



Newsletter

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Next INSET Day -
Tuesday 4th
January 2022



We have certainly been enjoying the late summer sunshine and beautiful sunsets recently. With the weather set to change please ensure your child/children come to school with a named coat each day.

STUDYBUGS



We would like to encourage all families, especially new 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.

<https://studybugs.com/>



As a result of the additional bank holiday being introduced for the [Queen's Platinum Jubilee](#), all schools will have an additional day's holiday. In Brighton and Hove this will be at the end of the summer term.

The children will now break up for the summer on Wednesday 20th July (not July 21st) and the final INSET for staff will be on Thursday 21st. We will amend all school calendars accordingly.

The OPAL sheds are going to open from Tuesday 12th October. Thank you for all the donations so far. However, we are still in urgent need more loose parts in order to have enough for all the children.



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 container 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.

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.

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COVID update

School staff continue to ensure the school building is well ventilated and all children follow good hand hygiene advice.

We ask that parents and carers monitor their children closely and isolate any symptomatic children at home, get a PCR test and report the results to the school office (admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk).



Our next Uniform Library stall will be on Monday 1st November (am) and Thursday 4th November (pm). The uniform library is a great way to recycle good quality uniform and coats when children have outgrown them. It not only saves money (all donated items are free for everyone) but it is environmentally friendly as it also saves on landfill.

A massive thank you to the PTA and the Inclusion Team who have worked so hard to establish this initiative (including washing and ironing all the items), and also everyone who has kindly donated uniform.



As a dog lover myself, I (like many others) am thoroughly enjoying seeing the many dogs and puppies at the school gate each day. However, please can I respectfully remind everyone that dogs cannot come onto the school site, unless they are young puppies or small breeds and are able to be carried. This includes through the car park. Thank you!



ITV local news cameras recently joined Year 5 pupils lesson about the 3 Botswanan Kings who visited Elm Grove Primary School in 1895. We are not yet sure when the item will be screened but will let everyone know when we do.



After almost 10 years helping our pupils safely across the road, Gary, our School Crossing Patrol Officer, is leaving Elm Grove. His last day is next Thursday, 30th September. We are going to really miss him but wish him every success in his new job. Please send donations into school in a labelled and sealed envelope by Tuesday 28th September if you wish to contribute to a leaving present for him. The children will be giving him a 'mass clap' send off at 3pm on Thursday. They will be in the Top Playground but you are welcome to join us and clap from the pavement.



Please support us to become a cashless school by paying for any school uniform, trips, swimming, clubs, lunches via ParentPay. Please contact the office if you need any support in setting up your account or you are experiencing any issues with it.

Please park carefully when dropping children off at school, and DO NOT move any safety cones.

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New Receptions 2022-23

If your child, or a child you know, is going to be 5 years old between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they should start school in September 2022. For more information on applying for a Primary school place please go to: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/brighton-hove-schools/starting-infant-junior-or-primary-school>

The deadline to apply to start junior and primary school in September 2022 is 15 January 2022.

Please encourage any friends or neighbors with a child due to start school next September to book a place onto our school tours running through October and November. Each tour will last approximately 1 hour.

Date	Time
Thursday 14 th October	1.45pm
Wednesday 20 th October	9.30am
Thursday 4 th November	11am
Tuesday 9 th November	11am
Wednesday 10 th November	6pm
Monday 15 th November	11am

Call us on 01273 708004 or email admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk to book your space.

Please visit our Elm Grove **School website** if you want to find out information about the school. This includes policy documentation, club details, COVID updates, newsletters, calendar dates, year group information, a gallery of photos – plus more. The website is regularly updated to ensure it is as current as possible: [Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)



ALLERGEN UPDATE

Please contact the school office (admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk) if your child develops a new allergy/ intolerance, or any details the school needs to be aware of change.

Here at **Raring2go!** we've been busy bees researching things to do to keep the children busy for the Autumn season, with ideas such as preparing the garden for the Autumn, caring for Hedgehogs and having fun with some great outdoor activities, to name a few.

Here's the link for the Autumn edition... we hope you find it enjoyable and useful!

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/brightonandhove/autumn/>

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 14 th October	PTA Disco
Friday 15 th October	Just One Tree fundraiser PTA Disco
Wednesday 20 th October	New Parent Tour
Thursday 21 st October	Harvest Festival
Friday 22 nd October	Last day of half term Non uniform day Y3 PTA Cake Sale/Pumpkin carving competition/Raffle
Monday 1 st November	Children return to school
Monday 8 th November	Individual Photos
Tuesday 16 th November	Parents Evenings (via MS Teams)
Wednesday 17 th November	
Wednesday 24 th November (25 th for Horse Chestnut class)	
Thursday 18 th November	Flu immunisation
Saturday 11 th December	PTA Winter Fair
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term Non uniform day Y4 PTA Cake Sale

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

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