



Newsletter

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Next INSET
Tuesday 3rd January



Sustrans 'Bike It Lucy' will be in assembly on Wednesday 2nd November to talk about being bright and being seen during the autumn and winter months. She's inviting all children to Bling Up their bikes, scooters and shoes and bring them in on the day. We will be having parades around the playground to celebrate being seen. Ideas for decorating bikes and scooters can include tinsel, tinsel, cardboard, pipe cleaners or anything you have lying around the house. Be creative and get colouring anything that's not bright enough and don't forget to send your child in with a bike helmet (Lucy will have a couple of spares on the day). Any questions please contact Lucy 07768 424363 / lucy.dance@sustrans.org.uk

INSET Day Date Change

Please note a date change in the summer term 2023.

The school will now be closed to pupils for an INSET day on **Monday 5th June**, not Tuesday 2nd May as was previously stated.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please find an updated school calendar attached.

ALLERGEN UPDATE



Please contact the school office (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.



Secondary School Applications

The closing date for Year 6 applications to transfer to secondary school in September 2023 is the **31st October 2022**.

Guidance on the application process is available on the council website here: [School application guides](#)

Online applications are open on the council website here: [Apply for a school place](#)

We recommend that parents apply online as this means they will receive an automatic confirmation of their application. It also means they will receive an offer from us by email on 1st March 2023. If parents are unable to apply online they can apply by downloading an application form using this link: [Download school application forms](#) .

Please contact the school office if you need any support with this.

Email offers in response to online applications will be made after noon on 1st March 2023. Offer *letters* in response to paper applications will be posted first class on 1st March 2023 which means they will not be received until after 1st March. **No decisions will be given by telephone**

Secondary school tour dates:

Longhill 29th September 6-8pm
Dorothy Stringer 6th October 5-8pm
Cardinal Newman 19th October time 4-6.30pm
Varndean multiple dates 9.30-10am (see flyer)

All information about secondary school tours has been sent out via SchoolPing. We will continue to send information about further secondary school tours/visits who we have not yet received information for.

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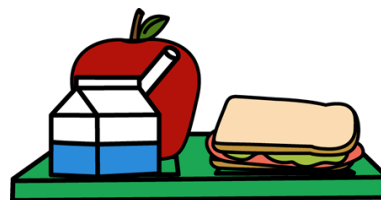
We're very excited to get our plans for the **school pantry** under way. The pantry will be open to all Elm Grove families and is aimed at preventing food waste whilst bringing down everyone's food bills. We are working in partnership with Feeding Britain and Neighbourly to get this up and running by October half term. If you can help donate time or materials to build or kit out our pantry please email elmgrovepta0@gmail.com.

With your help the PTA have just bought all the "Sounds Write" **books** that the school need to use for both whole-class reading, individual reading and home-school reading for all of Reception. These books will allow the children to follow a new programme for phonics where they learn to read using only phonetically decodable books which use only spellings for the sounds that they have learnt and run alongside the teaching of phonics. The idea is that they quickly progress through these phonetically decodable books and become fluent readers in order to then move on to being able to read "real" books in Year 2. These new books have just arrived, been stamped and are ready to start being used in class next week and being sent home the following week! This latest purchase of books by the PTA is in addition to the Sounds Write books we bought in the summer for Y1 and the school readers for Y3. Over the past three years the PTA have supported the school with £5000 towards new books.

WhatsApp groups - if you're not yet on your child's class WhatsApp group and would like to be added, please WhatsApp Becs on 07709 336200 with your name and child's class/year group and we will get you added.

Uniform Library - we're always after volunteers for the uniform library and would like to try and run another session before October half term. If you can help lay out uniform one day after school please message elmgrovepta0@gmail.com with your availability and we'll get it booked in!

Many thanks for your support, the PTA x



Could your child be entitled to free school lunches?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after the 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7400 per year

More information can be found on

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Please contact the school office or the Inclusion team for help if needed.

Elm Grove 2022-23 Curriculum Map

See the document attached to this newsletter outlining curriculum coverage across the school in all subject areas.

More information about progression in specific subjects can be found on our website:

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

Please park carefully when dropping children off at school, and DO NOT move any safety cones.

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.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Thank you for supporting our school attendance focus. We really appreciate the efforts families go to ensure good attendance. Please contact the Inclusion Team if you have any attendance concerns you wish to discuss. Please follow the link to our current attendance policy on the school website: [AttendanceandPunctualityPolicy2022.pdf](https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/AttendanceandPunctualityPolicy2022.pdf) ([elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk))



Uniform Ordering

* We have been made aware of a number of families who have ordered uniform over the summer and not yet received their orders. We are following this up with urgency and will keep you updated. In the meantime we have a large stock of good condition donated school uniform available to families free of charge.

At Elm Grove we have an online uniform shop run by School Trends. To order uniform please follow this link:

https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/Elm_Grove_Primary_School_BN2_3ES

or visit www.schooltrends.co.uk then select 'Find My School' and follow the order instructions.

