

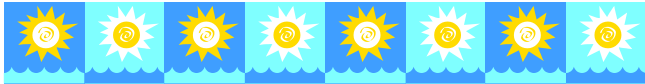


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## NEXT INSET DAY

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Number 13 – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018



**STAFFING UPDATE** – Many congratulations to Erin Souttar who got married over the Easter holidays. She will continue to use her maiden name at school and be known as Mrs Souttar.

After a long illness, and a gradual phased return, Lucy Roberts will return on a full term basis after the May half term break. I'd like to thank Anna Burfield for all she has done to cover the SENCo role so competently during Lucy's absence. Both Anna Burfield and Lucy Roberts can continue to be contacted regarding SEND support until the end of this half term, (Anna works Tues – Thurs and Lucy Mon and Fri).

**OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)** – our new playground initiative is set to launch on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The children will have access to a wide range of 'loose parts' to play with during their lunch breaks. Thank-you to everyone who donated such a great variety of resources. This is going to be an ongoing process so we can regularly replenish the items available to the children. Thank you as well for all the PTA fundraising which enabled us to build the fantastic storage sheds.

There will be a parent and carer OPAL presentation in the near future – a date will be forwarded once confirmed.

**QUESTIONNAIRES** – each year the school asks parents and carers for their feedback on a number of school related areas. This information is very important to us and helps form part of our improvement plan for the following year. As a result of our questionnaires last year we: moved the time of the first parents evening of the academic year to November; reviewed our communication systems, ensuring all letters are now sent via email; introduced Parent Pay for trips and clubs; continued to improve our top playground facilities; ran a variety of sessions for parents and carers to help them support their children at home and are currently in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy. The 2018 questionnaires will be sent home during June and your feedback will be much appreciated.



**SCHOOL SPORT** – Our netballers managed to reach the city finals and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Well done to: Amber-Lily, Betty, Milly (Rowan); Patti-Rose, Noah H, Toby (Elder); Molly L, Milo

(Oak).

102 schools across Sussex entered an indoor cricket competition this winter, and having won the city finals, we then competed in the county finals for the very first time, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals but still finishing in the top six. Very well done to: Dylan, Leo, Milo, Sacha (Oak); Toby (Elder); Manni (Cypress).

On the same day, we also competed in the county basketball finals as Brighton and Hove champions, winning 7 matches and losing just once, and finishing as runners-up. Congratulations to: Patti-Rose, Noah H, Charlie (Elder); Milo, Leo, Sacha (Oak); Milly (Rowan).

A special mention should also go to Milo in Oak class for representing Brighton and Hove schools in the county cross-country finals. He did brilliantly to finish in the top 25, helping his team to 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

## PTA - News and dates for your diary

**The date has been set for the Summer Fair - Saturday 7th July 12-3pm.** Thank you to those that attended the planning meeting and those that have already come forward with ideas and support. If you have any ideas, no matter how big or small, know a local business that may be able to support us with donations of prizes or are able to help on the day please get in touch!

**The PTA will need new committee members including a new chair and volunteer coordinator, for the coming year. Please get in touch if interested. Being part of the PTA is not only incredibly important for raising invaluable funds for our children's school, but is also a great way to meet loads of people and have lots of fun!**

The PTA can always be contacted on [elmgrovepta0@gmail.com](mailto:elmgrovepta0@gmail.com) If you have any questions or suggestions please do get in touch.

**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. Thank you.

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## HANOVER IN BLOOM -

<http://www.hasl.org.uk/streets-for-sharing.html>



**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** - Current attendance figures are as follows:

Year group	% attendance to 23rd March	% attendance to 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Reception	86.8%	100.0%
Year 1	95.3%	99.8%
Year 2	96.0%	99.0%
Year 3	95.2%	98.9%
Year 4	96.1%	98.6%
Year 5	95.8%	97.8%
Year 6	95.3%	98.5%

National average attendance= 96%

**LOST ITEMS** –Darren (Cedar) has lost his unnamed Black hooded puffer coat. Please bring to the office if you have taken it home by mistake. Thank you

## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
30.04.2018- 02.05.2018	Y4 residential
05.05.2018	Children's Parade
07.05.2018	May Day Bank Holiday
w/b 14.05.2018	Y6 SATs week
25.05.2018	Last day of half term
04.06.2018	Children return to school
26.06.18	KS2 sports day at Withdean Stadium (all children)
28.06.18	Y5/6 swimming gala(all children)
05.07.18	Y3/4 swimming gala(all children)
12.07.18	Y6 Leavers Show
19.07.18	Y6 Leavers Party
23.07.2018 (Monday)	Last day of term for children

## GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

<b>Apple</b>	Isla, Quinn, Leo, Poppy, Amina
<b>Cherry</b>	Beau D, Seyf, Sydney, Owen, Robin, Grace
<b>Beech</b>	Whole class, Reid, Barnaby, Albie
<b>Birch</b>	Whole class, Duggie, Danny, Bobby
<b>Baobab</b>	Ridley, Max, Poppy, Lilly
<b>Bonsai</b>	Jamie, Jaden, Foye, Jaden, Sam, Rosa
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Carmen, Tashy, Marley, Johnny, Louise, Addison
<b>Holly</b>	Alfie, Beau, Daniel, Imogen, Soli,Isla, Vincent
<b>Cedar</b>	Keian, George, Anna,
<b>Cypress</b>	Jacob, Aoife, Corwin,Wanda, Isobel, Robyn
<b>Redwood</b>	Lois, Ray, Seth
<b>Rowan</b>	Kodai, Leo HC, Tallulah
<b>Elder</b>	Ted, Isla S, Elliot, Bea, Heidi, George
<b>Oak</b>	Dante, Milo, Gab

## 2017-18 remaining INSET dates:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Best wishes,  
*Louise Willard*  
Head teacher

**NEWSLETTER** - If you have a visual impairment, a copy of the newsletter is available in large print from the office.

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