



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th October, 2017

DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

W/B Monday 9th October	Poetry Week	
Thursday 12th October	Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church	11.00
Friday 13th October	Environment Day PTFA Fairies and Scaries	6.00-8.00
Monday 16th October	Parent Consultation Evening (Years 1-6)	3.30-7.30
Tuesday 17th October	Year 5 Big Sing at MRC	am
Wednesday 18th October	Tapestry Introduction for Parents - Dragonflies This will now take place on Thursday 19th October at 9.00am	
Thursday 19th October	Parent Roadshow: Find it Out Including Tapestry Introduction for Parents - Dragonflies Parent Consultation Evening (Years 1-6)	08.45-10.45 9.00-9.30 3.30-6.00
Friday 20th October	Inset Day	
23rd-27th October	Half Term	

A Word from the Head

Dear Parents,

Staff News

Sadly at the end of this term we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Dodge. Liz has secured a new teaching position in Cambridgeshire, where her husband already works. Liz has become a valued member of staff during her short time here. We will miss her but wish her every success for the future.

We are currently advertising for a Year 2 teacher and will update you once interviews have taken place.

Parent Governor Elections

We have 5 nominees for the Parent Governor position and therefore an election is necessary. The election statements of each nominee along with ballot papers were sent home this week and also emailed to all parents of Year 5 and 6. The closing date to return your slip to the school office is 9.30am on Tuesday 10th October. The votes will be counted later that day and you will be informed of the outcome by text the following day.

Environment Day

Environment Day is on Friday 13th October. Our two big design projects will be our outdoor classroom space which we will plant in the spring term and the big cross for the assembly that Roger, one of the churchwardens, has kindly made for us for the hall. Dragonflies will be planting up their garden and other classes will have an artwork display focus so the school should be looking even more colourful and interesting by the end of the day! If you are free for some or part of that day and would like to help out, do let us know.

Poetry & Pasties

Next week, we are launching our annual poetry competition. Children will be able to recite a poem and/or submit a poem they have written at school or at home. The list of poems that the children can choose from will be released on Monday during assembly. They will also be available from Reception, from class teachers and from the school Moodle.

On Tuesday, we welcome back Steve Tasane, the performance poet who visited us last year. Steve will be spending the day with us. The day will also be peppered by visits from the Poetry Squad; local poetry enthusiasts who will be performing some of their favourite poems during visits to classes.

The competition itself will be held after half-term, on Friday, 3rd November. This year, instead of inviting parents of winners into the celebration assembly that day, we are putting on a special event a week later, 'Poetry & Pasties'. Local butcher, Michael Courtney has agreed to make pasties for children (£1.00) and adults (£2.50). We will have another performance poet, Justin Coe, at the evening and everybody is welcome to come and they can read or perform a poem that they would like to share. However, we need to know numbers of pasties needed, so please let the office know if you would like to reserve a pastry – the deadline is November 1st. We very much hope that all winners in the poetry competition will recite the poems that they learnt or read the poems that they wrote.

Parent Roadshow

Parent Roadshow: Find It Out

8.45am – 10.45am – open to all parents YR-6

You are invited to join us for a collection of workshops, professional drop-ins and marketplace information stands.

TIMETABLE

9.00 – 9.30 Workshop 1 TAPESTRY with Amanda Catchpole

Calling all Reception Parents/Carers! IMPORTANT!!!!

Please come to the "Tapestry" workshop at 9 am to receive your log in details. Tapestry is the e-learning journal where you as parents will be able to view your child at work in Dragonflies, from the comfort of your home! **If you cannot make this meeting, it is crucial that you let us know so that we can arrange for you to get your password, as they need to be activated and confirmed within 24 hours.**

9.30 – 10.00 Workshop 2 E-SAFETY with Liz Dodge

Find out what you can do to keep your children safe online

9.00 -10.30 E-Learning pupil demonstrations for My Maths, First News i-hub, Sumdog, Clicker7, Accelerated Reader, Nelly and more

Throughout the morning 8.45am-10.45am, meet the PROFESSIONALS in our Marketplace to find out about....

Marketplace

- **SENDCO**
- **School Nurse** – find out more about sleep, toileting, oral health, anxiety, mental health
- **West Sussex Learning & Behaviour Team (tbc)** – find out more about how to support your child's learning and behaviour
- **Midhurst & Petworth Family Centre** (Family Outreach Worker available 10-10.45am) – find out about courses, events and support available in the local area
- **Aspire Adult Education (tbc)** – find out about Adult Education courses available – Basic Skills, Back into Work, Leisure, Supporting your child's learning at home. We want to bring these courses to Easebourne but need a minimum of 8 parents per course. **PLEASE COME AND SIGN UP TO SHOW YOUR INTEREST** so that we can get these course running at Easebourne. Alternatively email eaustin-diment@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk
- **Midhurst Library** – find out about upcoming events and resources available to borrow to inspire and develop your child's reading
- **Speech and Language Service** – information available about key milestones for your child's speech and language development
- **And information on much, much more.**

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Thursday 12th October at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church. If you would like to join us for the service, we will be very pleased to see you. Please make sure your child has a coat in school as we will be walking to the church. If any parents are available to help walk the children down to church please let the class teacher or office know.

