



Newsletter

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Next INSET Day -
Tuesday 4th
January 2022



We were really proud to host ITV local news recently when they filmed a Year 5 lesson about the 3 Kings from Botswana who visited Elm Grove School in 1895. The children really enjoyed watching themselves on TV when it was screened on the news last week too.

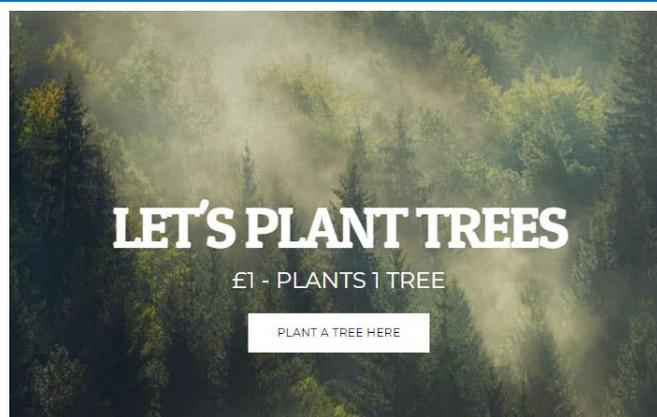
SPORTS UPDATE- We recently took a team of Y5/6 children to our first inter-school football tournament since Autumn 2019! The players performed really well, winning one game, drawing two and losing two, and they certainly did our school proud. Well done to: Foye, Luca, Monty, Isaac (Oak); Lily, Lucas, Heath (Elder); Danny, Douggie, Sam (Redwood).

Huge congratulations should also go to Lily (Elder), as she has been selected to play for the U11 Brighton and Hove schools' football team for the second year running!
- Mr Waring

HOMEWORK – children from Y1- Y6 will bring home their new revised homework grids from Friday 5th November. The grids will then be sent fortnightly on a Friday.



HARVEST FESTIVAL – will take place on Thursday 21st October. Please can children bring non-perishable food items with them on this day. These will be shared with local food banks after the assemblies. To minimise any additional covid risk, the assemblies will be for the children only this year. We very much hope to be able to invite parents and carers to an outdoor carol concert in December.



Elm Grove is once again supporting the Just One Tree campaign this Friday, October 15th 2021. Children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform in return for donating £1. Each £1 donated will plant one tree in an area of deforestation across the world. Please help us support this great cause.
[JUST ONE Tree - £1 plants 1 Tree. Combat Climate Change through reforestation.](#)

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.

The OPAL sheds are going to open from Tuesday 12th October (after being shut since March 2020). Thank you for all the donations so far. We will continue to need more loose parts donations in order to regularly replenish our stocks.



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.

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).

Latest advice is:

- Those aged 11 and above should take a LFD test twice weekly.
- If you have symptoms of covid, however mild, seek a PCR
- If you have had a positive LFD test, seek a PCR
- If you've been in close contact with a confirmed case of covid, seek a PCR
- If you have been asked to seek a PCR by the LA, NHS Test and Trace, then seek a PCR

School Crossing Patrol Officer update– the local authority is advertising for a new crossing patrol officer to replace Gary. Hopefully someone will be appointed soon but until then please remind your children to take extra care at the pedestrian crossing.



PTA UPCOMING EVENTS-

The PTA are excited to get going with a bit of Fun while we can!

We have several sign up links flying around. We can't run these events without your support so if you *could*, please sign up!

We have the DISCOs on Thursday 14th and 15th October! Posters attached for each year group!

Every child is automatically allowed entry to the DISCO! Please donate £5 either on the door, via <https://localgiving.org/charity/elmgrove-parent-teacher-association/> or if easier use PayPal.me/Fredsmum.

If you are in the position please pay any possible extra 'for a friend' as this covers those who are unable to pay at this time. Every child gets to go regardless!

Cheese and wine night is almost full! Get your tickets while there is space! Flyer attached! It's a really lovely evening, drink wine, eat cheese, be with friends, what better way to raise money for the school!

We have our Great Restaurant Raffle! You should have received tickets last Friday Send cash in to school with ticket stubs in a sealed envelope address for the PTA. We will also have people outside of school to collect cash and take card payments! Flyer attached with full details!

Pumpkins 🎃 create your pumpkin carving masterpiece at home and bring it in on Friday 22 October! *Year* group prizes and an over all prize to be won!

It's a lot we know but let's make hay while the sun shines ☀️

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.

Support for Parents /Carers of Children Struggling with Anxiety-

It's been widely reported that greater numbers of children are experiencing regular anxiety. As a parent/carer, it can be hard to know how best to support your child and what to do to help. Family Learning runs online workshops to support parents/carers with practical strategies to help the young person. Sessions are run in small groups, allowing space to reflect on the situation and how best to help. One parent who completed the sessions commented:

“Gave practical tips as well as reassurance. I feel I'm better able to support my child with their anxiety.”

For more information or to book a place, email AEH@brighton-hove.gov.uk or call 01273 292828 stating which course you're interested in.

Courses are **free** to those on a low income/ means tested benefits. For other parents there is a fee of £10 for anxiety courses and £15 for resilience courses (fees are used to fund creche provision and travel for learners on the lowest incomes).

Supporting a Teen with Anxiety (secondary age)

Friday 15 and 22 October from 1.30 – 2.45pm; or Monday 1 and 8 November from 7.30 – 8.45pm

Building a Teen's Resilience (secondary age)

Tuesdays 2, 9 and 16 November from 1.30 – 2.45pm; or Thursdays 4, 11 and 18 November from 1.30 – 2.45pm.

Supporting a Child with Anxiety (primary age)

Tuesday 12 and 19 October from 1 – 2.15pm
Wednesday 13 and 20 October from 1.30 – 2.45pm; or

Building a Child's Resilience (primary age)

Friday 15 and 22 October and Monday 1 November from 10 – 11.15am

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



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.



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!

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 pages and 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](http://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk)



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.

Thank you for supporting the school last Friday to enable staff to attend Val Gate's funeral.

The school will hold its own memorial for Val in the near future. More information on this will follow.



DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 14 th October	New Parent Tour PTA KS2 Disco
Friday 15 th October	Just One Tree fundraiser PTA Rec/KS1 Disco
Wednesday 20 th October	New Parent Tour
Thursday 21 st October	Harvest Festival PTA Cheese & Wine
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 Uniform library – a.m
Thursday 4 th Nov	New Parent Tour Uniform library – p.m
Monday 8 th November	Individual Photos
Tuesday 9 th Nov	New Parent Tour
Weds 10 th Nov	New Parent Tour
Monday 15 th Nov	New Parent Tour
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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Head teacher

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