



# Newsletter

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Next INSET  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

ELM GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## CHRISTMAS FAIR & MAKERS MARKET

### CAKE DONATIONS PLEASE!

We'd love your help making our Christmas Fair café amazing with your lovely cakes. If you're able to provide or make a cake for the fair we'd be really grateful.

Cakes can be dropped into the school office on Friday 1st December or on the morning of the event.

Join us Saturday 2nd December, 11.30-3pm

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR & MAKERS MARKET

### BRIC-A-BRAC & BOOK DONATIONS PLEASE

Fancy a clear out? We're looking for good quality used kids toys, kids books, fancy dress and games for the bric-a-brac and book stalls at our Christmas Fair.

Please drop them into the PTA shed opposite the Pantry from Monday 27th November.

Join us Saturday 2nd December, 11.30-3pm

It's all about the Winter Fair & Makers Market! Next Saturday 2nd December 11.30am – 3pm!

If you haven't signed up to volunteer please do so here

<https://signup.com/group/98469196724856003>

We still have slots to fill in the craft room, games room, raffle and grotto (no obligation to dress up but we always welcome a bit of Christmas spirit!) A reminder that Year 5 & 6 pupils are also welcome to volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in a colourful raffle donation at today's rainbow non-uniform day. If you would still like to donate but haven't been able to yet we are accepting raffle donations next week too, so please hand it to your class teacher or to the office. See the attached flyer for suggested donations.

Next week we will be doing our big kids toy and book collection. Please leave all donations in the labelled shed opposite the Pantry. A reminder that we are only accepting kids items, so no general charity shop donations or anything broken, thank you.

Lastly we're shouting out for cakes! Please help support our café by baking or buying cakes for us to sell. These can be dropped into the office on Friday 1st December or at the canteen on the Saturday morning.

Thank you in advance to all those who have volunteered to help us shift top soil into our planters for the green wall on Saturday 25th November 9am – 12pm. Please bring gloves, a shovel or a wheelbarrow if you have one!

It's a busy time of year for the PTA, we welcome your ongoing support and help at our events, thank you!

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR & MAKERS MARKET

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023  
11.30AM - 3PM

LOCAL MAKERS STALLS | GAMES | TOYS  
SANTA'S GROTTTO | CRAFT | BOOKS  
FACE PAINTS | CAFE | RAFFLE

**VOLUNTARY £1 ENTRY. UNDER 4'S FREE**

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# CHRISTMAS FAIR & MAKERS MARKET

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023**  
11.30AM - 3PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR...**

- Donation sorting (pre fair)
- Set up and break down
- Entrance
- Book stall
- Bric-a-Brac
- Café
- Craft room
- Games room
- Raffle
- Face paints & pamper room
- Wheel of wine
- Santa's Grotto!

Please put your name down on the SignUp slots - we need 108 volunteers to fill all of the roles and we really can't run the fair without your help!

**Cross Country** - Very well done to the 33 children in Years 5 and 6 who represented the school with such determination at the Brighton and Hove Primary Schools' cross-country competition at Waterhall recently. The children ran a 2km course, showing impressive levels of effort and supporting one another brilliantly.



**Dogs on the playground** – due to recent concerns expressed about dogs on the school site, please can we ask that no dogs be brought onto the school playground, Terrace area or car park. Please note, this includes carrying smaller dogs and puppies.



Thank you for your understanding and support.



**Christmas performances** - Reception and KS1 - Due to space limitations in the hall, we have to restrict numbers to two adults per pupil (younger siblings can attend too). Tickets were sent home with the children last week. Each performance will start at 1.45pm (doors open at 1.30pm)  
**Monday 11th December** = Apple, Birch and both Y2 classes  
**Thursday 14th December** = Cherry, Beech and both Y2 classes  
 Please note – Y2 children will perform on both days but Baobab parents and carers are invited to watch on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec and Bonsai on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

KS2 – performances will be at St Martins Church on Lewes Road. Pupils to arrive by 6.20pm, performance to start at 6.30pm.  
**Monday 4th December** = Cast A (Y6 Elder, Y5 Redwood, Y4 Cypress, Y3 Horse Chestnut)  
**Tuesday 5th December** = Cast B ( Y6 Oak, Y5 Rowan, Y4 Cedar, Y3 Holly)

There will be a Christmas charity collection at each performance - donations will be shared between UNICEF, Diabetes UK and St Martins Church.



