



Newsletter

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Next INSET Day –
Monday 6th June
2022

Updated COVID Guidance

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has recently changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day after your symptoms started (or from when your initial test was taken if you did not have symptoms). The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart. It is also advised that masks are no longer required under government guidance. However we at Elm Grove will remain vigilant with social distancing and other preventative measures, with many of our staff continuing to wear face coverings by personal choice.

Punctuality reminder – now we have returned to normal school timings, please ensure your child arrives promptly each day. Children can find it really stressful to enter the classroom once lesson have already begun. They can also miss important learning from the whole class input, which is then hard to catch up on.

Doors open each day from 8.50am and all children are expected to be in class, ready to learn by 9am.



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 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.

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.

Homework

Homework - Homework dates for this half term will be:

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](#)

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents Evening Info

Due to continuing COVID rates and restrictions we will again be holding our Spring term parents evening on MS Teams. Meetings will take place on Tuesday March 15th, Wednesday 16th and Wednesday 23rd. Slots will soon be available to book via School Ping. More information on booking appointments with the SENCO and Inclusion Team will follow.

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.

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.



Uniform Library – our next Uniform Library will be on the top playground, dates 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.





GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Lilja, Truman and Sohan
Birch	
Baobab	Evie, Kieran and Belle
Bonsai	Phoebe, Luca and Ethan
Holly	Solomon, Marley and Sebastian
Horse Chestnut	
Cedar	Emily, Rosie and Evan
Cypress	Javi, Isla and Arthur
Redwood	
Rowan	Siyar, Denley and Mattie
Elder	Lucas, Phoebe and Jagoda
Oak	Lilly, Caden and Cosie

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
15 th , 16 th & 23 rd March	Parents Evening
Saturday 7 th May	Children's Parade

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Head teacher