



# Newsletter

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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
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Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year, and a warm welcome to our new pupils and families.

Teachers are currently in the process of writing end of year annual reports, which will be sent home towards the end of term (Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>).

Transition opportunities for the children are also being carefully planned as we start to prepare for the next academic year. This will include class re-shuffles for children currently in Reception and Year 3. The aim of the re-shuffling is to create balanced learning groups, whilst also considering friendships.

We are aiming for the new groupings and classes will be announced by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Bennett, Miss Crofton and Mr Maestro at the end of this term. Miss Crofton and Mr Maestro are both moving abroad to teach (Portugal and Spain), and Mrs Bennett will be caring for her new grandson while his mum is at work.

Mrs Souttar will be starting her maternity leave from September.

The school is currently advertising for new staff accordingly and we will keep you updated once new teachers are appointed.

**Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) -** If your child receives benefits-related free school meals, FREE holiday provision is available across the city as part of the Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. Learn more and get booked on now: <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf>

## Who is Brighton & Hove's HAF programme for?

Funded by the DfE, HAF is free to school-aged (Reception to Year 11) children across the city who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM). We also have a good allocation of places for those meeting the below criteria, though our key focus will remain on reaching those on FSM.

- Those with a Social Worker, to include looked-after children or previously looked after children
- Young carers
- Those with an education, health, and care plan (EHCP)
- Those referred by the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service (EMAS) to include but not limited to asylum seekers, refugees, and those with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

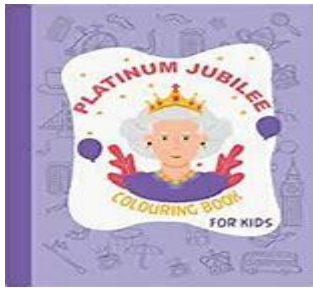
Thanks for your support. Please do contact [HAF@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@brighton-hove.gov.uk) with any questions or to learn how to get more involved.

**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.

**ECO COMMITTEE**- Eco Committee have been working hard towards our Green Flag award. Please see attached posters about action plan for the work that has been completed.

We also welcome Eva in Elder class has also joined as the newest member of the Eco Committee. For regular updates on the work being done go to: <https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/information/eco-council/>

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The Department for Education has given a book about Queen Elizabeth II for every pupil in the country. This is to celebrate the Queen's recent Platinum Jubilee.

Elm Grove pupils will bring home their copies this week. The children can keep the books and do not need to return them to school.



**Changing Narratives**

**Changing Narratives** - in partnership with Brighton & Hove Libraries, Changing Narratives have launched a Book Review Competition for 5-11 years. Please see the attached letter for more information.



**Blossom Garden Volunteer Session** - Only 2 more sessions before we break up for the summer holidays!

Saturday June 25th

Saturday July 9th

If you've been thinking about coming along but not made it yet, it would be great if you could get to one of these last sessions. You'd be warmly welcomed! We've done almost a full academic year in the Blossom Garden and other playgrounds. It's been lovely but it's also sadly essential due to lack of funds means the school infrastructure is in a dire state.

Hope to see you on a Saturday soon. Drop in any time. If the gate is locked, call Emma on 07737 926 442 and someone will come up and let you in.

**Sun Safety** - now that the summer months are finally upon us it is important that all of our pupils stay safe when outside at break and lunchtimes. We know that staying safe in the sun is important for both our long term and short term health and that children can be especially sensitive to sun burning.

On these hot and sunny days please ensure that your child/ren come into school wearing sun cream (SPF30 and above is recommended) and wearing appropriate clothing. Children are able to wear sun hats outside (not in class) and can bring in named suncream to apply in school

**Attendance** - thank you for your continued support in working with us to improve attendance at Elm Grove. Having looked at the past terms registers we are aware that a large amount of late marks are negatively impacting our overall attendance. If we could all work together to ensure children arrive on time, 8.50am for a prompt 9am start, this would have a positive impact not only on the children's start to the day but also drastically improve overall attendance. Should you need any support or advice please contact Sam and Tammy ([InclusionTeam@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:InclusionTeam@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk)).