**Elm Grove Library** – thank you so much to everyone who has contributed in so many ways to make the dream of an Elm Grove Graphic Novel Library a reality! The newly painted mural looks fantastic and now the final push is actually getting the books on the shelves. It won't be long until the children can start to borrow books!

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## ECO Newsletter November 2023



Elm Grove School are delighted that the **green wall** is making so much progress. The brick planters are complete and all of the children will learn more about the project in their assemblies on 28th November, with the eco committee and eco club getting involved in the planting the first week of December. In the mean time we also hope to get the willow screening up along the railings of the top playground to create an immediate barrier whilst we wait for the plants to grow.

A group of parent helpers will help this weekend to shovel tonnes of soil into the planters in order to be ready for the planting.

The PTA did a fantastic job at raising £16,808.05, thank you to all the people who supported this cause.

**THANK YOU!**  
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Thanks to your generosity and support our Green Wall crowd funder raised an absolutely incredible **£16,808.05!!!!!!**

We are over the moon!! Building work for the planters will happen over half term with the hedgerow planted in the spring!

Thank you for your ongoing support, we are making a real difference. The PTA x

### Plastic Free schools.

One day we would love Elm Grove to become a plastic free school. We have a little way to go but the first step that we can take is by sending our children to school with a water bottle. This could be a shop bought water bottle that has been reused. Please name the bottles as they can look the same and children do not always recognise their own.

We are hoping to stop giving out plastic cups from the office as one use plastic ends up in land fill and is playing a part in climate change. We are doing everything that we can to be a more sustainable school.

If you are struggling to get a water bottle for your child I have a supply of clean bottles in my room that I will be happy to label and give out.



Best wishes,  
Sarah Hutchinson  
Year 5 teacher and Eco Coordinator.

**NHS Dentist** - South Cliff Dental Practice called the school recently asking it to share the following information with parents and carers. The practice is currently accepting new NHS patients - both children and adults.

Details:  
South Cliff Dental Group - Moulsecomb Clinic  
Address is: 15 Coombe Road, BN2 4EB  
Phone number: 01273 525382  
Website:  
<https://www.southcliffdentalgroup.com/moulsecomb-east-sussex>

They are open every day of the week! Please give them a call or come in person to register for their NHS Dental Clinic and book in your first appointment right away!

**Miss School Miss Out**

If you're not going to school you will miss out on...

- Learning new skills
- Your friends
- Support and help
- School activities
- Having fun

Being in school and on time is good for you.  
90% attendance may look impressive but it means missing 19 days of education in a year.  
Don't be one of the few to miss school and miss out!  
If you need help with school attendance, please talk to your school for advice.

Brighton & Hove City Council

Please support good school attendance – daily attendance (unless a child has a contagious illness or is too unwell to learn) has a huge impact on children’s learning and progress, as well as their social skills.

Please contact Sam in The Nest if you want to discuss any attendance barriers the school may be able to help you with –  
sambarfoot@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Our next INSET day is **Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024**. Only staff are required to be in school on this date. All pupils will therefore return to school after the xmas holidays on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**.

**Homework** – please look out for the next homework grid on:  
Friday 01.12.23  
[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.

**The Safe and Well School at Survey (SAWSS)** is an online questionnaire designed to gather information from children and young people about their health and wellbeing. SAWSS includes questions on a range of health issues, such as emotional wellbeing, exercise, diet and lifestyle.

