



# Newsletter

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Next INSET Day –  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June



We held a whole school outdoor assembly last week, and planted our new Olive tree, in memory of James Roocroft, our previous Site Manager who passed away on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

Crazes come and go at school. Current crazes seem to be pokémon cards again and mini skateboards. Please can parents and carers ensure cards and boards stay at home (or get swapped out of school hours) as we have had to resolve lots of issues recently with lost items, swaps that have gone wrong or changed minds.

The children will also be reminded in assembly that toys should not be brought into school and kept for playing with at home. Thank you



## Athletics Competition

We recently took 21 athletes from Y5/6 to an indoor athletics competition at BACA against 4 other local primary schools. The children performed with admirable determination and, as always, supported each other superbly. We finished in 2nd place overall, just 12 points behind the winners, Goldstone, and 58 points ahead of Patcham in 3rd place. Very well done to all involved.



**\*\*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 February 12<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>

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.

## PARENTS' EVENING

### Parents Evening Info

Due to continuing COVID rates we have decided it will be safer to hold our Spring term parents evening on MS Teams again. Meetings will take place on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Slots will soon be available to book via School Ping. More information on booking appointments with the SENCO and Ms Willard will follow, as well as a plan for parents and carers to get a chance to see their children's work.

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## PTA NEWS-

We can't quite believe it's the last week of this half term already. The PTA have lots of exciting events coming up, so please put get dates in your diaries: **Spring Fair**- we're very pleased to announce that our Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd April. We are holding our planning meeting on Thursday 10th February at 1-1.30pm on Zoom. Please [email elmgrovePTA0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrovePTA0@gmail.com) for details. Everyone's welcome, please help us to shape our first ever Spring Fair!

**Free Uniform Library**- Need new shorts for spring? A polo shirt? Sweater? Skirt? Help yourself to FREE school uniform this Friday after school in the top playground.

**Storyboard trail**- In celebration of Spring and Half Term, Balfour Primary School are hosting a Storyboard Walk with Koru Kids and they've invited everyone in the community to join in the fun. It's an outdoor game, story and walk all in one! Children, together with their families, follow the trail to complete the story which helps Marina the Monkey get her balloon back. It starts on Friday 18 February and runs until 13th March. It's perfect for families with children aged 3 - 10 although we do recommend buggies or scooters for the younger kids. Booklets and maps will be sent home in book bags.

Visit [korukids.co.uk/brightonwalk](http://korukids.co.uk/brightonwalk) to find out more.

**PTA Social** - We're going OUT! This will be a great opportunity to meet new people, find out a bit about what we do or just have a drink! We'll be meeting at The Hartington on Friday 25th February from 7.30 and would love for you to join us!

**World Book Day**- Thursday 3rd March - do you fancy organising a free book swap to coincide with World Book Day? Or have another idea for the children to celebrate the joy of reading? Please [email elmgrovepta0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrovepta0@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**PTA AGM**- Please join us on Thursday 10th March for our AGM. Find out what we've managed to raise (despite the pandemic!) and what we've got planned for the next year. This will be a great opportunity to see what the PTA do to fundraise for the school and to get involved. Perhaps you've got experience managing social media, advertising, events, copy writing, just fancy doing something worthwhile or meet new people - we'd love for you to get involved with the charity. It may be that you can help on a one off event, or something more regular, we're very grateful for everyone's time, no matter how much or little you can offer! The AGM will be held at 8pm at the school and we will be putting on wine and nibbles!

**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.

## PTA NEWS Continued-

**Y6 Easter cake sale** - This will be held on the last day before the Easter holidays - Friday 8th April. More details to come, until then - Y6 get your baking caps on! On the same day we will be holding an **Easter Bonnet decorating competition** - watch this space!

**Chuckles for Charity Comedy Night** - We are so excited to announce our comedy night at Komedia on Monday 13th June! We have a SUPERB line up, hosted and organised by Elm Grove's very own Jen Brister. Jen will be joined by Zoe Lyons, Kerry Godliman, Angela Barnes, Joe Wilkinson, Michael Fabbri, Laura Lexx, Ingrid Dahle and Maureen Younger. Buy your tickets direct from Komedia at <https://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/comedy/chuckles-for-charity-elm-grove-primary-school-fundraiser/>



## 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.



## GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



<b>Beech</b>	Arry, Jess & Marley
<b>Birch</b>	Jake, Honey & Anya
<b>Baobab</b>	Max, Stanley & Willow
<b>Bonsai</b>	Betty, Ornette & Rudy
<b>Holly</b>	Solomon, Eddie & Conor
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Tristan, Hannah & April
<b>Cedar</b>	Alex D, Felix & Poppy
<b>Cypress</b>	Isla, Toula & Jacob
<b>Redwood</b>	Valentina, Douggie & Olivia S
<b>Rowan</b>	Maiwenn, Billy & Reid
<b>Elder</b>	Eva, Rosa & Elsa
<b>Oak</b>	Emily B, Emily H & Leo



Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on **7-13 February 2022**. This year's theme is Growing Together. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

**Safer Internet Day 2022** will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

## Homework

The next homework grid will be published on:

**Friday 11th February**

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

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

You can find out more about your child's learning this term on the Year group pages on our website. There is a separate page for each year group: [Reception – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of The Tree Times is attached and can also be found on [The Tree Times – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

### DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	-End of half term -Non- uniform day. £1 donation to raise funds for the Children's Parade resources -Uniform library
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Children return to school
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Social
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World book day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA AGM
15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	PTA Spring Fair
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	-End of Spring Term - Non uniform day Y6 -Easter cake sale & Easter bonnet competition
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Parade
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Chuckles for comedy

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