriously and enforces [best practices](#) to ensure all data is protected. ZOE is required to protect all data by law. As the work that ZOE does takes place in the UK, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation applies.

### **DIARY DATES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
w/b Monday 16.11.20	Anti-Bullying Week – United Against Bullying
Wednesday 18.11.20	Individual pupil photos
Wednesday 16.12.20	Christmas Dinner
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

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