



Newsletter

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Next INSET
Monday June 5th



Elm Grove is delighted that its recent Ofsted report confirms its status as 'Good'. A huge thank you goes to the staff and governor team for their hard work, to the children for showing the school at its best and to all of our parents and carers for their ongoing support. Everyone is feeling very proud.

Hopefully everyone has had the opportunity to read Elm Grove's Ofsted report now that it has been published. It has been added to the newsletter attached documents if anyone missed it previously.



Homework - please look out for homework grid on:

Friday 3rd March

Friday 17th March

Friday 31st March

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

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 17th April until 28th 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

Growing Anti-Racist Schools - This half term, children in Horse Chestnut class and Cypress class will be taking part in trial lessons based on the topic of "Growing an Anti-Racist School" which are linked to the PSHE unit "Good To be Me", delivered earlier in the year. The lessons have recently been revised and rewritten by a group of Anti-Racist lead teachers, employed by the Brighton and Hove City council, along with the PSHE team and are informed by the newly developed Brighton and Hove City Council's Primary Racial Literacy Curriculum Framework. This work is part of the Council's Anti-Racist Strategy, whose vision is to create a community of anti-racist education settings where the complexities of our diverse interwoven histories are acknowledged and where we all have a strong sense of identity and belonging.

In the summer term, we plan to extend these sessions to other classes in Elm Grove. Anti-racist education, like all our equalities education, is always appropriate to pupils' ages and stages of development and is an essential part of safeguarding.



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BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023

We have been celebrating world book day with our traditional dressing up assembly today, Friday 3rd March 2023.

Children were invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character, or in their pyjamas. Small prizes have been awarded for the most inventive costume in each year group.

Waterstones have also been holding a book fair during the afternoon of Friday 3rd March. Children were invited to spend the £1.00 book vouchers on a choice of different books.

The PTA also kindly arranged a "Book Bonanza" on Wednesday 1st March. All children had 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.



The Children's Parade is a fantastic community event and Elm Grove is always really proud to be involved. Our last entry was a huge success, thanks to the many adults and children who worked incredibly hard to make it so special. We are hoping that this year will be even better!

The Children's Parade 2023 is on **Sunday 7th of May** at 10.30am.

This year's theme is One World, learning and growing from each other. Our school is in the East Brighton section which includes culture, fashion and cuisine and will be creating a contribution based on the Finnish Moomins books by Tove Jansson.

Due to restrictions on numbers only children from Y3 – Y6 have been invited to participate this year.



Eat Them To Defeat Them, the multi award-winning campaign to encourage children to eat vegetables has returned to TV, schools and homes across the UK.

Our school assembly took place on Tuesday 21st February, and will be followed by 5 weeks of new meal themes to run on selected days.

Children were given a pack to bring home last week which includes a reward chart and sticker sheet, helping parents and carers to repeat, reward and normalise good veg-eating habits.

Please find more information, top tips and recipes on their website at [Families - Eat Them To Defeat Them](#)



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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.

On 9th March 9am – 10am at Elm Grove School, there is an opportunity to meet Abha, learn more about the workshops, and ask questions.

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.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards the Turkey & Syria earthquake appeal through our non-uniform day at the end of half term. We raised £322 which was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

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.

Please see a **2023-24 term dates** attached along with a range of other documents which may be of interest



School nurse drop in - Friday 10th March 8.30am – 9.15am at the school. Please come to the main office if you want to discuss any health or sleep issues with Sally, Elm Grove's School Nurse

Netball - We took a team of Y5/6 children to a recent netball competition at Patcham High School. The children played really well and finished as runners-up, narrowly missing out on first position on goals scored. Very well done to: Verity, Lula, Albie, Summer, Anya (Elder); Stanley, Barnaby (Oak); Poppy (Rowan).



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Apple	Arrabella, Sam, Benji, Immy, Kinda, Megan
Cherry	Sevan, Essie-Mae, Azlan, Nylaa, Juniper, Anya
Beech	Hettie, Estella, Ellie, Iris, Sebi, Maryam
Birch	Amelie, Nate, Ellis, Cassy, Isla, Bea
Baobab	Ariadne, Sohan, Marley, Joshua Brook, Lucie, Arabella
Bonsai	Violet, Naya, Jenny, Ruby, Mya, Saffie, Elanor
Holly	Luka, Jake, James I, Nina, Sonnie R, Betty
Horse Chestnut	Evelyn, Max, Seb, Belle, Kit, Ripley
Cedar	Hannah, Theo, Audrey, Athena, Tom, Scarlett
Cypress	Rudi, Reuben O, Vidal, Maia, Teddy, Kiichi
Redwood	Tia, Polly, Toby, Owne, Kasper J, Ben, Cheyenne
Rowan	Rolando, Jaidah, Cleo, Rosie, Leo, Kimberley
Elder	Danny, Summer, Sophie, Lucien, Etien, Summer
Oak	Florence, Matilda, Lyra, Winnie, Denley, Freddie

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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.

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 3 rd March	Elm Grove book day/book character dressing up day
22 nd to 24 th March	Year 6 PGL trip
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

Thank you to both the PTA and Elm Grove Out of School Club for contributing towards the new hall blinds.

Replacing the tatty and unsafe hall curtains has been on the schools 'to do' list for many years, especially since the windows were refurbished. The new blinds are making such a difference already. Teachers can teach in the hall effectively again, assemblies can run smoothly without the light affecting the children's vision, PTA and performance events will be more atmospheric and School Lets have already fed back on improved sound quality and privacy. Plus they look great too! Thank you!



The vouchers awarded to the school by Dobbies have being put to good use in the Blossom Garden. Thank you to Martin and Mrs Hutchinson for all their hard work.



NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Lorise Willard

Head teacher

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