



Newsletter

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NEXT INSET
Friday 23rd July 2021



Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year, and a warm welcome to our new pupils and families. The lovely sunny weather over the break was certainly very welcome and long overdue.

I hope found the recent parent evening conversations useful. These virtual meetings seemed even more important this year given how isolating the COVID restrictions are for parents and carers. Teachers are now in the process of writing end of year annual reports, which will be sent home towards the end of term.

Transition opportunities for the children will also be carefully planned as we start to prepare for the next academic year. This will include class re-shuffles for children currently in Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. More year groups are being re-shuffled this year as it wasn't appropriate to do the usual shuffles last July during the lockdown. The aim of the re-shuffling is to create balanced learning groups, whilst also considering friendships.

All current COVID procedures will continue until we are advised otherwise by the Local Authority and Government. Like everyone else we await more news about possible wider easing of restrictions from June 21st and will keep you updated of any changes. We have not been able to organize our usual menu of summer activities due to the uncertainty around restrictions.

However, we are pleased that we are able to safely offer a range of out of school clubs, some swimming and some carefully planned school trips.

Parent Consultation Group-

We are looking for interested parents and carers to join our next virtual Parent Consultation group to discuss ways to develop our communication platforms and positively promote the school in the local community.

Please email Louise Willard (louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk) if you are interested in sharing your ideas and views on **Tuesday 8th June at 1pm**

Eat Them To Defeat Them-

Our school is supporting the Eat Them To Defeat Them campaign to encourage children to eat more vegetables. It's an award winning programme proven to make eating vegetables more fun. This campaign was created by Veg Power in partnership with ITV, Channel 4 and Sky and is well-supported by celebrities and chefs.

Please look out for the rewards charts and sticker packs in your child/ren's bags. To find out more recipes and expert tips please go to: <https://eatthetodefeatthem.com/>

SUN SAFETY!

Now that the summer months are finally upon us it is important that all of our pupils stay safe when outside at break and lunchtimes. Over the May half term we have seen temperatures of 28 degrees in some areas. We know that staying safe in the sun is important for both our long term and short term health and that children can be especially sensitive to sun burning.

On these hot and sunny days please ensure that your child/ren come into school wearing sun cream (SPF30 and above is recommended) and wearing appropriate clothing. Children are able to wear sun hats outside (not in class) and can bring in named suncream to apply in school.

Elm Grove Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this commitment is reflected in all relevant policies and practice.

Free online workshops to support parents/carers whose children may be struggling with anxiety, self-esteem and with showing resilience. This offer is from B&H Family Learning Team.

Sessions on offer are:

Supporting a child with anxiety (2 x 75 minute sessions):

- Recognise the signs of anxiety and anxious behaviours
- Find the language to discuss worries with children
- Get practical tips to support a child through anxious thinking. The sessions encourage parents to reflect on their responses to their child's anxiety to help the family make progress

Date of workshops:

Mondays 7 and 14 June 10-11.15am

Tuesdays 15 and 22 June 1-2.15pm

Building a child's resilience (3 x 1 hour sessions):

- Parents can learn ways to help a child to make sense of their feelings, not be overwhelmed by them and to self-regulate
- Encourages parents to reflect on their expectations of their child
- Shows parents how to build a positive mindset in their child so they're not afraid of failing

Date of workshops:

Tuesdays 8, 15 and 22 June 10-11am

Tuesdays 29 June and 6 and 13 July 10-11am

Parents and carers can book by email:

FamilyLearning@brighton-hove.gov.uk, or by visiting Family learning online classroom (brighton-hove.gov.uk)

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.



The school plans to plant a special tree in memory of our previous Site Manager, James Roodcroft, who sadly lost his short battle with cancer in January 2021.

Please send any donations into school in a sealed envelope if you wish to contribute.

Elm Grove was a very important part of James' life and it feels fitting to create a lasting tribute to him in the school grounds.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – All children are expected to wear Elm Grove uniform colours of green, white and grey – in any combination. (NB this can include jogging bottoms and hoodies). No items with logos please, apart from the optional Elm Grove logo. We have made the decision to say grey, not black tights/leggings. We also ask that the children wear sensible, school appropriate shoes.
<https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/information/school-uniform/>

COVID TESTING- Families and households can access home test kits for adults.

Please go to this council web page for details on how to access the symptom-free testing.
<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing> .

School staff will continue to carry out lateral flow tests throughout the holidays and prior to returning to school.

STUDYBUGS

We would like to encourage all families, who have not already, to sign up and engage with the StudyBugs application.

StudyBugs is an app that tracks what bugs are going around and allows parents to quickly and easily report student absence. You can report an absence via your phone or computer in just seconds. You will NOT need to call in to report pupil absence.



In preparation to re-open our OPAL sheds (when it is deemed safe to do so) we need to replenish the selection of 'loose parts' in them. We are looking forward to once again seeing the children creating camps, inventing a range of imaginative games and having lots of fun with the resources found in the sheds. However, stocks are very low due to the sheds being shut for such an extended period.

Please see the list of suggested items we are looking for:

Planks

Ropes

Pots, Pans & utensils

Logs

Old curtains

Quilt covers

Blankets

Guttering

Pipes

Poles

Cushions

Unwanted toys and games

Dressing up clothes

Suitcases

Chalks

All donations will be gratefully received. Please deposit them in the containers labelled 'loose parts' at the rear of the car park. Many thanks. Please see the [OPAL leaflet](#) to find out more about the initiative if you are new to the school.

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 15.7.21	Y6 Leavers Party
Friday 16.7.21	Reports to parents
Thursday 22.7.21	Last day of year for pupils/non-uniform day
Monday 6.9.2021	Pupils return to school

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Best wishes,

Head teacher