All schools are now required to have an **Attendance Policy** which follows statutory policy. Please see Elm Grove policy attached with this newsletter.



**The next homework grids will be published on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.**

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

**New member of the Admin Team** – we will be welcoming Ms Alice Iliffe Miller to Elm Grove when she joins the Admin Team at the end of June. Alice will work school hours, Monday – Friday.

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**\*\* PTA NEWS \*\***

Monday 13th June - our very first Chuckles for Charity comedy night at Komedia is nearly sold out! Go to [www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/comedy/chuckles-for-charity-elm-grove-primary-school-fundraiser/](http://www.komedia.co.uk/brighton/comedy/chuckles-for-charity-elm-grove-primary-school-fundraiser/) to buy your ticket if you haven't already. We have an amazing line up, hosted by Jen Brister, we have Joe Wilkinson, Kerry Godliman, Zoe Lyons, Laura Lexx, Angela Barnes, Michael Fabbri, Ingrid Dahle & Maureen Younger. We will also have a raffle on the night, £100 top cash 1st prize from Lewes Rd Inn, £50 Theatre Royal voucher, £25 Komedia voucher, £10 Picture House voucher plus signed merchandise! Help us raise much needed funds for the school whilst having a laugh!

Saturday 25th June - Summer Arts Festival in the Blossom Garden. Come and enjoy the children singing, dancing, playing instruments and performing on stage! The event will be free to enter but still a fantastic opportunity for fundraising with games, bouncy castle, BBQ, cakes and candy floss. More info to come nearer the day - get the date in your diary!

Thank you, the PTA x



**SPORTS UPDATE -**

We took a group of Y3 / 4 children to a racket festival at Withdean Sports Complex recently. They all tried really hard and enjoyed the opportunity to try out badminton, tennis and squash. Well done to: Sebastian, Minnie, Theo (Holly); Romy, Grace (Chestnut); Polly, Arthur, Beau (Cypress); Willow, Evan, Rowan (Cedar).

We recently discovered that the date of our KS2 Sports Day at Withdean Stadium clashes with the day that most of our Y6 children will be visiting their secondary schools. As a result, we have moved the date for KS2 Sports Day, and it will now take place on **Tuesday 12th July**



**GOLDEN BOOK MERITS**



<b>Apple</b>	Ariella, Leah, Arlo, Marnie, Eleanor and Autumn
<b>Cherry</b>	Henry, Rudy, Rusty, Zeph, Buzz and Nate
<b>Beech</b>	Estelle, Isaac, Ibuki, Zuzia, Robyn A and Ivy
<b>Birch</b>	Honey, Eleanor, Zakariya and Whole Class
<b>Baobab</b>	Whole Class, Samuel, Seb and Kit
<b>Bonsai</b>	Whole Class, Anne, Sonnie R and Nina
<b>Holly</b>	Bobby, Marley, Seb, Ted, Jamie and Kiichi
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Athena, Evellyn, Eliza, Scarlett, Livvy and Alexander
<b>Cedar</b>	Felix, Alex M, Scarlett, Willow, Emily and Kimberly
<b>Cypress</b>	Thalia, Mabel, Owen, Lola, Sienna and Jacob
<b>Redwood</b>	Elodie, Fionn, Mason, Guney, Lucien and Summer
<b>Rowan</b>	Matilda, Stanley, Maiwenn, Lyra, Sydney and Florence
<b>Elder</b>	Lily, Herbie, Willfred, Edmund and Max
<b>Oak</b>	Cosi, Coco, Sid, Sam and Ava

**DIARY DATES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Chuckles for comedy
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 (Y1 & 2) Sports Day
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Arts Festival
27 <sup>th</sup> June – 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Fortnight
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day (Withdean Stadium)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual reports sent home to parents and carers
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupils 'Meet the Teacher' session
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening (in person)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term for pupils

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

Head teacher

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