



# Newsletter

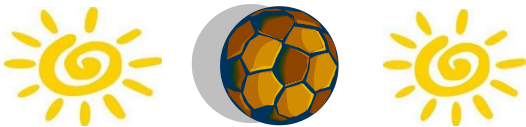
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## NEXT INSET DAY

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

## Number 18 – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018



Thank-you to all parents and carers who have supported Elm Grove School this year. It is very much appreciated.

Many of you have either attended or helped at our many different recent events; including the PTA Summer Fair, sports events and class trips. Your support really adds to the success of such events for the children.

I would like to especially thank the incredibly dedicated and hard-working PTA committee members. Saturday's Summer Fair was a wonderful event, enjoyed by all and adding vital funds to ensure enrichment events and further playground developments for the playground.

Zoe Campbell and Katie Ruffles are stepping down as Chair of the PTA and Volunteer Co-ordinator respectively. They have both contributed hugely through their energy and enthusiasm and will be much missed.

Please let the PTA know if you are interested in getting involved and joining the committee next year.

**SINGING ASSEMBLY INVITE** – We warmly invite you to our singing assemblies:

Y3 & 4 – 9.15am 16.07.2018 (Restaurant) - **Please note change of day and time**

Reception & KS1 – 10.00am 17.07.2018 (main hall)

Y5 – 10.40am 18.07.2018 (Restaurant)

NB Y6 will be performing learnt songs at their leaver's performance on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

## PARENTS AND CARER QUESTIONNAIRES –

Please help us to keep improving Elm Grove by responding via the link below to our Parent and Carer annual questionnaire. Responses help the school celebrate successes and also make decisions about priorities for the following year. The survey has been extended to give more parents and carers the opportunity to respond and will now be open until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Thank-you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZMBNGQT>

## LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM – MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

**JULY** – we appreciate it is very unusual for the last day of the school year to fall on a Monday. It came about when INSET days had to be moved earlier in the year and became unavoidable.

**STAFFING UPDATE** – Mrs Carla Kemp has been appointed as a part time Year 5 PPA teacher. Interviews are taking place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July to appoint a new part time office administrator as Mrs Lorraine Williams is reducing her working days from September.



**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** – The children found out recently about the Brighton Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, which aims to promote &

encourage reading during the summer holidays. Your child can sign up at any Brighton & Hove library from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July.



## SCHOOL SPORT

KS2 Sports Day: many thanks to everyone who was able to come to Withdean Stadium to support the children.

The winning team in Y3 was Green, with Red winning in Y4, and the overall winners of the Y3/4 trophy were Green. The winning team in Y5 was Green, with Blue winning in Y6, and the overall winners of the Y5/6 trophy were Blue.

Congratulations to Rowan, Oak and Holly classes, who won their respective swimming galas. The Y4 gala ended as a draw.

Our swimming team in Years 5 and 6 performed really well in the city swimming gala at Prince Regent pool, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall (our joint-highest ever position). Well done to: Leo B (Rowan); Ray, Jasper (Redwood); Milo, Isaac M, Dante, Summer, Grace, Mia (Oak); Charlie, Thomas, Heidi, Patti-Rose, Mary, Isla S-M, Amber (Elder).

Please use the following link to find out how to apply for free swimming sessions for children (all year-round) in Brighton and Hove's public swimming pools. This is a long-standing offer, funded by the city council, that few people seem to know about.  
<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/leisure-and-libraries/sport-and-activity/free-swimming>

**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.**

**HEALTH & SAFETY AFTER SCHOOL IN THE PLAYGROUND** – Please ensure your child/children do not hang from the high bar under the top playground shed once they have been collected from school. The children are not permitted to swing from the bars during the school day and there was an unfortunate accident where a pupil badly broke his arm last week swinging on the bars after school.

**PARENTPAY**- We would like to thank 83% of our parents who have now signed up to Parentpay. Using online payments really helps us to reduce our administration and money handling time in school. We continue to aim to become a cashless school so we would like to encourage you all to use this online system to pay for dinners, swimming and school trips. If you have any problems with your log in, please see the School Office.

**Currently an average of 75% of parents and carers pay for school trips and events. The school never makes a profit from any trip; this means the school has to cover the difference from its own budget, which has a negative impact on the already limited resources. Elm Grove is really proud of the many educational experiences it offers the children and implores all parents and carers to support the voluntary contribution system to ensure they can continue.**



**BLOSSOM GARDEN** – Parents and carers are welcome to drop in and help look after the Blossom Garden on Wednesdays after school. Please bring your own tools. Tasks will include weeding, watering, planting etc. The children really benefit from the wonderful Blossom Garden environment and the school is hugely appreciative of all the efforts of Martin Lundgren (and the ECO council) to develop and maintain it. We are now looking for a sustainable way to keep it looking great.