Children from across the city participate in the survey bi-annually. Elm Grove pupils in Y4 – Y6 will do so the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The survey is anonymous and staff will talk through what is required prior to the children completing it.

We run this survey to help our school further improve our approach to health and wellbeing, anti-bullying and equality. Data from all schools and colleges is also collated to provide city-wide information about bullying and health and wellbeing and this is used to improve services and support for children and young people.

**DRAMA KIDS CHRISTMAS CLUB**  
Drama & Dance

**HAF**  
Holiday Activities and Food

"BEST CLUB THEY'VE BEEN TO..."  
Sussex parent

**AGES 5-16 WELCOME**  
email: [sussex@dramakids.co.uk](mailto:sussex@dramakids.co.uk)  
www.dramakidssussex.co.uk

Worthing + Brighton  
**18, 19 & 20 DECEMBER**  
FREE

Department for Education Brighton City Council

Compare photos together  
Select multiple thumbnails to compare them together!

UPILS

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## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA rainbow non-uniform day (colour raffle prize) Flu vaccination – Reception to Year 6
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA makers Market
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Cast A xmas performance – St Martins Church 6-7.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Cast B xmas performance – St Martins Church 6-7.30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	One Voice choir
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	School Nurse Drop In
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception & KS1 xmas performance 1.45pm  PTA Children's Raffle draw
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	AI Start Xmas entertainment – all year groups (PTA funded)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Xmas Dinner
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 xmas performance 1.45pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term/PTA Cake sale
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET (staff only)
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Children return to school

**School Nurse Drop In** - There is a school nurse drop in at school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8:30 – 9am.

The school staff nurse will be available to answer any health queries on topics such as sleep, toileting, diet, head lice or any other health concerns.

Please do come along with any queries. You can also call the school nurse team for advice on 01273 696011 ex 1692 or text 07480 635423



### GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

<b>Beech</b>	Benji, Tiarnee, Luna
<b>Birch</b>	Morris, Ipek, ETTY, Bea, Isacc, Zyon
<b>Baobab</b>	Hettie, Isla, Jackson, Harry, Rusty, Frank
<b>Bonsai</b>	Aniyah, Isla, Astrid & The Whole Class
<b>Holly</b>	Jack, Pippa, Saffy & The Whole Class
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Ariadne, Robyn A, Sohan, Robin, Diego, Isaac
<b>Cedar</b>	Evalie, Riley, Oscar, Oren, Seb, Evelyn
<b>Cypress</b>	Sam C, Ethan, Phoebe
<b>Redwood</b>	Theo, Fred, Amelia, Maja, Arlo, Teddy
<b>Rowan</b>	Samyar, Cicely, Noah, Ted, Audrey, Hannah
<b>Oak</b>	Edie, Oisin, Sienna, Arthur, Jaidah, Sydney
<b>Elder</b>	Samuel, Mabel, Amelie, Owen, Arthur, Toby

Elm Grove Primary School  
Spring 2024

## Get creative after school!

Returning to your school after Christmas

**Little Coders**  
Years 1 and 2

Our incredibly popular Little Coders after-school club is designed for our youngest coders who want to learn the basic principles of coding in a fun, practical and exciting way. Building on the KS1 computing curriculum, students will learn about simple algorithms, loops, variables, animation, level design and more through coding their own simple games. Not to be missed!

**Coding**  
Years 3 - 6

Calling all budding game designers! Our highly-rated Coding after-school club allows older children to create and publish their own unique games using our custom platform, Code Camp World. We have made Code Camp World as accessible as possible, meaning that children can focus on the fun aspects of coding whilst developing problem-solving and creativity skills.

**Book now - limited spaces available!**

Little Coders (Mon): <https://my.codecamp.co.uk/course/664>

Little Coders (Thur): <https://my.codecamp.co.uk/course/665>

Coding (Weds): <https://my.codecamp.co.uk/course/666>

hello@codecamp.co.uk  
www.codecamp.co.uk

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

*Louise Willard*

Head teacher

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