



# Newsletter

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**Next INSET**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**



Elm Grove continues to be a hub of activity as we move towards the end of the school year.

A number of plans are being finalised for development over the holidays. These include a new climbing and play area in the Blossom Garden (thanks to funding from both Elm Grove Out of School Club and the PTA) and redecoration of the main hall, school entrance and central stairwell. This will be the final stage of the damp work which has been carried out over the past few months. Hopefully the external scaffolding will be removed in the near future.

We wish Mr James (Year 4 teaching assistant) well for his new career at Sussex University. Mr James is leaving Elm Grove on July 5<sup>th</sup>. We are particularly grateful for his passion for the library and all his hard work to make it such a success.

I am full of so many mixed emotions as my retirement approaches. The whole school community has been such an important part of my time at Elm Grove. As a result, I would like to invite all parents and carers to a retirement picnic on Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> in the school playgrounds (food will be moved to the hall if the weather is bad).

Please see the invitation attached. I hope lots of you will be able to make it – either during the afternoon or straight after school.



You are invited to:

## Ms Willard's Retirement Picnic

When: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2.40pm - 4.00pm

Where: Elm Grove School Playground - enter by the main gates.

### Eating times:

	2.40pm - 3.00pm	3.00pm - 3.30pm	3.30pm - 3.40pm	3.40pm - 3.50pm	3.50pm - 4.00pm
Station 1	Y1	Y2	Y4	Parents /	Parents /
Station 2	Y3	Y5	Y6	Parents /	Parents /

### Where to sit:

reception - reception Boat Area

Year 1 - Bottom Playground Sheds

Y2 - Amphitheatre

Y3 - Basketball Court

Y4 - Basketball Court

Year 5 - Top Playground Grass Area

Year 6 - Top Playground Concrete Area

- Please bring: a dish to share, a blanket to sit on and water to drink!
  - Dishes could be a celebration of cultural heritage, a family favourite or a dish with a special meaning/memory for you- (no nuts please).
  - It's a non-school uniform day - come dressed for a celebration. (but no costumes)!
- Ms Willard will follow their usual collection routines at 2.30pm. However, parents and carers are welcome to stay a bit longer to enjoy the picnic together. (Whilst supervising their own children)



## School Trends, uniform supplier, message to parents and carers -

Keep your parents informed...

[View in browser](#)

Ensure your parents are well-prepared by letting them know the deadline for ordering uniforms for the new school term.

> 19th July 2024 <



**Tell your parents!**



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**Elm Grove Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this commitment is reflected in all relevant policies and practice.**

**The Water Safety Code** - has all of the information that children need to enjoy their time in the water whilst still keeping their wits about them and staying safe. It is also really reassuring for parents letting their children go in the water, as they can be sure that they have all of the tools they need to stay safe.

The 4 parts of the Water Safety Code are:

### **Spot the danger**

Make sure to check for hazards.

If you are in a swimming pool, stay in whichever depth you are comfortable with.

If you are in open water, make sure to stay close to land.

### **Take advice**

Always read the signs, they are not there to be ignored.

Make sure there is a lifeguard present before you go into the water.

Wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket if you need one.

Go with a friend

Swimming with your friends and family is much safer than going in alone, as they are able to get help in the event of an emergency.

### **Learn what to do in an emergency**

Find the nearest phone and call either 999 or 112 to get help.

Shout loudly to get the attention of people who can help.

Leave the saving to the lifeguards: never go into the water yourself to try and help someone.

### **Important Water Safety Rules**

Here are some more important rules for staying safe in the water:

If you are on rocky, rough, or uneven surfaces, make sure to wear protective footwear.

If you are in the open water, don't swim out too far.

Pretending to drown is not funny, and should not be done as a joke.

Try not to bring glass containers to the beach. If glass breaks and gets mixed into the sand, it can make walking very dangerous.

When in the sea, always face the waves, instead of turning your back on them.

Before you try going into the water, especially open water, make sure you know how to swim.

Some of the Biggest Dangers Associated with the Water

**The Water Safety Code continued** - Always make sure that you are wearing plenty of sun protection before venturing outside. This is especially important if you are going into the water because the reflection from the water makes the sun's rays stronger, meaning you are more likely to burn.

