



# Newsletter

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Next INSET  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January



## 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](#).



The children have been enjoying the recent autumnal events, including the PTA pumpkin carving competition and the Be Bright Be Seen assembly & 'bling up' event. Thank you for everyone who participated. Find photos on the [school website](#).

The PTA pantry has been completed and filled with the generous Harvest donations. Please look out for more information about the launch of the pantry.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Just One Tree non-uniform day in October. The school raised £247.36 meaning another 247 trees will be planted in areas of deforestation across the world.



## Anti-Bullying Week 2022

We would like to invite you to take part in Odd Socks Day with us! Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and this year it will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on this day. Let's help raise awareness of bullying and celebrate our differences!

You can find out more about Anti Bullying week here: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>



## Parents Evening

The autumn term parents evening appointments will be taking place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of November. The parents evening appointments will run from 3.50pm to 6.20pm with appointments lasting 10 minutes. This parents evening will be held in person not on MS Teams. Appointments are now available to book via SchoolPing.

The **closing date for booking parent's evening appointments is this Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. If you cannot access SchoolPing you can book an appointment via email or phone call to the school office 01273 708004

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### Swimming this half term:

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.

**Holly, Cedar, Redwood and Elder** class are swimming this half term.

As the school is charged for the hire of local swimming facilities, we ask for a contribution for each child attending a swimming session in years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Currently the contribution is £1.50 per child per session (£9 for the half term). All contributions are made via ParentPay. The payment item is now set up ready for Holly, Cedar, Redwood and Elder pupils to make their contribution.

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



**Brighton Half Marathon** are very excited to announce that their youth races will be returning on race day Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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/>



### Key messages for parents of children eligible for flu immunisation:

- The flu vaccine for young children is a quick and painless nasal spray, not an injection.
- The vaccine is the best way for children to build up immunity, they could become seriously ill from flu without it.
- Flu can make young children seriously ill; the nasal spray will help protect them and reduce the risk.
- All primary school aged children will be offered a free flu vaccine at school or a community clinic. It's a quick and easy nasal spray. Look out for your child's consent form in their book bags, sign it and return it.
- Keep your children safe from flu this winter and help stop the spread by getting them vaccinated.
- The flu vaccine is a quick and painless nasal spray for children. It's their best protection and prevents the spread of the virus.

There are **more flu materials** and you tube videos for children, families and those who work and care of them available here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>  
(www.gov.uk)

### Seeking volunteers:

Are you interested in giving up an hour and a half each week to volunteer in the playground at lunchtimes? It would involve supervising the children in the playground and helping them enjoy their lunchbreak.

Please email

[louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk) if you want to find out more.

We are particularly looking for volunteers on Monday's and Friday's.

### 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.

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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.

Following on from our anti-racist work last year, we are hoping to set up a further coffee morning for parents and carers who are BAME or with BAME children.

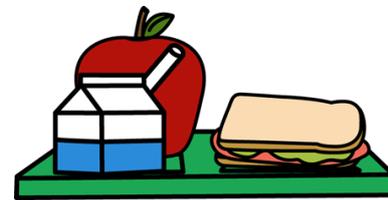
Please email Louise Willard if you are interested in attending or helping to organise the event.

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More information will follow shortly.

### Top Playground Apparatus

The work on the new top playground apparatus has now been completed. We have some great new monkey bars and chin up bars for pupils to use.



### Pre-order School Dinners with ParentPay

We have now set up a pre-booking system through ParentPay in which you can book your child's school dinner at home up to 10 weeks in advance. This will help the school minimise food waste, minimise pupil's choosing the wrong choice or forgetting to choose at all and reduces administrative burden on the school staff.

Find out how to use the pre-booking system here: <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4410744979473-How-to-make-meal-or-event-bookings#how-to-make-meal-or-event-bookings-0-0>

Video instructions: <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/6265244826257--VIDEO-How-to-book-a-meal>

Pupil's will still be able to choose their dinners in class in the morning if they wish. But we do recommend this pre booking system especially for Reception and KS1 pupils.

Please note: If you have pre-booked a dinner and your child is then absent from school it is the parent/carers responsibility to cancel the booking or you will still be charged.

*If you are booking a school dinner in the morning each day it must be done before 9.30am.*



## Firework Safety

- Fireworks should not be touched
- You must always be with an adult when watching fireworks
- Stand far back from both fireworks and bonfires
- Once a firework is lit, never go near it
- If an adult allows, always wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Pets should stay indoors



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**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



|                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Beech</b>          | Leah, Isla and Harry       |
| <b>Birch</b>          | Buzz, Esme and Agnes C     |
| <b>Baobab</b>         | Oscar F, Diego and Sohan   |
| <b>Bonsai</b>         |                            |
| <b>Holly</b>          | Victoire, Ethan & Luca     |
| <b>Horse Chestnut</b> | Joey, Max and Freddie      |
| <b>Cedar</b>          |                            |
| <b>Cypress</b>        | Minnie, Lewis and Reuben K |
| <b>Redwood</b>        | Marcy, Owen and Myla       |
| <b>Rowan</b>          | Felix, Robin and Kimberly  |
| <b>Elder</b>          | Danny, Fionn and Samuel B  |
| <b>Oak</b>            | Lyra, Ebba and Danny       |

## DIARY DATES

| Date                               | Event                                       |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November    | PTA Discos                                  |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November   | Prospective parent tour                     |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November   | Parents Eve 3.40- 6.20pm                    |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov      | Flu immunisation<br>Prospective parent tour |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov      | Parents Eve 3.40- 6.20pm                    |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November   | PTA Discos                                  |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | Anti-bullying week- Odd Socks Day           |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov     | Individual photos                           |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov      | Prospective parent tour x2                  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | OPAL play parent/carer meeting a.m.         |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December | PTA Makers Market 12-4pm                    |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December   | Last day of term<br>PTA Xmas raffle         |

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