



Newsletter

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Next INSET
Monday June 5th



I hope everyone has an enjoyable half term break. We will look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 20th February.

We are also looking forward to Ms Katherine Mabbett joining the office team from the start of the new half term.

The ECO committee are planning an ECO parade around the playground at 2.40pm in Tuesday 21st February 2023 to celebrate Elm Grove's Green Flag Award, and newly erected flag pole. Parents and carers are welcome to view the parade from the Elm Grove pavement.



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards the Turkey & Syria earthquake aid through our non-uniform day today. Our thoughts are very much with everyone suffering and currently in need of support.



Book Week 2023



We will be celebrating world book day with our traditional dressing up assembly on Friday 3rd March 2023.

Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. There will be a small prize for the most inventive costume in each year group. If children do not want to / are not able to dress up, they can come in their pyjamas with a copy of / picture of their favourite book.

Waterstones will be holding a book fair in the afternoon of Friday 3rd March. Children are invited to spend the £1.00 book vouchers (that we have in school) on a choice of different books.

The PTA are also kindly arranging a "Book Bonanza" on the afternoon of Wednesday 1st March. All children will have the opportunity to visit a book fair during the day in the hall and choose a pre-owned book from the fantastic selection donated by parents.

School Uniform – the school expects all pupil's to wear school uniform colours every day (apart from specific non-uniform days).

Elm Grove uniform colours are **green, white and grey** – in any combination.

No black items or any with logos please, apart from the optional Elm Grove logo.

Please visit our uniform page on the school website for more uniform information, including our uniform library and how to order new items:

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

Please also visit the uniform library in the Pantry for free second hand items or ask the Inclusion Team if you can't find the size you are looking for.

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**Don't forget
parents'
evening!**

Parents Evening - The Spring Term parents evening will take place on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March.

The parents evening appointments will run from 3.40pm to 6.10pm with appointments each lasting 10 minutes.

This parents evening will be held in person, not on MS Teams. Children's books will be available after each appointment for parents and carers to look at.

Parents and carers will be notified straight after half term when appointments become available to book via SchoolPing.

PTA Newsletter - Thank you for everyone's continued support and involvement with the PTA. We've had so many new volunteers sign up in the past couple of months to help with the Pantry, the Book Bonanza, PTA admin and committee, general fundraising and helping with our events. We have created a real community and we're so grateful for everyone's help and support.

The Pantry continues to be a vital lifeline for Elm Grove families, thank you for everyone's donations to enable this to happen. In the Spring we are looking to paint the outside of the building using stencils designed by a Y3 parent - if you would like to help (no previous experience required!) or can help us source paint and materials please message Becs on becs.elmgrovepta@gmail.com. The Pantry will be open 8am – 6pm Monday - Friday during February half term.

Please come to the top playground after school this Friday for Year 3's cake sale. The children are fundraising towards their trip to Herstmonceux Science Observatory – every penny counts so please come and buy a cake!

On Saturday 25th February the PTA are hosting a Table Top Sale in the school from 10am-1pm. If you would like to reserve a table for £15 to sell your old toys, clothes, homewares etc please email becs.elmgrovepta@gmail.com by Monday 13th February. Please come along on the day to pick yourself up a bargain, we will also be hosting a café at the event.

We are running the Book Bonanza again this year to celebrate World Book Day. We are asking families to please donate good condition KS1 or KS2 books (fact and fiction) to the PTA shed opposite the Pantry. A team of volunteers are sorting them daily to ensure every child can take a 'new to them' book home on Wednesday 1st March. Please donate books if you can. Any surplus books left over after the Bonanza will be put to good use to raise money for the school at the Spring Fair Book Stall.

Lastly, we are getting the ball rolling preparing for the Spring Fair to be held on Saturday 22nd April (the first Saturday back after the Easter holidays). Do you have a burning desire to run the Teddy Tombola, have a penchant for Games, or are an avid book worm keen on prepping the Book Stall? If so please email elmgrovePTA0@gmail.com to register your interest. After February half term we will get together on Zoom or in person, whichever works best for the volunteers – so please let us know if you're interested in getting involved.

Thanks so much The PTA team x



We took a team of Y5/6 children to a **basketball** festival at Dorothy Stringer recently. All did brilliantly and they showed excellent determination and teamwork during their two matches against other schools, winning one and drawing the other. Well done to: Lula, Monte, Guney (Elder); Joseph (Rowan); Isla, Tia, Kane, Myla, Mabel (Redwood).

Our **footballers** in Y5/6 played in a fantastic match against Queens Park Primary. It was a real shame that one team had to lose, but the final score was 5-4 to Queens Park. Well done to: Reid, Barnaby, Denley (Oak); Sam, Duggie, Samuel, Fionn, Danny (Elder); Leo (Rowan); Te (Redwood).

