

NEXT INSET DAY

Thursday 29th March 2018

Number 9 – 22nd January 2018



TOP PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

– the next phase of the development will be the installation of 4 giant pots (with planted trees) over the February half term.



WORLD BOOK DAY MARCH 1st – We will be holding an Assembly to celebrate **World Book Day on Friday 2nd of March**. Children can dress up as their

favourite book character. Other activities during the week will include: **“Stop everything and read,”** - a chance for different classes to read together; **“Get Caught Reading”** – a celebration of people reading in unusual places; books reviews and book making workshops. If there are any adults with skills in these areas, or a particular desire to help, please could they leave a message at the office to be passed on to Mrs Phillips. More details will follow nearer the time.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – Overall pupil attendance dropped slightly over the Autumn Term. I appreciate much of the absence was due to unavoidable autumn/winter sickness and but ask for everyone’s support, wherever possible, with our focus on school attendance.

Current attendance figures are as follows:
 (overall 95.3%, down from 96.6%)

Year group	% attendance (Sept to Jan 19 th)	% attendance (Sept to Feb 5 th)
Reception	81.7% (due to staggered starts)	83.6% (due to staggered starts)
Year 1	94.6%	94.8%
Year 2	95.7%	95.8%
Year 3	94.9%	94.7%
Year 4	95.9%	96.0%
Year 5	95.7%	95.1%
Year 6	95.2%	95.3%

Please ask the office if you would like an individual attendance report printed for your child.

National average attendance = 96%



ELM TREE PLANTING CEREMONY – a new Elm tree is to be planted outside the school (on Elm Grove) on Friday 9th February.

Message from Hanover action group:

*‘To celebrate the new Elm Grove tree outside the school and the playground silver birch trees, **we at Hanover Action, would love it if the pupils/children of Elm Grove would draw or create a computer picture on A4 paper of a tree or wildlife in trees.** On the 9th February, your head teacher; Louise Willard and local Councillor David Gibson will plant 1 of 3 new streets funded by the local community and organised by Hanover action with help from the council.’*

Please take any completed pictures (clearly named) to the school office by Thursday 8th February.

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY- We will be having a non school uniform day on Friday 9th February to raise money for School Fund. Please bring in a donation of £1. Thank you.

SCHOOL SPORT – our footballers beat Hertford Juniors 9-1 in the first round of the Geerts Shield, thus qualifying for the next round in which we’ll play Aldrington or Brighton College.

Also, 23 of our children in Y5/6 competed in an indoor athletics competition at BACA recently. We finished in joint 1st place and are waiting to hear whether or not we will progress to the Sussex finals in March.

PARENTS EVENING – will be held on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February. Information about how to sign up online, or book a time via the school office, will be sent out today.

Please note Parent’s Evenings will be held in the School Hall for the first time, not the Restaurant.

PTA EVENTS -

Thursday 8th February - Don’t forget to get your tickets for the PTA quiz night taking place this Thursday 8th February 8pm in the school canteen! Tickets are available in the school office or you can email elmgrovepta0@gmail.com to reserve yours! £5 per ticket includes a welcome drink.

This promises to be a fun filled night with prizes to be won! There will be a bar selling alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks as well as a range of snacks. Come along as a team or on your own and join one! (max team size of eight) all proceeds will go towards the playground development.

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Sunday 25th February - Makers Market and Tea Room

We are really excited about this new event happening on Sunday 25th February 1300-1600. This is an opportunity for local artists, craters and makers to sell their work. Come along, browse and buy and visit our tea room for yummy cakes and treats! This will be the perfect place to find that extra special and unique mothers day gift!

Tables are available to Elm grove parents or carers at the special price of £15 (£25 normal price), please email elmgrovepta0@gmail.com to book.

Thursday 15th March - Key stage 2 discos

Friday 16th March Key stage 1 discos

Friday 23rd March - Butlers Wine Tasting - Come and join us for a fun evening of wine tasting, nibbles and chat. The Elm Grove wine tasting evening in partnership with the inimitable Henry Butler is a great way to sample new wines, catch up with friends and meet new people! This event is likely to sell out quickly so please book your tickets soon. Please note that all tickets to this event will be sold online. You can book yours at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/elmgrovepta/135950>

If you are able to volunteer at any of these events, or would like any further information please contact the PTA at elmgrovepta0@gmail.com

The PTA can always be contacted on 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.

GARDENING – each Friday children at Elm Grove After School club are getting involved in Blossom Garden gardening projects. Children involved may get quite muddy so you may want to send additional gardening clothes on Friday's (if attending the club). Please speak to club staff for more information.

HOMEWORK GRIDS will be sent home on: 9.2.2018.

Please look out for them in your child's book bag.

GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Apple	Fitz, Noah, Arthur, Jacob
Cherry	Lola P, Joe, Toula, Devonte, Mabel, Robin
Beech	Barnaby, Sydney, Sophie
Birch	Whole class
Baobab	Finn, Leila, Jagoda, Florence, Emily, Max
Bonsai	Reuben, Lucas, Herbie, Emily, Bailey, Monty

Horse Chestnut	Anna, Theo, Ivy, Baker, Addison, Jay
Holly	Lyla, Rowan, Fred, Whole Class
Cedar	Keian, Isobel, Eva, Hazel, Matteo, Thea
Cypress	
Redwood	Nianna, Josh, Grace, Mati, Bill, Adam
Rowan	Tisa, Ayo, Erin, Tallulah, Amber, Milly
Elder	Margo, Patti Rose, Joe, Felix, Ramou, Heidi
Oak	Molly L, Leo, Sacha, Max, Beth, Dylan

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
08.02.2018	PTA Parent Quiz Night
09.02.2018	Elm Tree planting ceremony 11am (tbc)
09.02.2018	Non school uniform day PTA Cake Sale Last day of half term
19.02.2018	Children return to school
22.02.2018	Year 6 SATs talk for parents/carers
25.02.2018 (Sun)	PTA Makers Market & Tea Room
27.02.2018 & 28.02.2018	Parents Evening (in Main Hall – not Restaurant) More information to follow
01.03.2018	World Book Day
02.03.2018	Book Week -dressing up as your favourite book character' day
07.03.2018	Year 2 SATs talk for parents/carers
w/b 12.03.2018	Science Week
15.03.2018	PTA KS2 Disco
16.03.2018	PTA KS1 Disco
23.03.2018	PTA Butlers Wine Tasting
28.03.2018	Last day of term

2017-18 remaining INSET dates:

Thursday March 29th & Tuesday 24th July

Please see term dates for 2018-19 attached to this newsletter.

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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