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



Elm Grove is currently experiencing very high levels of staff and pupil absence again. This is partly due to Covid infection, as well as other illness, but also high numbers of sickness and diarrhoea.

I would like to reassure you that sickness and diarrhoea is a mild infection and people usually recover fully within 2-3 days. No specific treatment is needed, but it is important to drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

As you will know, sickness and diarrhoea is highly contagious and spreads easily from person to person, especially in close communities such as schools, therefore, we are asking for your help to prevent further illness within the school by following advice in the checklist below:

- If your child develops symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting you should keep them off school and away from other childcare settings such as childminders until they have been symptom free at least **48 hours**.
- Good hygiene is important to stop the spread of infection, especially hand washing, frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, particularly after using the toilet and before eating.
- Good hygiene in the home will also help prevent spread to other family members. If possible separate toilets and towels should be used and door handles, wash basins and toilet handles should be frequently cleaned.
- If symptoms do not resolve after 48 hours or if you are concerned please contact your GP by phone or for health enquiries call 111.

We will be reminding children about washing hands in school and continue to be vigilant cleaning classroom equipment. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

[Diarrhoea and vomiting - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



## BLOSSOM GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

alternate Saturdays  
 10.30am-12pm



### **\*\*NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY\*\***

Blossom Garden Parent Volunteer Sessions  
 Make the most of the Spring weather by coming along to a fun gardening session, next dates are:

- Saturday March 26th
- Saturday April 9th (first weekend of Easter holiday)
- Saturday April 23rd (last weekend of Easter holiday)
- Saturday May 7th
- Saturday May 21st

Sessions are 10.30am - 12pm, meet at the car park metal gates or call Emma 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.

See you there!

### **REMINDER**

We would like to remind parents and carers that the school doors open at **8.50am** and pupils are expected to be in class by 9am. Before 8.50am any pupils waiting at the school gate are under the supervision of their grown-ups.

## PTA NEWS -

**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!

**COLOUR RAFFLE PRIZES** – We are holding our fabulous colour raffle again! Please donate raffle prizes that match your year group's colour (see below) and take to your classroom from next week, **MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH - FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**. Extra donations also most welcome. This year we will also have a rainbow box 1<sup>st</sup> prize which includes £100 cash kindly donated by Grove Gardens.

- Reception - **WHITE**
- Year 1 - **PINK**
- Year 2 - **PURPLE**
- Year 3 - **RED**
- Year 4 - **GREEN**
- Year 5 - **BLUE**
- Year 6 - **SILVER & GOLD**

**BRIC-A-BRAC** - Make room in those toy cupboards - the bric-a-brac stall needs good quality toys, puzzles, dolls, cars, fancy dress & games. No books thank you, we have lots left from our fabulous Book Bonanza.

**TEDDIES** - We are also collecting clean teddies and soft toys for the teddy tombola

**JAM JARS** - Please save your old jars (with lids), give them a rinse and decorate them before filling with goodies, craft supplies, sweets, chocolate, nick nacks, toys for the Jam Jar Tombola. If you can't decorate or fill your jar please save it anyway and we can fill them for you.

**PLEASE LEAVE BRIC-A-BRAC, TEDDY AND JAM JAR DONATIONS IN THE BLACK BIN AT THE TOP OF THE CAR PARK ON MONDAY 28th & TUESDAY 29th MARCH**

**CAKES** - Immediately before the fair we'll also be collecting cakes and bakes, so if you're a baker and can contribute we'd be most welcome.

**CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA** - Lastly, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March where we ask that every child please brings a chocolate bar (or £1 and we'll buy a chocolate bar on your behalf) for the chocolate tombola.

Thanks so much for your support,  
The PTA x



Our Spring term parents evenings will take place on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please contact the school office if you wish to make an appointment with Mrs Kemp, SENDCO, or Ms Willard (admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk).