**SUN SAFETY** – Please encourage your children to bring a named sun hat and a water bottle to school every day. If the forecast is correct, we should be able to enjoy some lovely sunny weather between now and the end of term.

**NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY** - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (the last day of term) and please bring in a £1 donation for School Fund.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE** – From September 2018 all children will be expected to wear Elm Grove uniform colours of green, white and grey – in any combination. (NB this can include jogging bottoms). No items with logos please, apart from the optional Elm Grove logo. We have made the decision to say

grey, **not** black tights/leggings. We also ask that the children wear sensible, school appropriate shoes. The PE uniform is white T-shirt and white shorts. Uniform can be purchased via the school office or in local supermarkets.

Waterproof Reversible Coat/Jacket 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14	£20.00
Fleece Jacket 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14	£13.00
Sweatshirts – 26” 28” 30”32” Sm	£9.00
T-Shirts - 26” 28” 30”32”	£5.50
Polo Shirts - 26” 28” 30”32”	£6.50
Cotton Shorts 22/24, 26/28/30/32	£6.00
Book Bags	£3.00
PE Bags	£3.00
Ties	£3.00
Caps	£4.00

**PTA News - URGENT - The PTA will require a new Committee members for the coming school year.**

The PTA is essential in providing money for the school to offer enrichment projects and equipment that can't be funded in any other way. However, it can't run itself and in order to continue needs to have a full committee. Being part of the PTA may seem overwhelming but speaking from experience, it's not! I have had so much fun being part of the PTA working with the committee, class reps, school staff and wider community. I've made loads of new friends and enjoyed seeing our hard work coming to fruition. If you think you might be interested and want to find out more about what's involved, please email the PTA, give me text/call on 07769708900 or grab me in the playground and we can have talk through what's involved. We hope to see you at the AGM too! - Zoe Campbell, PTA Chair.

**NEW DATE** - The PTA AGM will now take place on Tuesday 17th July at 8pm in the back room of The Hanover Pub, **All welcome!** Please come along and be part of the PTA plans for the coming year!

**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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## DIARY DATES

Date	Event
12.07.18	Y6 Leavers Show
13.07.2018	Annual Reports home to parents/carers (Y6 parents/carers may collect directly from office on July 13 <sup>th</sup> if they wish)
16.07.2018	Pupils meet their new teacher - pm
17.07.2018	Singing assembly invite: Rec & Y1 & 2 10am Y3 & Y4 10.40am
18.07.2018	Singing assembly invite: Y5 10.40am
18.07.2018	Parent/carer open evening 3.30pm- 6.30pm (in classrooms) NB Mr McLaren, new Y4 Cypress teacher will be attending from 5pm
19.07.18	Y6 Leavers Party – Thursday - 6.45 pm – 8.45 pm
23.07.2018 (Monday)	Last day of term for children and Non School Uniform day
<b>05.09.2018 (Wednesday)</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

## GOLDEN BOOK MERITS

Beech	Monte, Siyar, Edie
Birch	Guney, Bobby, April
Baobab	Primrose, JJ, Florence
Bonsai	Rosa, Kitty, Oscar
Horse Chestnut	George, Sammy, Marley, Tashy, Carmen, Riley
Holly	Whole class, Charlie J, Soti
Cedar	Darren, Thea, Hazel, Conor, Sophia, Anna, Whole class
Cypress	Sofia, Cormac, Lexie, Wanda, Peter, Noah
Redwood	Lenny, Edie, Jasper
Rowan	Leo HC, Alithia, Erin, Amber, Alisha, Bailey
Elder	Claudia Toby, Harrison

## OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We are still keen to add to the loose part items in the playground sheds. Please see the list of items we are currently looking for:

**Planks**

**Ropes**

**Pots & Pans**

**Logs**

**Cones**

**Shells**

**Twigs**

Old curtains

Quilt covers

**Guttering**

**Pipes**

Poles

Cushions

**All donations to be taken to the 'loose parts' containers in the car park. Many thanks.**

**LOST ITEMS** Zach (Oak) has lost his named black Nike zip up hoody (size 10-11yrs). Please bring it to the office if you have taken it home by mistake. Thank you

**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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