Parent Consultation Evening (Years 1-6)

We have arranged two consultation evenings where you can discuss your child's progress with his/her class teacher. They will be on:

Monday 16th October – 3.30-7.30pm and Thursday 19th October 3.30-6.00pm

Mrs Austin-Diment, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, will also be available on the Thursday and if you would normally meet with her you can request a joint meeting with Mrs Austin-Diment and your child's class teacher by adding a note to your booking.

This week you should have received a link to your mobile phone or email address which takes you to our online booking system to select a time convenient to you. If you did not receive this, or need help booking an appointment, please contact the school office.

The consultation evening for Reception Class will be on:

Monday 30th October – 3.30-7.30pm and Thursday 2nd November 3.30-6.00pm

You will receive your link to book an appointment early next week. Mrs Austin-Diment is available in the same manner on the Thursday.

Individual School Photos

The school photographer is due in school on Tuesday 31st October to take individual photographs of all our children, including those attending Early Days Nursery. Please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper/cardigan. Siblings within the school will automatically be photographed together but if you would like a family photograph with younger siblings, please let the office know. These photographs are taken at the very beginning of the school day so it is essential you arrive promptly.

Scholastic Book Club

A reminder that the deadline for Scholastic Book Club orders is Monday, 9th October.

Starting School September 2018

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 they can start school in September 2018. From Monday 2nd October 2017 to Monday 15th January 2018, you can apply online on the pupil Admissions Application website at www.westsussex.gov.uk. Once you have submitted your online application you will receive an automatic email acknowledgement. Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries and Children and Family Centres. Paper forms will only be issued to parents on request by phoning 0333 0142903 and forms need to be sent by recorded delivery. Applications made after the closing date cannot be considered until all other applications have been dealt with. Online applicants will be notified which school their child has been offered by email during the day of Monday 16th April 2018. Other applicants will be sent a letter by second class post, posted on 16th April.

Starting Secondary School September 2018

A reminder that the deadline for applications is Tuesday 31st October 2017.

House Update

	Green Turtles	Yellow Meerkats	Blue Dolphins	Red Eagles
Week 1-3 House Points	1	3	4	2
Summer Reading Challenge	17	11	12	14
Summer Kit Book Challenge	18	17	14	17
Sumdog Challenge	10	9	4	9
Week 4 House Points	1	4	4	2
Week 5 House Points	1	3	4	3
Total	48	47	42	47

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

A big thank you to Natalie Atkins for organising and running this event. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped set up, sell refreshments and clear up afterwards. One last thank you goes out to all you bakers & fakers who donated all those wonderful very yummy cakes and biscuits, I know I will need to shed a few pounds after indulging!! Well done, you have raised a massive £165 for the MacMillan Charity.

Fairies & Scaries

The ever so popular 'Fairies & Scaries' disco is only one week away and I believe there are only a few tickets left to be sold. If you haven't already bought tickets and are hoping to attend make sure you purchase them very soon, as once they are gone, they're gone!

The disco is being held on Friday 13th October 2017 from 6pm-8pm, so we hope you have got your costumes ready. That goes for parents as well, who are more than welcome to come in fancy dress too. There will be a prize for the prettiest fairy and the scariest ghoul from each class. We will also be running a pumpkin carving competition where everyone who enters will gain a house point and a winner from each house will be picked. Please put your name and house colour on the back of your pumpkin and bring them in on the morning of Friday 13th October.

This is a fantastic evening which the children really enjoy, however we cannot make it a success without help before, during and after the event. If you can help with any of the following (even if it's just half an hour) please comment on the PTFA Facebook page or email Janet Lambert on janetlambert0378@gmail.com

* Decorate the school - during the day on Friday 13th October

* Run a stall/bar

* Supervise Yr 5 & 6 disco

* Tidy up at the end (the more volunteers, the less time it takes - we were done in less than an hour last year thanks to the numbers of helpers)

Christmas Fair

The School Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 8th December between 5.30pm-8pm. There will be a Christmas Fair meeting on Sunday 15th October from 8pm at The White Horse in Easebourne, all welcome. We would love to hear your ideas. If you would like to help before, on the day or afterwards please contact us via our facebook page, through the school office or email Jo Purser at madjopad@yahoo.co.uk

I would like to take the opportunity in thanking the Easebourne Nursery Team for all their support and efforts through the years in running 'Santas Grotto'. They retired from running the grotto last year and we would just like to say a massive thank you to all of you, we really do appreciate all your time and hard work.

Dates for your Diary

- * Friday 13th October, Fairies & Scaries, 6pm - 8pm
- * Tuesday 14th November Happy School Bag Collection, 11.00am
- * Friday 17th November, PTFA Film Night, 3.15pm-5.30pm
- * Friday 8th December, School Christmas Fair 5.30pm - 8pm

Watch this space for more information on the above events.



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Easter Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October
8.30am - 4.30pm

£15.50 per am/pm session or £31 per child, per day.

Children aged from 2-10 years

Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place

Please note if you wish to book your child into a breakfast club or after school provision this must be booked in advance in order to ensure we can adhere to the correct child/staff ratio.

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