## PUPIL SPORT UPDATE

We recently took a group of Y6 children to a netball competition against 5 other schools, and despite it being an unfamiliar sport to our entire team, we managed to win, and will now play in the city finals! Congratulations to: Prim, Lilly, Isaac, Tarisha, Ava (Oak); Jaden, Lily, Lucas (Elder). We also played a football match against Goldstone Primary which we won 3-0, so we are now through to the quarter-final stage. Well done to: Heath, Lucas, Lily (Elder); Monty, Luca, Isaac (Oak); Samuel, Sam, Douggie, Danny (Redwood). Special congratulations should also go to Lily in Elder class. Back in November at the Brighton and Hove schools' cross-country championships, she finished in the top 20 places and therefore qualified to represent the city in the Sussex finals; this event took place recently, and Lily finished in 29<sup>th</sup> place out of 150 runners, helping her team to 1<sup>st</sup> place overall.

And finally, after participating in a school hockey festival last term, Albie C (Redwood) and Barnaby (Rowan) decided to take up the sport outside of school and have now represented the city in a Sussex-wide competition. Very well done to both of them.



Could we politely remind parents and carers of Key Stage 2 children that if they choose to send their child in with a snack for morning breaktime, it should be healthy, such as fruit or vegetables. This would not include sweets, crisps or chewing gum, all of which have been spotted over recent days. Many thanks for your continued support.

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**B&H SCHOOLS BATON RELAY** - As it is the Platinum Jubilee and also the Commonwealth Games, B&H schools are organising their very own Queen's Baton Relay.

The collective journey of the official baton hopes to ignite hope, solidarity and collaboration, as it connects communities embraces unique cultures and shares inspirational stories. Each school will create its own message to add to the baton. Elm Grove pupils message of hope is 'spread peace around the world.'

Elm Grove will receive the baton from St Martin's School on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, and pass it on to St Luke's School on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

<https://www.birmingham2022.com/queens-baton-relay/baton>



**PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE** – school doors open at 8.50am each morning, giving children 10 minutes to come into school before registers are taken at 9am, when school officially starts. Please ensure children arrive during this time so they are in class and ready to learn by 9am. Children remain in the care of their parents and carers until the doors open at 8.50am as staff are not on duty until this time.

Thank you.

Children are working really hard to catch up on missed learning as a result of the pandemic. Please help them achieve this by ensuring they attend school every day, unless they are too ill or are infectious to others.

You can record pupil absence via the Studybugs app: [Studybugs – Parents](#)

Currently 70% of our families use Studybugs for pupil absence reporting.



**GOLDEN BOOK MERITS**

<b>Beech</b>	Zuzia, Robin & Joshua T
<b>Birch</b>	Amelia, Mia & Nell
<b>Baobab</b>	Freddie & Alice
<b>Bonsai</b>	Ann, Sonny C, Amari & Juno
<b>Holly</b>	Misheck, Kiichi & Bobby
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Fabian, Livvy & Robyn
<b>Cedar</b>	Sydney, Scarlett & Poppy
<b>Cypress</b>	Isaac, Lola & Cheyenne
<b>Redwood</b>	Bethan RO, Elodie & Olivia T
<b>Rowan</b>	Edie, Esme & Danny
<b>Elder</b>	Jim, Max & Oscar
<b>Oak</b>	Alfie, Aletheia & Finlay



**RETURN OF THE CHILDREN'S PARADE -**

5000 of Brighton and Hove's school children, along with their teachers and Same Sky will fill the city with a sea of colour and creativity for the opening of Brighton Festival 2022 on Saturday May 7th. This year's theme is Rebuilding and Hope, celebrating the strength and resilience of our communities, and what we can achieve when we listen and work together.

Please look out for the sign up letter being sent out soon if your child wishes to participate in this years parade.

'Big Make' workshops are being held in the main school hall on the following dates:

Sat & Sun 26th/27<sup>th</sup> March

Sat & Sun 30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May

A sign up letter was sent out last week for any pupil interested in getting involved.

We need lots of egg boxes for the big make – please send any donations to the school office.

Thank you!

**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.

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The next homework grids will be published on:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

The homework grids will be uploaded onto the homework page of the school website: [Homework – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

Visit our new Inclusion/SEND page on the website: [Inclusion at Elm Grove – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

### DIARY DATES

Date	Event
15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	B&H Schools Baton Relay at Elm Grove
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Let's Dance at the Dome
Monday March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Down Syndrome Day – wear odd socks to highlight that being unique is a positive thing.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Non-uniform day where children donate chocolate for the PTA Spring Fair chocolate tombola.
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
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Parade
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Chuckles for comedy

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

Head teacher

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