

Number 13 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Next INSET  
 Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>

## Practical tips to help minimise the risks your child might face online

- Ask them to show you which social media apps they use - talk about why they like them, encourage them to talk about anything that upsets them.
- Explain how you can use privacy settings to make sure only approved friends can see posts & images & also tagging' settings so that when others are posting or sharing photos online, your child's identity is not revealed. Also, get people's consent before sharing photos
- Check if any of their apps have 'geo-location' enabled, sharing their location unintentionally
- Show them how to report offensive comments or block people who upset them

## Keep talking and stay involved

- Why is it unwise to meet anyone in the real world that you've only ever met online?
- People may not always be who they say they are online: how can this create problems?
- People present themselves differently online - do they really look like that? Are they always having that good a time? What does being a good friend and a likeable person online look like?
- There can be pressure to be part of a particular group online or to be seen to be following a certain set of ideas. How can you take a step back and make your own decisions?

## Useful websites:

[www.childnet.com/sns](http://www.childnet.com/sns)  
[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)  
[www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)  
[www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk)  
[www.askaboutgames.com](http://www.askaboutgames.com)

## Compassionate leave – message from Ms Willard to all parents and carers –

*My eldest daughter lives in Australia with her young family and is expecting her second baby towards the end of April. She has a number of long-term medical issues and has also developed some pregnancy related complications.*

*As a result, the governors have approved my request for 10 days unpaid compassionate leave to support her when the baby is born.*

*I will be away from school from 17<sup>th</sup> April until 28<sup>th</sup> April.*

*Mrs Young and Mr Waring will deputise for me and cover will be put in place as required to ensure my absence doesn't negatively impact on the children's learning or day to day running of the school. I will also be touch throughout via email and online technology.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

*Louise Willard*



**Plea for loose parts -** School staff have given our loose parts sheds a Spring clean. We now need to re-stock our sheds for the warmer weather and are in need of an injection of loose parts.

All donations are welcome but especially need material, bedding and sheets as these help the children to make the ever popular 'playground dens'.

Please place any donations in the grey drop off cupboard opposite the school pantry/bike shed.

Thank you



### PTA NEWSLETTER 14.03.23

We have a busy couple of months fundraising coming up for the school. First up is the **YEAR 5 CAKE SALE on the last day of term - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Year 3 set a precedent with the most money ever raised from a cake sale last half term (£321) – please support this next sale and help us do the same again!

The **SPRING FAIR** is around the corner on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 12-3.30pm**. The fair is raising vital funds to build Elm Grove's first ever **LIBRARY**, to be built in the corner of the ICT Suite. Please volunteer to help organise the stalls at the fair, or for an hour on the day and help us get the library off the ground as soon as possible. We've got a team of parent and carer volunteers working together to come up with plans and source resources for the library – if you'd like to be a part of this please email [Becs.ElmGrovePTA@gmail.com](mailto:Becs.ElmGrovePTA@gmail.com). This is our opportunity to help create a wonderful resource in the school that will serve our children for many years to come.

The PTA will be holding a **Spring Fair PLANNING MEETING on Zoom on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 8pm-8.40pm**. We ask that all reps join and anyone else interested in helping to organise a stall for the event. Please join if you can or email Becs on [becs.elmgrovepta0@gmail.com](mailto:becs.elmgrovepta0@gmail.com) if you can't make it but would like to get involved.

This year we plan on having the following stalls:

- Books
- Bric-a-Brac
- Café
- Chocolate tombola
- Craft room
- Easter Trail
- Games Room
- Raffle
- Teddy Tombola
- Jam Jar Tombola
- Water to Wine
- Face paints

Watch out for shout outs for Spring Fair **DONATIONS** in the coming weeks – your reps will be asking for **chocolate bars** for the Chocolate Tombola at the **non uniform day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**, as well as **raffle prizes, books, teddies, toys, games, fancy dress and filled jam jars** to sell and give away as prizes at our various stalls. Collections for most items will be the w/c 27<sup>th</sup> March. Your class reps will share all details and remind you nearer the time what to bring in.

Can you help us make a **SPRING FAIR BANNER**? Now our Spring Fair is an annual event we want to make a banner we can use each year to advertise the fair on the school railings. Are you a whiz on a sewing machine or can you get discounted/free vinyl banner printing? If so please get in touch at [elmgrovepta0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrovepta0@gmail.com). Thanks in advance.

Can you help us put on our first **CINEMA NIGHT**? We are looking for advice about getting a projector and screen to do a movie night for all KS1 and KS2 children in the summer term – but need help in sourcing the kit to do so. If you can help please email [elmgrovepta0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrovepta0@gmail.com).

Finally huge thanks must go to the growing team of volunteers helping us to run **The Pantry**. We have now got a team in place to collect our supermarket surplus shops as well as the day to day running and funding of the Pantry. We are looking at getting local businesses to sponsor the Pantry – if you think your business could sponsor this amazing charity please email [Becs.ElmgrovePTA@gmail.com](mailto:Becs.ElmgrovePTA@gmail.com). We'd love to speak with you and help get much needed funds to enable us to continue to support so many Elm Grove families.

