



Newsletter

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Next INSET Day –
Monday 6th June



Welcome back to the **Summer Term** at Elm Grove Primary School. I hope everyone had a lovely break and had the chance to enjoy the glorious weather. We are looking forward to the children returning to school and starting their new Summer Term Learning Journeys. We have a short, but busy half term ahead.

We are saying goodbye and good luck this Wednesday to Mrs Lorraine Williams. Mrs Williams has worked in various roles at Elm Grove for 37 years and is taking a well-deserved early retirement. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Williams well for all that is ahead of her.



Thank you again to everyone who supported our recent highly successful PTA Spring Fair. The PTA raised an incredible £4,066.48 at the event which will go towards PTA/school projects such as classroom refurbishment, purchase of ipads for the computing curriculum, new reading books, enrichment activities, etc.

Consultation for parents of colour and parents of children of colour-

As part of the Brighton & Hove city wide Anti-racism school strategy we would like to consult with Parents of Colour/BAME/ Parents of children of Colour/BAME to:

- Understand yours and your child/children's experiences as part of the school community
- Share your ideas to develop inclusive and anti-racist school practices
- Raise any concerns and issues

The session will be held on **28th April, 9-11am** in the school restaurant. It will be an informal discussion, facilitated by independent education consultants Abha Aggarwal and Ruth England.

Refreshments will be provided. Useful resources will be shared.

If you are able to attend, please contact the school office at admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk If you would like more information, or have any questions please contact Hannah Mehta at hannahmehta@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk



SPORTS UPDATE

We recently took a team of Y5/6 children to a tag rugby festival, only one of whom had any previous experience of the game. After a few coaching activities, we played three matches against other schools, winning one, drawing one and losing one. The children made exceptional progress in just one afternoon; indeed, the experienced coach from Hove Rugby Club said that he had never seen a group of children, who were brand new to the game, pick it up so quickly! Very well done to: Summer, Sophie, Maisie (Redwood); Danny, Stanley, Billy (Rowan); Oscar, Clem (Elder); Emily B, Cosi, Marah, Reuben (Oak).

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Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming **Children's Parade** on Saturday May 7th. Elm Grove is number 33 in the parade, for those who want to come and cheer us on. Please look out for an information letter which will be sent via School Ping early this week for all pupils who have signed up to participate in the event.

The theme for the parade is Rebuilding and Hope. Elm Grove is part of the 'Rebuilding and Hope for the Natural World' section. Our contribution will focus on saving sea creatures, particularly whales, by reducing plastics in our oceans. The children will have assemblies about plastic pollution this week. Parents and carers may be interested in signing up to The Big Plastic Count.

[How it works | The Big Plastic Count](#)

Homework

The next homework grids will be published on: **Friday 29th April and Friday 13th May**

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



Food Assistance- The last 2 years have been a difficult time and we know that many families are struggling with money and affording healthy food for their family. However, there is support available.

You may be eligible for **free school meals** for your child [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#)

The **Brighton and Hove Food Partnership** has lots of useful information on how to access emergency food

parcels <https://bhfood.org.uk/resources/accessing-emergency-food-parcels/>

Everyone across the City can **buy low-cost shopping** if they need to. More information is available here: <https://bhfood.org.uk/how-to-hub/low-cost-and-free-community-shopping/>

If you are pregnant or have a child under 4 you may also be able to get help to buy milk, fruit and vegetables. [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#).

If you would like any more information on any of the above, please talk to Sam or Tammy based in **The Nest** (InclusionTeam@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk)



BLOSSOM GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

alternate Saturdays
10.30am-12pm



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 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!



'Loose Parts' urgently needed for the playground sheds – our stocks of loose parts are running very low and are in need of revitalising for our OPAL playtimes. Please donate any items you can to the 'loose parts' collection point in the staff car park. Thank you!

Some examples of what we need are:

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

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

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SCHOOL UNIFORM – All children are expected to wear Elm Grove uniform colours of green, white and grey – in any combination. (NB this can include jogging bottoms and hoodies). No items with logos please, apart from the optional Elm Grove logo. We have made the decision to say grey, not black tights/leggings. We also ask that the children wear sensible, school appropriate shoes and that all items are clearly named..

<https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/information/school-uniform/>

Parent Governor Vacancy:

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to join the governing body team and another position starting in June. You do not need to be an expert in education - we would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in children's education and the performance of the school and has time to attend meetings and carry out termly visits to the school. For more information please see the letter attached. A limited number of paper copy letters will also be available in the school office.

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.

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.

COVID vaccination update:

The in-school COVID-19 secondary school vaccination programme will end on Friday 1 April. 12 to 15 year olds will still be able to access the vaccine outside of school, at a vaccination centre, pharmacy or walk-in centre. Healthy 5 to 11 year olds have been offered the COVID-19 vaccine since the beginning of April. Vaccinations will take place outside of school, in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres. Parents of 5 to 11 year olds will receive a letter from the NHS with further information on the vaccine.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days if they are well.



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Beech	Marley, Ivy, Ariadne
Birch	Pippa, Ayeza, Robyn
Baobab	Jake, Kieran, India
Bonsai	Whole class
Holly	Audrey, Ted, Diggory
Horse Chestnut	Athena, Lewis, Romy
Cedar	Elka, Sienna, Iscah
Cypress	Isla, Beau, Mabel
Redwood	Sam M, Olivia V, Valentina
Rowan	Ben, George, Siyar, Barnaby
Elder	Clem, Freya, Jagoda
Oak	Tarisha, Ava, Sam

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Monday 25 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 28 th April	Consultation for parents of colour and parents of children of colour
Monday 2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Saturday 7 th May	Children's Parade
w/b Monday 9 th May	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 25 th May	Class photographs
Friday 27 th May	Last day of half term
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 7 th June	Children return to school
Monday 13 th June	PTA Chuckles for comedy
Friday 24 th June	KS1 (Y1 & 2) Sports Day
Date TBC	Reception Sports Day
Friday 1 st July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of term for pupils

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Louise Wickland

Head teacher

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