



Newsletter

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Next INSET
Thursday 21st July



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer break. It's been another very busy school year at Elm Grove; the support and input from our whole school community has helped make it such a successful one.

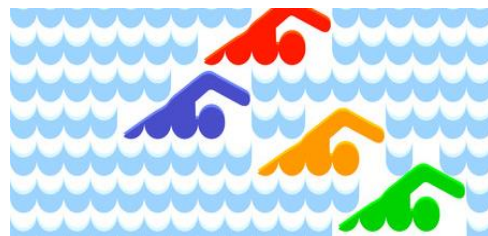
Thank you for all you have done to support the pupils and school throughout the year as we have slowly returned to usual routines and events.

I'd like to congratulate the Year 6 pupils on being such a great cohort, as well as their many academic achievements. I send them every wish for their new adventures ahead and hope they leave Elm Grove with lots of fond memories, good friends and a thirst for learning. I would like to express the same wish for any other pupil moving on to new schools in September, as well as the staff members moving on to ventures new: Mrs Souttar (good luck with the new baby), Mrs Bennett (enjoy your grandma duties), Miss Crofton (the children in Portugal will be very lucky to have you), Mr Maestro (have a wonderful time in your new school and being close to your Spanish family again) and Tammy (congratulations on your promotion).

We will miss you all very much indeed and thank you for your many and varied contributions to Elm Grove.

Successful interviews for new roles took place last week. I will update classes of their new teacher names as soon as everything has been fully confirmed. I will send out an updated staff structure as soon as it is. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you as well to the PTA for their incredible record-breaking year and significant contribution to the school.



SPORTS UPDATE

Our swimmers performed brilliantly in the recent, city-wide swimming gala, winning a huge total of 16 medals and finishing in 3rd place overall out of 9 schools - our best ever result! Very well done to: Etien (Redwood); Florence (Rowan); Lily, Heath, Freya, Nancy, Wilfred (Elder); Cosi, Emily B, Georgia, Sam, Primrose, Leo, Luca, Bailey, Finn, Ava (Oak).

OPEN EVENING & ANNUAL REPORTS



Annual reports will be sent home with the children in a sealed envelope on Friday 15th July. Year 6 reports will also include the children's SATs results. Year 6 parents/carers are welcome to collect these reports in person if they wish. Please contact the office on 01273 708004 if you would like to do this.

Parents/carers and pupils are invited to our Open Evening on Monday 18th July. Teachers will be based in classrooms and it's an opportunity to look at the children's work, visit new teachers/classes and discuss reports. It is a 'drop in' event and appointments are not required. Ms Willard, Mrs Kemp and Mr Waring will also be available in the Willow Room (ground floor offices)

Please note - Children's books will be kept in school until after the imminent Ofsted inspection has taken place – we expect it at some point during the Autumn Term. This is in order to show inspectors progression in the children's learning across the school year.

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TRANSITION

At this time of year, all classes think about transition and dealing with change, whether it is moving to a new school or moving classes and year groups.

Entering a new situation (a new classroom and a new teacher) can be stressful, and some points of transition (e.g. moving key stages or having classes re-shuffled) can be especially challenging for some pupils due to the change of teacher, classroom and teaching approach, and larger, unfamiliar environments. Any change, whilst exciting for many, can also bring its stresses and, at worst, inhibit learning.

We have been preparing the children for these transition periods through whole class work and also group and individual pupil support work where it is required.

At Elm Grove we will:

- Promote the smooth transition of children throughout all years at Elm Grove Primary School and beyond.
- Prevent and alleviate stress by helping children become resilient at these times by talking through what to expect and ways of managing their anxiety.
- Promote continuity of teaching and learning and maintain high expectations of pupil progress, behaviour and outcomes.

Children will meet their new teacher and teaching assistant on Friday 15th July. We will be welcoming a number of new pupils to the school in September too, and they have been invited to the 'meet the teacher' session as well.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

Elm Grove will be a hive of activity over the summer holidays, with school holiday clubs and groups, as well as hall window refurbishment, decoration and refurbishment of both of our Y6 classrooms, and the top playground development.

We very much look forward to seeing the results on our return in September. Much of the funding for these projects (apart from the hall windows) has been as a result of the incredible fundraising by the PTA, and also generous donations from Elm Grove Out of School Club.

THANK YOU FROM ALL AT ELM GROVE

CHANGE TO ELM GROVE SCHOOL TIMINGS FROM SEPTEMBER 2022

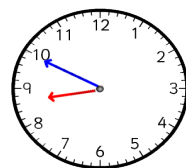
The recent Schools White Paper detailed how school weeks should run for at least 32-and-a-half hours.

Elm Grove will extend its school day for all accordingly.

Doors will open at 8.50am as usual but collection will now be 3.20pm each day for all pupils.

Please support us by ensuring your child arrives on time every day. Thank you.

Doors open



Register



School finishes



SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

Please donate any good quality school uniform you no longer require, ready for the new school year (especially outgoing Y6 pupils or smaller items suitable for the new Reception cohort).

Please drop off any donations (washed and folded) to the school office. We will then be able to store them for our next Uniform Library in the new term. Thank you.



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.



Fancy a well-deserved break this summer?

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. All participants will also be given a tasty meal.

First step is to complete a short request form for your unique HAF booking code from Brighton & Hove City Council, then you simply contact one of the providers to book your free place.

Learn more and get involved here: <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf>

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.

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Apple	Naly, Elsie, Albert
Cherry	Ellis, Rhion, Estella
Beech	Sohan, Talula, Ursula
Birch	Whole class
Baobab	Levi, Ripley, Whole class
Bonsai	Whole class
Holly	Audrey, Diggory, Misheck
Horse Chestnut	Tom, Tristan, Arlo
Cedar	Fitz, Sydney, Emily
Cypress	Toula, Isaac, Toby
Redwood	(Teacher absent)
Rowan	Olivia, Edward, Winnie
Elder	N/A
Oak	N/A

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Tuesday 12 th July	KS2 Sports Day (Withdean Stadium) Y6: 9:30-10:45 Y5: 10:45-12:00 Y4: 12:00-1:15 Y3: 1:15-2:30
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 6 leavers show (doors open to Y6 parents and carers at 1.30pm)
Friday 15 th July	Annual reports sent home to parents and carers
Friday 15 th July	Pupils 'Meet the Teacher' session 2pm
Monday 18 th July	Open Evening (in person) 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of term for pupils – usual timings. Non school uniform day PTA Y2 cake sale – last PTA fundraiser of the year!
Monday 5 th September	Children return for the Autumn Term

Louise Ireland

Head teacher

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