

NEXT INSET DAY

Thursday 29th March 2018

Number 12 – 26th March 2018



Wishing everyone a Happy Easter break – we'll look forward to seeing pupils back for the start of the Summer Term on Thursday 12th April.

I'd like to thank all the staff and children for all their efforts and hard work this term, and would especially like to say congratulations and thank you to our sports teams, and to Mr Waring, for their fantastic successes (see below)



SCHOOL SPORT – our netballers played really well in a recent tournament, with one team chosen for the 'teamwork' award and the other finishing as overall winners. Very well done to: Claudia, Toby,

Patti-Rose, Noah H (Elder); Molly L, Milo (Oak); Milly, Amber-Lily, Betty, Abdul, Bella, Kodai (Rowan); Jolanta, Joely, Mati, Amaiah (Redwood).

Our cricketers have also done spectacularly well. We won every match in the city finals and finished in first place out of 29 schools, meaning that we will now represent Brighton and Hove schools in the county finals – a first for our school in this sport.

Congratulations to: Dylan, Leo, Milo, Sacha (Oak); Toby (Elder); Manni (Cypress).

And our footballers have gone one better! We qualified for a county-level competition for the first time in this sport, and then managed to go on and win it, a feat that we have only ever matched once before (rugby in 2012)! We have now qualified for the national finals, which will be played at Leicester City FC in May. Huge congratulations to: Max, Sacha, Milo (Oak); Toby, Noah H, George (Elder).

INVITE TO SINGING ASSEMBLIES Weds 28th

March – parents and carers are welcome to join us for our end of term singing assemblies in the main hall. Children will sing a few favourite songs from their weekly singing assemblies.

Year 3 & 4 – 9.15 - 9.35am

Reception, Year 1 & 2 – 10.00 – 10.20am

Y5 & 6 – 10.40 – 11.00am

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - Current attendance figures are as follows:

Year group	% attendance (Sept to 9 th March)	% attendance (Sept to 23 rd March)
Reception	85.8% (due to staggered starts)	86.8% (due to staggered starts)
Year 1	95.1%	95.3%
Year 2	95.9%	96.0%
Year 3	95.0%	95.2%
Year 4	96.1%	96.1%
Year 5	95.8%	95.8%
Year 6	95.2%	95.3%

National average attendance = 96%



ART COMPETITION - for the last couple of years Hanover Arts Trail have been running a children's drawing competition as part of the Hanover Arts Trail and we would like to

do it again this year.

Hopefully the children from Elm Grove would like to get involved.

The theme of the drawing competition is **'What does an Artist Look Like?'**

Children are asked to do a drawing on A4 paper and to put their name, age and school on the back.

Entries to be handed in to the school office by Monday 16th April.

The winning entries will be framed and displayed alongside local artists on the Hanover Arts Trail during the month of May.

Winners will be announced

on www.hanoverartstrail.org.uk and the school will be informed directly.

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.

RAISING MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER – 4 of our mums are in the 10k run on 15th April to raise money for Breast Cancer care. Please follow the link below to support them.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emmasutton19>

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PTA - News and dates for your diary

A huge thank you to everyone that has attended, supported and volunteered at all of our events this term. It been an amazing term for fund-raising!

The date has been set for the Summer Fair - Sunday 8th 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!

Easter Hat Competition - Wednesday 28th March

Don't miss out on our Easter Hat competition. Please bring all your creations to the top playground before school. It will be 50p per entry. Mrs Willard will then choose her favourite and winners will be announced after school at the cake stall. We are looking forward to seeing your creations.

End of term Easter Cake stall - Wednesday 28th March

Please bring donations of cakes, bought or baked to the school office in the morning or to the stall after school. NO NUTS PLEASE

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 If you have any questions or suggestions please do get in touch.

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
28.03.2018	Singing assembly
28.03.2018	Non School Uniform Day PTA Cake sale/Easter Hat Competition
28.03.2018	Last day of term
12.04.2018	Children return to school
30.04.2018- 02.05.2018	Y4 residential
05.05.2018	Children's Parade
12.07.18	Y6 Leavers Show
19.07.18	Y6 Leavers Party

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Apple	Shahin, Noah, Poppy, Oisin, Kasper, Rowan
Cherry	Whole class, Owen, Grace, Felix
Beech	Anya, Riley, Siyar, Whole class
Birch	Etien, Ronnie, Ebba, Dylan, Mohammed, Lorcan
Baobab	Georgia, Isaac, Edmund, Cosi, Pheobe, Poppy
Bonsai	Polly, Evie, Alfie, Emily, Luca, Sonny
Horse Chestnut	Yassin, Edie, Sammy
Holly	Charlie J, Vincent, Emily
Cedar	Isobel, Elsa, Loki
Cypress	Lucas, Cormac, Alexandra
Redwood	Amelie, Clayton, Jolanta
Rowan	Charlie, Bella, Jared
Elder	Whole class,
Oak	Whole class

2017-18 remaining INSET dates:

Thursday March 29th & Tuesday 24th 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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