There are no minimum order quantities and your uniform will be delivered directly to your chosen address. As well as our logo school uniform items, you are also able to order plain items such as trousers and skirts.

We also hold regular uniform swaps where you can pick up free second hand uniform from the school. Go to <https://www.elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk/inclusion-at-elm-grove/> to find out the next uniform swap date.



Swimming

Swimming is part of a curriculum requirement and is offered to all of KS2 (Years 3-6). Each class has 3 half terms per year of weekly swimming lessons. These sessions enable the majority of children who attend Elm Grove to learn to swim confidently and know how to be safe in and around water.

As the school is charged for the hire of local swimming facilities, we ask for a voluntary contribution for each child attending a swimming session in years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Currently the contribution is £1.50 per child per session (£10.50 for the ½ term), but this may be altered, depending on budgeting or other factors. All contributions are made via Parentpay. If all families pay, this will cover the cost of the hire of the swimming pool.

A swimming hat may be purchased via Parentpay for £1.



Mid-day Meal Supervisor Vacancy

Are you interested in joining the Elm Grove school team?

We currently have a vacancy for a mid-day meal supervisor. This is a really important role in the school; ensuring the children enjoy their lunchtime break and are kept safe.

The role is 5 days a week from 12-1.30pm (total 7.5hours). Please contact Louise Willard at louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk for more information.

No experience necessary – just plenty of patience and enthusiasm. Training will be offered by the school.

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Let your friends and neighbours know that if their child is going starting school in September 2023 they can visit Elm Grove for a school tour. See the available dates on our school website and the diary below.

For more information on applying for a Primary school place please go to: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/brighton-hove-schools/starting-infant-junior-or-primary-school>

The deadline to apply to start primary school in September 2023 is 15th January 2023.



Elm Grove Primary School contact details:

Phone

01273 708 004

Email

For general enquiries please email Shelly, Sonia, Alice or Ailsa at:

admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

If you would like to contact the headteacher please email:

louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

To contact the Inclusion team please email:

InclusionTeam@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

To contact the SENCO please email:

carlakemp@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

To contact the Chair of Governors please email:

dianaboyd@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

To contact the Finance team please email:

elmgrovefinance@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

To contact teachers/teaching assistants:

admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk and put 'for the attention of ...' in the subject bar

Website link:

[Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](https://www.elmgroveprimaryschool.co.uk)

Blossom Garden volunteers

It's time to restart our Blossom Garden parent/carer volunteer sessions.

We'd love to welcome some new faces this term, as some of our group were Y6 parents who have now left. If you like the idea of contributing something to the school, having a decent work out in the fresh air in sociable company, join us! Sessions are alternate Saturdays, 10.30am-12pm, drop in for as much or as little time as you have, no obligation to come every time. All equipment provided but helpful to bring your own gardening gloves if you have them. If you'd like a reminder just before each session, text Emma on 07737 926 442 and she'll add you to the What'sApp group (only fortnightly messages to confirm numbers).

SEPTEMBER DATES

24th

OCTOBER DATES

8th and 24th (first day of half term)

NOVEMBER DATES

5th and 19th

DECEMBER DATES

3rd

We hope to see you there on a Saturday soon!



BLOSSOM GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

alternate Saturdays
10.30am-12pm



Studybugs

STUDYBUGS

We would like to encourage all families, who have not already, to sign up and engage with the StudyBugs application. StudyBugs is an app that tracks what bugs are going around and allows parents to quickly and easily report student absence. You can report an absence via your phone or computer in just seconds.

<https://studybugs.com/>

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GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Apple	
Cherry	
Beech	Rowan, Grace & Iris
Birch	Amelie, Effie & Jake
Baobab	River, Joshua T & Jessica
Bonsai	Hamza, Pippa and Mia
Holly	Phoebe, Sonny R & Dulcie
Horse Chestnut	Belle, Evalie & Kieran
Cedar	
Cypress	Jamie, Maia & Akseli
Redwood	Isla, Sienna & Kasper H
Rowan	Jayden, Cleo & Emily
Elder	Mason, Maisie & Vinnie
Oak	Edie, Billy & Winnie

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 23 rd September	PTA welcome event
13 th October	Prospective parent tour
Friday 14 th October	Just One Tree – non uniform day/ £1 donation
Monday 17 th October	Prospective parent tour
Wednesday 19 th Oct	Prospective parent tour
Thursday 20 th October	Harvest Festival (more info to follow)
Friday 21 st October	Last day of half term
Wednesday 2 nd Nov	Bling Up Your Bike Day
Thursday 3 rd November	Prospective parent tour
Tuesday 8 th November	Prospective parent tour
Tuesday 8 th November	Parents Eve 3.40- 6.30pm
Wednesday 9 th Nov	Flu immunisation & Prospective parent tour
Thursday 10 th Nov	Parents Eve 3.40- 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 th Nov	Individual photos
Thursday 17 th Nov	Prospective parent tour x2
Friday 25 th Nov	OPAL play parent/carer meeting a.m.

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

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