When you're swimming, it can be easy to get dehydrated. This is why it is so important to drink water to stay on top of your hydration.

At the first sight of a storm, you should get out of the water. If lightning strikes the water while you are in it, the consequences can be fatal.

Don't swim in the dark. If you can't see where you are going or what is around you, you are more likely to get lost.



**Open Evening and Annual Reports** - Annual reports will be sent home with the children in a sealed envelope on Friday July 12th. Year 6 reports will also include the children's SATs results. Year 6 parents/carers are welcome to collect these reports in person if they wish – please come directly to the office from 11am onwards.

Parents/carers and pupils are invited to our Open Evening on Tuesday 16th July – 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Teachers will be based in classrooms and it's an opportunity to look at the children's work, visit new teachers/classes and discuss reports. It is a 'drop in' event and appointments are not required. Ms Willard, Mrs Kemp and Mr Waring will also be available in the Willow Room (ground floor offices)

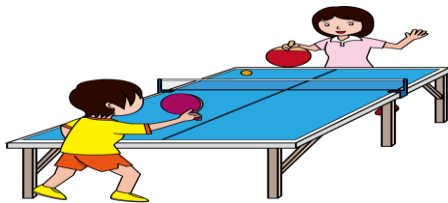
Please note - Children's books will be sent home at the end of term.

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**School Sport update** – the children have been thoroughly enjoying trying out new sports and activities this week as part of Elm Grove’s Sports Fortnight. KS2 Sports Day is taking place today at Withdean Stadium. All other Sports Days and further Sports Fortnight events will take place next week.



We took 37 children from Y4-6 to the Brighton and Hove schools' **athletics championships** at Withdean Stadium recently. As always our athletes performed brilliantly, winning a total of 19 medals and finishing in 3rd place. Overall it was our best performance of the past 5 years! Many thanks again to all of the parent helpers who came with us, and congratulations to all of the athletes involved.



We took a team of 9 players to Moulseccomb Primary School for a **table-tennis** match recently. The standard of play was very high and whilst we eventually lost 22-13, the whole event was great fun. Well done to: Kimberley, Joseph, Isaac, Seyf (Y6); Theo D, Sylvie, Noah (Y5); Kieran, Arthur (Y4)



Our Y3/4 **golf team** represented Brighton and Hove schools in the Sussex school games finals recently, finishing in 5th place overall. Huge congratulations to: Ruby, Isaac, Truman (Y3); Betty, Dulcie, Raya, Mei, Freddie, Kieran, Oscar (Y4).

**DK YOUTH THEATRE SUSSEX** BEST CLUB THEY'VE BEEN TO... IT'S JUST EAT, SLEEP & DRAMA NOW! Sussex parent **HAF** Holiday Activities and Food

# Summer Theatre School!

Acting • Singing • Dance

**Brighton** 5-9 August **ACT NOW!** **Worthing** 12-16 August

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Venue 1 - Brighton Girls School Main Hall  
Montpelier Road, Brighton and Hove, Brighton  
BN1 3AT.

Dates-Monday 5th- Friday 9th August 2024.  
Ages 6-9 years. +Ages 10-16 years

Venue 2 - Davison School for Girls Main Hall  
Selbourne Road, Worthing BN11 2JX.  
Dates-Monday 12th- Friday 16th August 2024.  
Ages 6-9 years. +Ages 10-16 years

There are still some free subsidised places left and also self pay places available.

<https://www.dramakidssussex.co.uk/holiday-clubs-summer-theatre-school/>

**DRAMA KIDS SUSSEX** BEST CLUB THEY'VE BEEN TO... IT'S JUST EAT, SLEEP & DRAMA NOW! Sussex parent **HAF** Holiday Activities and Food

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## Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) – Summer 2024

HAF is funded by the Department for Education. It provides a programme of free activities during the school Easter, summer, and winter holidays, for people who receive benefits-related free school meals..

Children and young people also receive a free balanced meal as part of their day.

There are no programmes during the half-term school holidays.

[Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

From Wednesday 24 July to Friday 30 August, B&H HAF have all kinds of activities including:

- sports
- performing arts
- computing
- the variety that playschemes offer
- youth programmes
- and so much more!

All participants will receive a meal. Places are limited, so make sure you book now to avoid disappointment.

