



Newsletter

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Next INSET Day –
Monday 6th June
2022



Welcome back to the Spring Term 2022. We are pleased to have returned to our usual systems and routines again, after having to return to year groups pods just prior to the holidays. We will continue to apply COVID measures, such as hand hygiene, plenty of ventilation and adults wearing face coverings in communal areas. Please make sure children are dressed warmly for school as the temperature inside the building can be affected by the increased ventilation. All children will also benefit from having a named coat at school each day due to the cold winter temperatures and unsettled weather.

Staffing update:

We look forward to welcoming Mr Sean Copping to Elm Grove from Monday 24th January 2022.

Mr Copping is going to be our School Business Manager. He is already experienced in this role, having previously worked in the same position at a school in East Sussex.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Blossom Garden Parent Volunteer Sessions

Blow away the new year cobwebs by helping clear, tidy and maintain the school gardens. The next four dates are:

Saturday January 15th
Saturday January 29th
Saturday February 12th
Saturday February 26th

Sessions are 10.30am - 12pm, meet at the car park metal gates or call Emma McGowan on 07737 926 442 if you can only drop in for a short while.

Everyone welcome. Just bring gardening gloves if you have some. If you have to bring kids to be able to come, please have them bring a ball or game so they can occupy themselves in the basketball court.

Please do come and bring a friend. It's a fun hour and a half in the fresh air, a bit of a workout, and goes by in a flash. But it's also really essential while school funds are so stretched to avoid the outside areas really deteriorating. So if you're in half a mind to come, please please do! You won't regret it.

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.

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Have your say on a vision for Elm Grove Primary School

School Governing Boards are responsible for setting the overall strategic framework, vision and priorities for a school. This includes setting and modelling the school's culture, values and ethos. Elm Grove's governors are in the process of evaluating and updating the vision for the school. To help with this we want to hear from the whole school community – including staff, parents and carers, and students – about the things you think should be prioritised as we look to the future. Please complete the short survey which is being sent via School Ping today by Monday 17th January to help guide our thinking.
Thank you



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.

Homework - Our fortnightly homework grids will resume from this week. Homework dates for this half term will be:

Friday 14th January

Friday 28th January

Friday 11th February

The homework grids will be uploaded onto the homework page of the school website:

[Homework – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

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.



Are you interested in getting involved with Elm Grove's contribution to this year's Children's Parade? Initially we need a small group of volunteers to join experienced makers to construct the 'big make'. Other volunteers (adults and children) for further work will be required nearer the time.

The 3D making period will be from January to May with the main driver being what we call the "mas camp" in late February.

The Mas camp is where school groups can spend 1 day in person learning (or improving) their making skills in a large making space. The Same Sky artists get groups started making large centre piece images and costumes.

Mas camps will be held between 21st February- Sun 27th February at BACA (Brighton Aldridge Community Academy).

Elm Grove's mass camp section dates and times are:

Tuesday 22nd Feb – 9.00am -4.30pm

Thursday 24th Feb 1.30pm-4.30pm

Sunday 27th Feb 9.30am – 1.30pm

A maximum of 4 people from each group can attend and attendees must be over 16years old

They must be the same 4 attendees over the entire individual session to minimise any possible extra Covid 19 transmission.

Please email Louise Willard if you are interested: louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

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GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Robyn, Ibuki, Mina
Birch	Iscah, Arthur, Dotti
Baobab	Charlie, Jake, Mei
Bonsai	Leo, Sam W, Victoire
Holly	Elina, Eddie, Rocco
Horse Chestnut	Eli, Nathan, Hannah
Cedar	Scarlett, Seyf, Willow
Cypress	Finley, Owen, Indira
Redwood	Albie C, Albie G, Douggie, Olivia V, Sophie
Rowan	Whole class
Elder	Wilfred, Bella, Callie
Oak	Ava, Marah, Bailey

Uniform Library – our next Uniform Library will be on the top playground before school tomorrow (Tuesday January 11th) and after school on Friday 14th January (TBC). The uniform library is a great way to recycle good quality school uniform and coats when children have outgrown them. It not only saves money (all donated items are free to everyone) but it is environmentally friendly as it saves on landfill.



Calling all tradespeople

Do you or anyone you know have access to any of the following?

- Empty cable reels
- Decking or plank offcuts
- Guttering, tubes or pipes
- Logs and tree 'cookies'
- Crates

If so, we are always on the lookout for some for our OPAL playtimes. Please donate to the 'loose parts' collection point in the staff car park. Thank you!

Look out for more information about OPAL coming to our website soon.



DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Monday 31 st January	Anniversary memorial event for James Roocroft
Friday 11 th February	Non- uniform day End of half term
Monday 21 st February	Children return to school
March 2022	Parents Evening – dates TBC

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Louise Widdowson

Head teacher

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