



Newsletter

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Book Week 2024



We will be celebrating World Book Day with our traditional dressing up assembly on **Friday 8th 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 8th March**. Children are invited to spend the £1.00 / £1.50 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 6th March**. All children will have the opportunity to visit a book fair in the hall and choose a pre-owned book from the fantastic selection donated by parents.

Sports tournament update – it has been a busy sporting fortnight at Elm Grove. See Mr Waring's updates below:

- It was an absolute pleasure to take a group of such enthusiastic Y3/4 children to a cricket festival at BACA recently. They did us proud! Well done to: Kieran, Esme, Nina, Ornette, Coen (Y4); Dotti, Jack, Truman, Marley, Ruby-Rose (Y3).
- We took a team to a table-tennis tournament at Moulsecoomb Primary School recently. The children played really well and finished as worthy winners, so there will soon be another trophy to add to our cabinet. Very well done to: Arthur (Cedar); Theo (Redwood); Sylvie, Harrison (Rowan); Kimberley, Seyf, Joseph (Oak); Isaac (Elder).
- We took some Y5/6 children to a basketball festival at Stringer recently. All of the children did exceptionally well and should feel really proud of their efforts. Well done to: Scarlett, Edie, Charles, CC, Elijah (Oak); Marcy (Elder); Robyn, Eli, Solomon (Redwood); Noah (Rowan).
- All of the children in Y3 participated in a virtual multi-skills competition during their PE lessons in the Autumn term, and we have just discovered that, as our scores placed us in the top 4 schools in the city, we have qualified for the final in February! Congratulations to all of our Y3 children. We will take ten Y3 children to represent the school in this event. More news to follow.
- We took a team of 22 Y5/6 children to an indoor athletics competition at BACA recently. The children performed brilliantly, showing excellent determination and managing to finish in a very creditable 3rd place overall out of 8 schools. Very well done to all involved.



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Invite to singing assemblies – Parents and carers of pupils in Reception – Year 4 are invited to attend one of the children’s regular singing assemblies on Thursday 8th February.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 = 10am
Year 3 & Year 4 = 12 noon

This will be held in the main school hall.

Research involvement opportunity – A researcher at the University of Sussex is working on a project looking at childcare access and affordability, and the impact of childcare costs/availability on household income, work and gender inequalities in employment.

As part of this research, the researcher is carrying out a short survey on childcare in Brighton & Hove and is asking parents and carers to respond with their views.

The link is: https://universityofsussex.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_08Lbf0OZ2o3qeyO

The link is anonymous and respondents cannot be identified via the link.

Online safety for families

[NSPCC has published a new page](#) bringing together online safety information and guidance for parents and carers on topics from prevention to reporting.

Research shows 89% of children in the UK play video games, but with online harm increasing, [NSPCC have launched the Game Safe Festival](#) in February. There's a safer gaming workshop for carers too, [book your free tickets](#)

Sweets in school – please ensure KS2 children bring a healthy snack for their mid-morning break. We ask that neither sweets nor chewing gum are brought into school.



B&H proposed school closures & Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN) reduction - At a recent Children, Families and Schools Committee, [committee reports 46 and 47](#) were both agreed. Therefore the Council is commencing the publication of statutory notices about:

- The proposal to close St Bartholomew’s CofE Primary School
- The proposal to close St Peter’s Community Primary and Nursery School
- The publication of the statutory notices starts a four-week representation period, full details of which can be found at: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/school-statutory-notice

The council is asking for comments and objections via the links below:

- <https://consultations.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/statutory-proposal-st-bartholomews>
- <https://consultations.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/statutory-proposal-st-peters/>

The Committee also agreed committee [report 48](#), which set admission arrangements for September 2025. This included the introduction of a new Free School Meal category for the secondary schools whose admission arrangements are set by the council and the reduction in the Published Admission Number at the following schools:

- Brunswick Primary School
- Goldstone Primary School
- Patcham Infant School
- Saltdean Primary School
- Stanford Infant School
- St Luke’s Primary School

Reminder – Y6 SATs talk - There will be a SATs information talk for all parents and carers of Year 6 pupils on Wednesday 7th February at 3.30pm. The presentation will be held in Elder Class and should last about 45 minutes in total.

Hopefully we will be able to explain what to expect in the forthcoming assessments and be able to answer any questions you have.