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AL START'S MONTHLY SHOW - AT THE BRUNSWICK, HOLLAND RD, HOVE

GO KID MUSIC CLUB

FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

SATURDAY 11TH FEB, 2-4PM

LIVE MUSIC, STORIES
ART & SILLY STUFF

TICKETS: £7.50
FAMILY OF 4: £25

KIDS' OPEN MIC

THE BRUNSWICK FREE HOUSE [GOKIDMUSIC.COM/TICKETS](https://gokidmusic.com/tickets)

Al Start who visited before Christmas has her next family show at The Brunswick in Hove on Saturday 11h Feb.

Great fun for the whole family!

Ticket link: <https://gokidmusic.com/tickets>

[tickets](#)

Buy your tickets to Al Start's live shows and Go Kid Music Club events here gokidmusic.com



Homework - please look out for homework grid on:
Friday 10.2.2023

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.

SATS meeting for Y2 parents and carers –
Please come along to a SATS information sharing presentation on Thursday 23rd February at 3.30pm in Baobab classroom.
School staff will talk through the process, expectations and timelines. They will also answer any questions you might have.



Parent/carer led coffee morning for parents/carers of colour and for parents/carers of children of colour. Come along for a friendly coffee, to share experiences, contribute ideas, or just to chat. Meet inside Elm Grove Cafe, from 9.15am, Thursday 23rd February 2023



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Apple	David, Morris, Isaac, Sophie, Albie, Ety
Cherry	Jesse, Lev, Sia, Lizzie, Sunny, Freddie
Beech	Keir, Nemo, Esther, Autumn, Grace, Harry
Birch	Pearl, Astrid, Harper, Agnes S, Frankie, Leo
Baobab	Robin T, Raven, River, Talula, Lilja, Simran
Bonsai	Dotti, Eleanor, Zakariya, Ada, Robyn, Jack
Holly	Nina, Elijah, Casper, Luke, Phoebe, Jahmari
Horse Chestnut	Freddie S, Alice, Otis, Kieran, Jake, Louis
Cedar	Harrison, Ted, Audrey, Sylvie, Noah
Cypress	Fred, Eli, Solomon, Niko, Jimmy, Edie
Redwood	Jacob, Beau, Sam, Myla, Javi, Thalia
Rowan	Charles, Elijah, Sydney, Elijah, Jaden, Fitz, whole class
Elder	Bobby, Danny, Sonny, Sam, Lucien, Lula
Oak	Ronnie, Elodie, Olivia S, Barnaby, Sydney, Maiwenn

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School Council Poster Competition

Well done to all the children who made a poster for the School Council's poster competition about respect. We received some excellent entries! In fact, the standard was so good we have decided to include all the posters in our respect display!

The School Council voted for their 4 favourite posters, and the winners of the competition are:

1. Isla - Beech Class
2. Indi - Redwood Class
3. Winnie and Maisie - Oak and Elder Classes
4. Betty - Holly Class

The winners will receive a certificate and prize in assembly, as well as pride of place on our display!

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 10 th February	Last day of half term/non-uniform day. PTA Year 3 Cake sale
Monday 20 th February	Children return to school
Tuesday 21 st February	ECO committee Green Flag Parade
Saturday 25 th February	PTA Table Top Sale
22 nd to 24 th March	Year 6 PGL trip
Tuesday 28 th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 1 st March	Parent Evening
Wednesday 1 st March	PTA Book Bonanza
Friday 3 rd March	Elm Grove book day/book character dressing up day
Friday 31 st March	End of term/non-uniform day PTA Year 4 cake sale
Monday 17 th April	Children return to school
Saturday 22 nd April	PTA Spring Fair
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Sunday 7 th May	Children's Parade
Monday 8 th May	Kings Coronation Bank Holiday
Tues 9 th – Fri 12 th May	Y6 SATs
Friday 26 th May	End of half term/non-uniform day PTA Year 5 cake sale
Monday 5 th June	INSET – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return to school
Friday 7 th July	Y6 Secondary transition day
Thursday 20 th July	End of term/non-uniform day PTA Year Y1 & Reception cake sale



King Charles III exhibition

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, B&H Mayor's Office is staging an exhibition of portraits of His Majesty made by school children. The guidelines for the image to go on display are:

- Pennant shaped portrait of King Charles, portrait format A4 or A3
- Colour or Black and White
- All media accepted whether painted, collage, sketch or colour pencils
- Name, year group and school written at the back of the portrait please

Submissions can be dropped off at the school office at the latest **by Friday 31st March**. The school will then deliver any entries to the Town Hall.

All portraits submitted will be exhibited, subject to space.



NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Lorise Willard

Head teacher

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