

Number 6 – 30th November 2020

NEXT INSET
Monday 4th January 2021

WELCOME BACK TO YEAR 2 PUPILS & STAFF REQUIRED TO SELF-ISOLATE – it was lovely to welcome back Year 2 pupils and staff who had been self-isolating last week. We certainly missed them all. Thank-you to all concerned for responding to the pod closure at such short notice, and for also following all the necessary advice. I appreciate how challenging self-isolating at home with 6 and 7 years olds must be. The children did a great job with their home learning. Thanks for all the support with this too.

It is reassuring to know that the school pod systems worked effectively so all other areas of the school were able to remain open as usual.

Now we know Brighton and Hove will be in Tier 2 once the National lockdown ends on December 2nd 2020. We respectfully ask that all families adhere to the required rules and guidance to ensure we keep our school community safe, especially those staff and pupils living with family members who are more vulnerable to COVID-19.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-52530518>



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 .



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=IwAR2IYyzsuzH6ZvDEX9aRySALqyefRIHEhDAeshT7VCCIKvalYvBqut6ehiw>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please contact the office if your financial situation has changed recently (since the COVID pandemic began) as you may be entitled to free school meals. The office can do a quick confidential check to see if you are eligible.

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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 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.



If you have any spare solar powered/ outdoor safe Christmas lights we are looking for donations for our Christmas tree! It will be on the main terrace for everyone to enjoy. Please contact the school office if you have any decorations to spare.

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.



NON-UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

– contributions are requested to go towards a multicultural school book fund raiser. This idea started locally in July 2020, and aims to provide 64 primary and secondary schools in Brighton and Hove with a box of books each that feature BAME characters, authors and illustrators.

For further information: <https://gf.me/u/yqfsba>

In October Brighton & Hove Council also contributed to the fund <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/news/2020/council-backs-local-multicultural-book-project-schools>

Elm Grove school will donate all funds raised through the non-uniform day to the fund. The money raised will go towards Elm Groves' own box of books.



PTA NEWS - Enter the winter prize draw by Tues 8th Dec!

This year the PTA has organised an online prize draw just for the kids. Every child gets ONE FREE TICKET. To claim yours you need to register at www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/prize-draw by midnight on Tuesday 8th December. You'll also find a link for donations - anything you can give will help us replace the funds we would usually be able to raise at the winter fair. Thank you and good luck!

In other PTA news:

Each family will shortly receive a fantastic Elm Gove School tote bag! It's made from recycled material with a beautiful school image kindly created by Ulrika Jarl (ulrikajarl.com) on the front! We ask a £5 donation if you wish to keep it, full payment details with the bag and 100% will go to the PTA. They make a perfect postal pressie!

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Thank you so much for supporting JUST ONE Tree.

Elm Grove's 'forest' now stands at 762 trees. Our tree purchase will be supporting a reforestation project in one of the following countries:

- Mozambique
- Nepal
- Haiti
- Indonesia
- Madagascar
- Kenya
- Zambia

Because of your donations, a further 304 seeds will be chosen and planted by Just One Tree partners in one of their nurseries. Once the next rainy season is upon us, our seedlings will be transported to their carefully selected new homes, where they will be planted and nurtured over the coming years.

Its BeeZee Bodies in Brighton and Hove!

We have recently had our contract extended by Brighton and Hove City Council to continue to provide Healthy Lifestyle (Weight Management) Programmes across the city for 5-15yrs. These free programmes run for 10 -12 weeks with our next groups starting week commencing 18th January and will be held on a virtual webinar platform.

What is BeeZee Families?

BeeZee Families is an award-winning healthy lifestyles programme for 5-15 year olds* and their families.

Our fun-filled, family focused sessions are filled with exciting activities and practical healthy eating advice to help you feel great and live your best life!

For more details on the services we provide, please go to <https://beezeebodies.com>

Parent Consultation Group

1.30-2.30pm. The meeting will take place on MS Teams (the platform we used for the recent Parents Evenings). Please email Louise Willard if you are interested in attending (louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk). The topic of discussion will be home/school communication during COVID and



Hello Elm Grove Primary!

The 2nd book in the Way And The Witch series, Saving Christmas, will be released in December. It's a wild festive adventure set in Brighton that sees the main characters, Way and Stella (and Gary, the talking seagull), visit the North Pole, the past and the future all in order to save Christmas! I've joined forces with The Flour Pot Bakery for the release of a limited edition bundle of books 1 & 2. Not only is the book 20% off, but you also get one free babycino from any of The Flour Pot Bakery cafes! 30% of profits also go to the Rockinghorse Charity.

It's the perfect Christmas gift for any book loving Brightonian! Go to www.wayandthewitch.com to get your copy!

Happy Christmas!

Jack Noddings (author)

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Tuesday 15.12.20	Parent Consultation Group
Wednesday 16.12.20	Christmas Dinner
Friday 18.12.20	Non-uniform day 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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