



Newsletter

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Next INSET
Tuesday 3rd January

PLAY INVITE - We are very excited to invite you to find out more about Elm Grove's OPAL playtimes next Friday, 25th November.

You are invited to come for the morning to play with your child/children in the school grounds. We will be making dens, making up imaginative stories, playing with sand and much more (please look out for the sign up sheet in your child's book bag). **Note that Y4 will be on a school trip on this day so will not be able to participate.**

Please return the slip by Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

We are really excited about OPAL play and hope that you will support us in our continued efforts to improve playtime for all children.

If possible, please bring a loose part donation to help with den making, for instance a tyre, clean wood, tarp, plastic pipe, crate. We also are always looking for ride-on toys, old suitcases and anything from the loose parts list.

Thank you so much to the PTA for funding a new OPAL loose parts collection shed. All donations can now left in the grey shed opposite the new pantry.

Schedule:

8.50am – 9.00am: Arrive – please meet on the top playground

9.00am – 10am: Talk on the OPAL programme by our OPAL Mentor

10am – 11.am: Free play session with children
Please dress for all weathers and for play!



THINK PLAY before you THROW AWAY!

We are currently collecting loose parts for our OPAL programme.

If you have something old, broken, or taking up space in your home or office, we want you to think of the potential for loose parts play before you throw it away!

Here's a list of items to keep an eye out for:

- Old nets
- Assorted sizes of cardboard boxes (the bigger the better!)
- Sports equipment (pylons, sticks, rope, etc.)
- Furniture (chairs, storage bins, etc.)
- Milk crates
- Art easels
- Old kitchen items (utensils, pots, pans)
- Old electronics (keyboards, telephones, fax machines, etc.)
- Landscaping scraps (wood stumps, cut branches, etc.)

Thank you for supporting enriched outdoor play at our school!



Updated school vision

Over the last year, the school governors have been consulting staff, parents and carers and children to develop a new vision for the school. Over the next 5 years, we want to make sure that Elm Grove Primary will be a **flourishing school**, with a deserved reputation for providing **excellent education** opportunities whilst **nurturing children** and striving for the **best possible outcomes for everyone!**

You can read more about the vision and priorities identified by the governors on the [school website](#).

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SPORTS UPDATE

We took over 40 children from Y4-6 to the Brighton and Hove Schools' Cross-country championships on a wet and incredibly muddy day at Waterhall. Each of the 4 races involved around 300 runners, and our children showed excellent resilience and were incredibly supportive of one another; indeed, they did themselves and the school proud! Very well done to all involved, and a special mention should go to Rudi and Athena who were our first finishers in the Y5 Boys and Y5 Girls races despite both being in Y4, as well as Duggie, Samuel and Barnaby, who all finished in the top 25 positions in the Y6 Boys race - Duggie has now qualified to represent Brighton and Hove schools in the Sussex championships in 2023.



Brighton Half Marathon are very excited to announce that their youth races will be returning on race day Sunday 26th February 2023.

Located on Hove Prom, the event is designed for junior runners aged 7 -17. Open to all abilities, the youth runners run or jog one mile on Hove Prom, running along part of the main half marathon route, before the half marathon runners come through. The event gives youngsters the unique opportunity to experience the buzz of race day. Chip-timed, technical T-Shirt and medal included, plus prizes for the first three runners in each of the five categories.

To enter go to:

<https://brightonhalfmarathon.com/take-part/youth-race/>

ALLERGEN UPDATE



Please contact the school office if your child develops a new allergy/ intolerance, or any details the school needs to be aware of change.



PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at and attended our discos! We raised more than £1000 which is fantastic! This money will fund a Christmas activity for the whole school (watch this space for more details!), a new shed for OPAL donations AND form the foundation for a new fundraising drive to develop a graphic novel library in the school, so THANK YOU!

There's lots to look forward to in the build up to Christmas:

Saturday 10th December – Winter Makers Market with games, café, craft, Santa's grotto and this year we will be selling Christmas trees too. This will be the PTA's big fundraising drive to buy new electronic blinds for the hall. The children struggle to see the screen during assemblies and get blinded by the sun during PE lessons – so please show your support by volunteering and visiting our Winter Fair.

Personalised Christmas Cards – Thank you to everyone who designed their cards. These are being printed as we type, you will receive your order at the start of December.

Tuesday 13th December – KS2 Christmas show – The PTA will be providing a café selling tea, coffee, hot chocolate, mulled apple juice and mince pies for you to enjoy whilst watching the show

Friday 16th December – Y2 Christmas Cake Sale - top playground after school, 50p a cake! This will be raising funds to repair the rope in the original top playground climbing frame.

Friday 16th December – Kids Christmas Prize draw! – Every child can enter online for FREE for an equal chance to win a prize. For those families who are able we will be accepting online donations to fundraise for Samba band lessons in preparation for next year's Children's Parade.

Lastly thank you for your continued support and use of our **Pantry**. We will be doing weekly shout outs for those who are able to donate and are working hard behind the scenes to set up suppliers to intercept food waste from Sainsburys, Aldi, M&S and Lidl. We are also seeking funding for electricity and a fridge so that we can stock fresh produce too. If you want to join the team of volunteers helping with the Pantry, please [email](mailto:becs.elmgrovepta@gmail.com) becs.elmgrovepta@gmail.com.

Thank you! The PTA x

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Head lice can make your head feel itchy and like something is moving in your hair, The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

How to get rid of head lice - You can treat head lice without seeing a GP. Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early. Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp. There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

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.



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Beech	Aggie, Estella, Sebi, Hettie, Felix & Esther
Birch	Ellie, Finlay & Leo
Baobab	Echo, Ruby-Rose, Marley, Raven, Ariadne & Robyn
Bonsai	Arthur, Rosie M, Jojo, Dotti, Honey & Ruby
Holly	Isla R, Raya, James I, Betty, Sonny C & Nina
Horse Chestnut	Marlie, Esme, Arthur, Seb, Alice & Otis
Cedar	Cicely, Athena, Fabian, Ted, Markos & Alex
Cypress	Reuben O, Amelia, Niko, Arlo, Robyn & Kiichi
Redwood	Arthur, Neve & Erin,
Rowan	Scarlett, Alex M, Iscah, Evan, Seyf & Rowan
Elder	Sam M, Bethan Ro, Olivia V, Ronnie, Summer & Sophie
Oak	Bobby, Matilda, Stanley, Esme, Evie & Freddie

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 25 th Nov	OPAL play parent/carer meeting a.m.
Thursday 8 th & Friday 9 th December	Reception, Y1 & Y2 Xmas performance (more info to follow)
Saturday 10 th December	PTA Makers Market 12-4pm
Tuesday 13 th December (rain off day = Thursday 15 th December)	Y3,4,5 & 6 outdoor winter song performance (more info to follow)
Wednesday 14 th December	Xmas lunch PTA funded music session with AI Start
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term PTA Xmas raffle Y2 Xmas cake sale Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 4 th January	Children return to school

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Louise Walden

Head teacher

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