Please note this will be a session for adults so if possible we ask that you make childcare arrangements for the Year 6 pupils.

Y6 SATs

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PTA News - Thank you to everyone who supported our discos last week, we look forward to our last two discos tonight. We hope to raise enough money to buy new Chromebooks for every classroom to be used by pupils and staff. We'll share the grand total after all of the pennies have been counted!

Please also bring your 50p's to the Y5 cake sale next Friday and help them raise money for their WWII experience day. A reminder that parents and carers of children with additional needs, or parents and carers who themselves have additional needs can come to the cake stall 10 mins early to buy their cakes.

Please see below for a list of all of the exciting events we have coming up later this year, do get the dates in your diary. Next up the Book Bonanza on 6th March!

Thanks,
The PTA x



UPCOMING PTA / SCHOOL EVENTS

JAN 26 Reception + Y5 & Y6 Disco's
Y1 & 2 + Y3 & Y4 Disco's

FEB 02

FEB 09 Non-uniform day
Y5 Cake sale after school

12th-16th HALF TERM

w/c 18th Feb: Kids book donations please

MAR 06 Book Bonanza 12-3pm
World Book Day Dressing Up

MAR 08

MAR 15 NEW! Elm Grove Movie Night
KS1 from 3.30pm /KS2 from 5.45pm TBC

MAR 28 End of Spring term
Cake sale after school

29th MARCH -12th APRIL: EASTER HOLIDAY

APR 27 Elm Grove Spring Fair



Elm Grove has registered for pupils to participate in the Royal Academy Summer Show. You may want to enter one of your child's pieces of art.

[Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)

The Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show is a wonderful opportunity for UK-based artists and schools to engage creatively in the making and sharing of a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no theme and artists aged 4-19 can submit a wide range of works which may include drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textile, fashion, animation, video, or surprise us!

- The deadline to submit artwork is 27 March 2024 at 5pm. You can edit submissions until this deadline
- You can submit one artwork per student
- For each submission you'll need one image of the artwork plus details including a title, medium and a short description
- You can save the submission as a draft and submit it at a later date if you need more time
- Questions? See our [FAQs](#).

Send any artwork to:
louisewillard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Homework – please look out for homework grids on: Friday 9.2.2024

The homework grids will be uploaded onto the homework page of 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.

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Attendance –

When your child is not at school, they miss valuable teaching and learning and this affects their progress. This table shows approximately how much time they may lose over a year if their attendance is poor.

Attendance for 1 school year	Equals days absent	Equals weeks absent	Equals numbers of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 2 nd February	PTA disco
Wednesday 7 th February	Y6 parent/carer SATs talk
Thursday 8 th February	Parent & carer invite to singing assemblies
Friday 9 th February	End of half term Y5 PTA cake sale
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school
Tuesday 27 th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 28 th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 6 th March	Book Bonanza
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Book Day dressing up day
Friday 15 th March	PTA Movie Night
Friday 22 nd March	Parent consultation (school budgets)
Friday 22 nd March	Let's Dance performance
w/b Monday 25 th March	Y6 residential (3 days)
Tuesday 26 th March	Redwood parents ukulele performance invite Year 5 parents invited in to celebrate Year 5's VE day
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term PTA cake sale
Saturday 27 th April	Spring Fair



GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Beech	Jesse, Lev, Nylaa, Hugo, Freddie, Luna
Birch	Belle, Ipek, Elliott, Ety, Azlan, Alyssia
Baobab	Ellie, Harry, Nemo, Valentin, Grace, Esther
Bonsai	Woody, Bea, Amelie,
Holly	Amelia, Ada, Ruby, Jojo, Honey, Ruby, Jojo
Horse Chestnut	Arabella, Ava Rose, Lucie, Diego, Isaac, Arry
Cedar	Oren, Evalie, Charlie, Max, Louis, Kit, Mei
Cypress	James O, Jahmari, Betty, Oliver, Luca, Isla C
Redwood	Reuben O, Jimmy, Nathan, Elina, Arlo, Reuben
Rowan	Theo, Hannah, Misheck, Molly, Diggory, Harrison
Oak	Jaidah, Jayden, Willow, Iscah, Elka, Sienna
Elder	Arthur, Shahin, Cheyenne, Ben, Isla, Polly

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

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Head teacher

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