



# Newsletter

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Next INSET Day -  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 2022



**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2021** is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place this year from **15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November**.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration and kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week. One Kind Word can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. We can all play a part in a chain reaction that powers positivity. The aims of this week are:

- To explore the idea of kindness and how we can spread kindness throughout school life.
- To think about how you can support someone you see being bullied.
- To understand the school definition of bullying

**Odd Socks day will take place on the last day of Anti Bullying Week, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** 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. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school.

**PTA NEWS** - It's Winter Fair time! The fair will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 12-3. The PTA can only run the fair if we have enough volunteers to help. We need 10 volunteers to manage the following stalls:

- Santa's Grotto
- Cafe
- Craft Room
- Bric a Brac
- Book stall
- Teddy tombola
- Games Room
- Chocolate Tombola
- Jam jars
- Water to Wine

If you would like to volunteer to manage a stall please email [elmgrovepta0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrovepta0@gmail.com). We will also be putting up sign up sheets nearer the time to volunteer for shifts to man the stalls, help set up and tidy after the fair. Thanks so much, The PTA x



## **MIDDAY MEAL SUPERVISOR VACANCY –**

Please email Louise Willard if you are interested in joining our Midday meal Supervisor team to support the children eating their lunch and during their lunch play.

The hours are Mon – Fri 12noon – 1.30pm, term time only.

[louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

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## ALLERGEN UPDATE



Please contact the school office ([admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto: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.



Elm Grove Primary School is a healthy school and asks children in KS2 to bring a healthy mid-morning snack each day. Children in KS1 have fruit provided through a government initiative.

After parent/carer and staff feedback we no longer allow birthday cakes to be brought in for pupil birthdays. This is so children do not consume lots of sugary treats without their parent/carers knowledge and pupils with specific allergies or dietary needs are not put at risk. It also prevents parents/carers feeling pressured to supply a school cake for their children's birthdays.

The PTA does run half termly cake sales. However, these are after school so parents/carers are able to decide if they wish their child to participate.

You will shortly be able to see more photos of the food display and also hear the children singing on a new music and arts page of our school website. More info to follow soon:

<https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/about/art-music/>

## SPORTS UPDATES -

We took a group of Y5/6 children to a hockey festival at Blatchington Mill recently. They played with impressive determination, whether participating in the organised drills or the small-sided matches against other schools (most of which they managed to win), and they had great fun throughout. Very well done to: Denley, Olivia, Barnaby (Rowan); Albie, Maisie, Albie (Redwood); Jaden (Elder); Lilly, Ava, Laurie, Georgia (Oak).

**DONATIONS OF LOOSE PARTS NEEDED FOR LUNCHTIME PLAY** - 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.

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**



## ELM GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL WINNERS OF DOBBIES 'HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY GROW' VOTE.

Thank-you to everyone who voted for our school. The £1,000 winners voucher donated by Dobbies will be put towards our Top Playground development which is planned to take place over the summer break.

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## CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE SCHOOLS 2023-24

The consultation invites comments from parents and carers in the City who have a child or children between the ages of 2 and 18 years of age and from other people in the geographical area of Brighton & Hove who have an interest in these arrangements.

The consultation proposals can be found on the council's website at <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissionsconsultation> along with details of scheduled public meetings.

The consultation will run between 15 November 2021 and 2 January 2022.

### Published Admission Numbers

Comments are sought on the proposal to reduce the admission number for the following schools:

- **Bevendean Primary School** from 60 to 45 pupils.
- **Carden Primary School** from 60 to 30 pupils.
- **Coldean Primary School** from 60 to 45 pupils.
- **Queens Park Primary School** from 60 to 30 pupils.
- **Rudyard Kipling Primary School** from 60 to 45 pupils.
- **Saltdean Primary School** from 90 to 60 pupils.
- **Woodingdean Primary School** from 60 to 45 pupils



**CAROL CONCERTS** – all year groups will be performing a carol concert in the school playground on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December (weather permitting). Parents and carers are very welcome to join us.

We have opted for an outdoor carol concert this year to minimise the covid risk.

Rec, Y1 & 2 = 2.20pm

Y3,4,5 & 6 = 7.00pm

**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.



### GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

<b>Beech</b>	Isaac, Estella, Joshua, Eddie, Robyn A, Mina & Lucie
<b>Birch</b>	Ruby, Mya, Eleanor, Seri, Jake & Zakariya
<b>Baobab</b>	Oren, Louis & Evie
<b>Bonsai</b>	James O, Luca, Luke, Victoire, Sonny C & Leo
<b>Holly</b>	Jimmy, Audrey & Sully-Blu
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Titus, Scarlett, April, Tom, Niko & Theo
<b>Cedar</b>	Alex, Rowan & Jayden
<b>Cypress</b>	Erin, Mabel & Lola
<b>Redwood</b>	Etien, Ronnie, Guney, Samuel B, Valentina & Verity
<b>Rowan</b>	Georgia, Mattie, Esme, George, Ben & Remy
<b>Elder</b>	Jaden, Wilfred & Freya
<b>Oak</b>	Reuben, Isaac, Sid, Alfie, Robynn & Marah

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

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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](mailto: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



### CLASS DOJO

Remote Learning resources can be found on the year group pages of Class Dojo for any child who is self-isolating due to COVID (if they are well enough to complete them).

Please make sure you still have access to Class DoJo in case you need it in the future.

Please contact the office for information.

Please note the learning resources will be sufficient to cover the isolation period and will be changed as required.

### DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evenings (via MS Teams)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November (25 <sup>th</sup> for Horse Chestnut class)	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisation (whole school)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Wear odd socks for anti-bullying week  Homework
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Non- uniform day (chocolate donations for PTA winter fair tombola stall please)  Homework
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Outdoor Carol Concerts – all years (Rec, Y1 & 2= 2.20pm, Y3,4,5 & 6 = 7pm)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Winter Fair 12-3pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA funded West End in Schools xmas treat for the children
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term Non uniform day Y4 PTA Cake Sale
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school

**NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office**

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