Thanks, the PTA x

**Parent Workshops** - For parents/carers of children who may experience race/culture/faith-based challenges or harm

Is your child of ethnic minority heritage? or mixed heritage?

Would you like to explore how to better talk to and support your child's understanding of identity and racial/cultural/faith-based issues?

Would you like to contribute feedback to your child's school?

Join this series of four parent workshops to:

- Explore lived experiences of challenges and harm in a supportive space
- Develop skills in supporting children to manage challenges and harm
- Discuss strategies for developing positive identity and sense of belonging in children
- Increase understanding of school systems and share feedback to your school

These workshops will be facilitated by independent advisor and facilitator Abha Aggarwal. Abha is an experienced teacher and consultant in anti-racism in schools.

We have 12 spaces available on this course.

Priority will be given to those that can commit to all four sessions.

Workshops: 20th April, 27th April, 4th May, 25th May 9am – 10.30am at Elm Grove School.

Please see attached flyer and contact:

**admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk** to register.

**Parent consultation meeting** – 2pm -3pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

The theme of our next consultation will be focused on pupils who have either been referred for an LSS assessment and/or who are on the SEND register.

This meeting will offer a space for parents and carers to discuss processes around assessment and additional support in place for pupils.

Some areas we will be looking at will include:

- What would parents value hearing about in regard to the assessment process and monitoring of children's' progress?
- Learning support for pupils in school
- Ways in which the school can further help parents and carers to support their children at home.

If you would like to attend the parent consultation forum please email the office

at: **admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk**



We took a team of children to an indoor cricket competition at BACA recently. Despite there being a good number of far more experienced cricketers representing some of the other schools, our players performed really well, managing to win 2 of their 5 matches. Well done to: Fionn, Monte, Douggie, Samuel (Elder); Barnaby, Edward (Oak); Beau, Isaac (Redwood).

**Limited time offer – get FREE lifetime membership to FiveDinners.com!**

We know how hard times are at the moment so the folks at FiveDinners.com – online meal planning service - have decided to give away FREE lifetime memberships to try and help you save money on food shopping and reduce the mental load of deciding what to eat every night. There's no catch or restrictions, simply full access to our meal plans to make your dinnertimes a little easier and cheaper.

FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service co-founded by author and TV chef Theo Michaels. To help with the cost of living crisis so many families and individuals are facing Theo has decided to offer their meal planning service for FREE (usually £49.99 per year); every week they publish a new meal plan with an automatically generated shopping list; set to your serving size so you know exactly what you need for the week ahead. It saves you time, money on food shopping and ultimately takes away the headache of deciding what to cook every night. You can even create and save your own meal plans choosing from hundreds of recipes.

Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click green Join button.

**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.

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## Easter Holiday show PIRATE ADVENTURE! (Brunswick, Hove)

Come and have a a pirate adventure with Captain Al on the last Sunday of the Easter Holidays April 16th

Loads of fun for the whole family - dress as a pirate, or come early and make some pirate accessories

Live music, songs, treasure maps, clues and just maybe pirate gold!

Showtime 2-4pm: tickets and

info: <https://gokidmusic.com/tickets>



## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Let's Dance
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 PGL trip
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of term/ PTA non-uniform day PTA Year 5 cake sale
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	PTA Spring Fair
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Children's Parade
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Kings Coronation Bank Holiday
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	End of half term/non-uniform day PTA 4 cake sale
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	KS2 sports day – Withdean Stadium
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 sports day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception sports day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 sports day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Secondary transition day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual reports home
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	'Meet my new teacher' - pupils
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term/non-uniform day PTA Year Y1 & Reception cake sale



## GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



<b>Apple</b>	Megan, Lola, Zofia, Yuki, Max, Maggie
<b>Cherry</b>	Alyssia, Arlo, John, Karen, Jenson, Zyon
<b>Beech</b>	Eleanor, Jackson, Rusty, Oshie, Esther, Keir
<b>Birch</b>	Aniyah, Runa, Buzz, Efi, Agnes C, Marnie
<b>Baobab</b>	Raven, Ruby, Robyn, Diego, Ursula, Ibuki
<b>Bonsai</b>	Ayeza, Maisey, Pippa, Nell, Honey, Zakariya
<b>Holly</b>	Leo, Juno, Sam W, Raya, Isla C, Amari
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Evalie, Marlie, Oscar, Willow, Mei, India
<b>Cedar</b>	Noah, Bea, Molly, Molly, Marcus, Cicely
<b>Cypress</b>	Nathan, Bobby, Maja J, India, Mei, Willow
<b>Redwood</b>	Mabel, Toulia, Isaac,
<b>Rowan</b>	Joseph, Rosie, Nathaniel.
<b>Elder</b>	Mason, Bethan R, Sophie,
<b>Oak</b>	Georgia, Danny, Edie

**Homework** - please look out for homework grid on:

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Homework grids are now accessible again via the school website: [Homework – Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](#)

**NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office**

*Louise Wickland*

Head teacher

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