### Booking information

The HAF team use a central booking system called Eequ. You'll need to create an account before you book, or log in if you already have an account.

You can book up to 16 Summer HAF activities for each participant.

To join the mailing list, and get the latest updates from us, send an email to [haf@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:haf@brighton-hove.gov.uk).

**Elm Grove holiday club is one of the approved HAF providers.**

Elm Grove Out of School Club



EAST SUSSEX  
ELM GROVE OUT OF SCHOOL...

- Brighton, Brighton and Hove
- For ages: 4 - 11
- Next date: Tuesday, July 30th

[Full details and booking >](#)



**Transition** - At this time of year, all classes think about transition and dealing with change, whether it is moving to a new school or moving classes and year groups. Entering a new situation (a new classroom and a new teacher) can be stressful, and some points of transition (e.g. moving key stages or having classes re-shuffled) can be especially challenging for some pupils due to the change of teacher, classroom and teaching approach, and larger, unfamiliar environments. Any change, whilst exciting for many, can also bring its stresses and, at worst, inhibit learning. We will be preparing the children for these transition periods through whole class work and also group and individual pupil support work where it is required.

At Elm Grove we will:

- Promote the smooth transition of children throughout all years at Elm Grove Primary School and beyond.
- Prevent and alleviate stress by helping children become resilient at these times by talking through what to expect and ways of managing their anxiety.
- Promote continuity of teaching and learning and maintain high expectations of pupil progress, behaviour and outcomes.

Children will meet their new teacher and teaching assistant on Tuesday 16th July in the afternoon.

The 2024-25 Staffing Structure and newly reshuffled class groups for the current Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classes are almost finalised. Much care and thought has gone into the creation of the best groupings to support the children's learning, whilst considering friendships.

I had hoped to be in a position to share the class lists and staffing structure with this newsletter. However, we are just 'dotting the i's and crossing the t's'. As a result the finalised class groups, teachers and support staff will be shared by School Ping next week. Thank you for your patience.

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### Summer support for children who have autistic sibling(s).

The Schools Mental Health Service is offering summer support to the siblings of children and young people who are autistic. Each session will be co-facilitated by a member of the Education Mental Health Practitioner Team and the Primary Mental Health Worker Team. We believe this will be helpful as "Siblings can often be overlooked, which can lead to feelings of isolation. If this continues, children can become vulnerable to a range of emotional and mental health problems. However, if siblings are acknowledged, and connected to sources of support, they are likely to become more resilient".

(Siblings Australia) Sibling support - Autism Awareness Australia School Life - Sibs

The intention is to offer a nurturing space to allow for a small group to come together and explore their own feelings, strengths and needs and to do this in a fun, safe way. We look forward to hearing from you if your child is in KS2 and you think that they could benefit from attending the 3 summer sessions. Please contact us via the following email:

Sarah.gander@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Offer

TIME: All sessions will run from 10 am to 11:30 am

KS2 x 3 session

Session 1: Wednesday 7th August 2024

Session 2: Wednesday 14th August 2024

Session 3: Wednesday 21st August 2024

location FAMILY KITCHEN

Schools Wellbeing Service

Portslade Hub,

Mile Oak Road Portslade

BN41 2PG

Limited number of spaces available



### GOLDEN BOOK MERITS



Apple	Eden B, Wilder, Koko
Cherry	Eleanor, Eli, Amy
Beech	Jesse, Lizzie, Nylaa, John
Birch	Zyon, Alyssi, Iris
Baobab	Jackson, Estella, Elsie
Bonsai	Ellis, Isla, Runa
Holly	Eleanor, Maisey, Jojo
Horse Chestnut	Jago, Simi, Isaac
Cedar	Whole class, Riley, Charlie
Cypress	Raya, James O, Betty
Redwood	Whole class
Rowan	Hannah, Richard, Livvy
Elder	Kasper, Thalia, Mabel
Oak	CC, JJ, Nathaniel

**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.

### Diary dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 9.30 - 10.30am	Year 2 Sports Day
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 9.30 - 10.30am	Reception Sports Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30 - 10.30am	Year 1 Sports Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary school transition day (Y6)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers show
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaving Picnic – 2pm Bring a dish to share Annual reports home to parents and carers
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the teacher – pupils pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Open evening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers party
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term for children

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