



Newsletter

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Next INSET
Monday June 5th



Wishing everyone a lovely Easter break after another busy term. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Nadia Atkins every success in her new career in social care after 23 years working at Elm Grove. We will miss her.

School re-opens on Monday 17th April. As previously explained 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.

If you need to contact the school during my absence please use one of the following contacts:

admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk = School Office (general enquiries & emails to teaching staff)

InclusionTeam@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk = Inclusion Team (well-being concerns)

theresayoung@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk = Acting Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher

jameswaring@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk = Acting Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher

carlakemp@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk = Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

seanopping@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk = School Business Manager

Thank you for all your kind words and support about my visit to Australia. It's very much appreciated.



Shaun the sheep - This autumn Martlets is launching their baa-rilliant new art trail featuring much-loved children's character Shaun the Sheep. Shear fun for everyone! You'll be able to visit over 40 individually designed sculptures displayed around Brighton & Hove's streets, parks and other public areas.

Elm Grove Primary School has joined the flock to raise funds for life-changing hospice care in our community.

We, along with a range of other schools and community groups, will bring the baa-rilliant community together to decorate our very own little Shauns and flock-fund for Martlets by taking part in an art adventure featuring this much-loved and instantly recognisable character.

We are looking for any artistic parent and carer volunteers who, along with the children, will take a lead on designing and decorating our very own Shaun. Please email the school office if you are interested: admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk



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PTA News 29/03/23

With the Spring Fair around the corner (22nd April) we need your help! The Spring Fair will be fundraising for our school's first **LIBRARY** – with a focus on graphic novels, picture books, poetry and hopefully a reading dog, it will be a wonderful space accessible to the whole school. But we cannot build this incredible resource to help our children learn to love to read without your support. Please sign up to volunteer on the Friday or Saturday to help prep and run the fair
<https://signup.com/go/VBKJihu>.

We also need your donations for our stalls and are collecting these every day from the PTA shed opposite the Pantry. Please donate the following items:

- Filled jolly jam jars for the JAM JAR TOMBOLA (spare jars in the shed if you need)
- Clean cuddly toys for the TEDDY TOMBOLA
- Kids toys, fancy dress, games etc for the BRIC A BRAC
- Quality kids books for the BOOK STALL

We also ask that every child who is able to please brings a prize for the biggest fundraiser of the fair – the RAFFLE. We hope to make at least 20 identical raffle hampers for people to win on the day. We will be selling raffle tickets outside the school the week before the fair as well as at the fair itself. Please bring in the following items and give to your class teacher:

- Craft beer, wine or fizz
- Tasty treats – posh crisps, chutneys etc
- Luxury biscuits
- Yummy choccies
- Fancy soft drinks
- Teas and ground coffee/beans
- Pampering goodies
- Small new home décor items – candles etc

We ask that all children who are able to bring in a chocolate bar or £1 for this Friday's non-uniform day to provide the stock for the CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA. Forgot your donation? Please donate online here instead - <https://localgiving.org/appeal/chocolate-tombola/> Thank you!

Thanks to the hard work of our fundraisers the Pantry received two grants totalling £2700 – these will allow us to get electricity fitted to the building, improve our shelving and storage and buy a fridge to stock fresh items for our families. Look out for these improvements after Easter.

The PTA can only continue to stock the Pantry to support Elm Grove families with your help – please continue to donate items if you have any spare, or to our Local Giving appeal - <https://LocalGiving.org/appeal/ThePantry>

The Pantry will be open to Elm Grove families on the following days over the holidays - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th April.

Thank you for your continued support, we're so grateful.

Have a lovely Easter 🐣🥚🌸🌷 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.



Our very own Moomins are taking shape and getting ready to take part in the Children's Parade on Sunday May 7th. Please come along to cheer us on on the day!

Same Sky, who organize the parade, are looking for some volunteers on the day. Please see their link for anyone not supporting Elm Grove on the day who might be keen [Volunteer – Same Sky](#)

Who Cares - Pupils in Year 5 & 6 pupils enjoyed a NHS Who Cares careers performance on 18th March – the show gave the children insights into potential career opportunities in the health service.
<https://www.stepintohenhs.nhs.uk/>



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.

Let's dance

Thank you **Let's Dance** – congratulations to all of the children who performed at The Dome on March 18th as part of the annual Brighton & Hove Let's Dance event.

Thank you to Ms Haisell and Miss Stimson for supporting Elm Grove's contribution.

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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 31 st March	End of term/ PTA non-uniform day PTA Year 5 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 4 cake sale
Monday 5 th June	INSET – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd July	KS2 sports day – Withdean Stadium
Tuesday 4 th July	Y1 sports day
Wednesday 5 th July	Reception sports day
Friday 7 th July	Y2 sports day
Friday 7 th July	Y6 Secondary transition day
Monday 10 th July	Y5 adventure trip
Friday 14 th July	Annual reports home
Monday 17 th July	'Meet my new teacher' - pupils
Tuesday 18 th July	Open Evening
Thursday 20 th July	End of term/non-uniform day PTA Year Y1 & Reception cake sale



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Apple	Nola, Caspian, Romy, Kinda, Yuki, Sophie
Cherry	Hugo, Leo, Jenson, Gethin, Esmal
Beech	Naly, Joshua, Rowan, Summer, Isla, Hector
Birch	Jake, Charlotte, Frankie,
Baobab	Josh T, Estelle, Ivy, Eddie, Raven, Echo
Bonsai	Rodayna, Rosie M, Joanna,
Holly	Jake, Sonnie R, Betty, Juno, Ornette, Rudy
Horse Chestnut	Clara, Esme, Joey, Oren, Freddie K, Reuben
Cedar	Hannah, Theo, Audrey, Athena, Tom, Scarlett
Cypress	Elina, Reuben K, Jamie, Nathan, Akseli, Nikita
Redwood	Tia, Polly, Toby, Neve, Isla, Kasper,
Rowan	Edie, Alex D, Leo, Jaidah, Fitz
Elder	Mattie, Stanley, George
Oak	Maisie, Guney, Monte

Homework - please look out for homework grid on:

Friday 31st March

Friday 28th April

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

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.

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

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Head teacher

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