



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th February 2016

## Dates for the next two weeks

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	PTFA Valentine Cakes and Hot Chocolate Sale	<b>3.00pm</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half Term	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Badgers Trip to The Sustainability Centre	<b>9.00am-2.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Rabbits Trip to The Sustainability Centre	<b>9.00am-2.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Debate Club (Yrs 5&6)	<b>3.15-4.15pm</b>

## A Word from the Head

### Library Book Character Competition

As we approach half-term, can I remind everybody that we are hoping to change the look of the library after half-term. The colourful balloons will give way to a new display of characters from children's books as part of our latest house challenge. Children are invited to make something to hang from the ceiling or sit on a bookshelf to bring new colour to the library. Children have until the end of half-term to work on these. Every entry will gain a house point for your house and the best individual entries will win a prize. We look forward to seeing what everybody comes up with.

### Half-Term Story Starter Writing Competition (200 Words)

When you're not busy creating a book character over half-term, we hope you will feel like starting a story. The rules are simple. Write the beginning of a story that will leave the reader really keen to find out what happens next. The only rule is that you cannot use more than 200 words. All children are welcome to enter and, rather unusually, so are adults!

### Volunteers' Coffee

The children's education is hugely enhanced by the wonderful work that our volunteers do. To mark this next Friday, there will be a Volunteers' Coffee & Cake Morning at 11 o'clock. If you already help out at the school or are interested in the idea of giving up some of your time, you are very welcome. We will eat, drink and be merry and, of course, share our experiences to try to further improve the volunteer experience. Do come if you can.

### Hen News and Call for Working Party

You probably thought the whole idea had been dropped from the lack of news. Behind the scenes, things have been moving. We have a contractor who is costing up the most affordable fencing plan and the henhouse was delivered yesterday by the Cowdray Estate. To minimise the expense to the school, our contractor is happy to work alongside a team of volunteers from our parent community. So, if you are interested in helping, please let us know. We will announce the date asap.

### First Minibus Outing

This week saw our first modest minibus outing, as six children from KS2 drove to MRC for a science and technology session. Though a small step for a small group of children, this was a giant leap for Easebourne Primary School!



Later this term, this experiment will be followed by trips by Hedgehogs and Squirrels to the Weald & Downland Museum at Singleton, by Rabbits and Badgers to the Sustainability Centre in East Meon and by Foxes and Otters to Fishbourne Roman Palace.

## Further update: Worth Less? Campaign

Thanks to all those who have supported the Worth Less? campaign. As you know, ahead of the meeting with the Department for Education on Monday 8 February, the headteachers in West Sussex asked you to actively support the campaign. In just 36 hours, over 5,000 people liked the latest image on Facebook and many of you wrote powerful messages of support.



Though keen not to bombard you with requests, we would ask that you help us to maintain momentum. With this in mind, if you have not done so already, please use the link below to like the most recent image and increase the number still further. Every 'like' and 'share' really counts.

Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/WorthLessWestSussex/photos/a.1652657748339729.1073741828.1646768215595349/1672986596306844/?type=3&theater>

and click 'like'.

## Fairtrade Fortnight (29th February – 13th March)



Last year, you may remember that we ran a house challenge to collect as many different fairtrade products as we could. This year, we plan to explore fairtrade in assemblies and in class and to run two after-school fairtrade stalls where children can buy reasonably healthy snacks. We might also try to stock fairtrade hot chocolate alongside the snacks if we can find the manpower – volunteers very welcome! We will let you and the children know more about these nearer the time; this is just to give parents a little forewarning that children might ask for a little money to bring in for a fairtrade snack after half-term.

## A word from the Governors

Starting on Friday 26th February, and then once a month until the end of the school year, the governors will hold a 'surgery' in the library for an hour after school (3.15 - 4.15). We are hoping that this will provide an opportunity for you to air any concerns you have about the school. Our intention is to listen to your views and record them; we will then commit to exploring the issues you raise and come back to you with an answer. For those of you unable to be in school at this time, we will also be present at the parent consultation evenings on Monday 29th February and Thursday 3rd March.

A parent questionnaire will be circulated to parents before the consultation evening. We will be collecting in completed copies on both nights. For those of you that forget to bring them, there will be some spare copies available for completion at the time.

We look forward to hearing your opinions and addressing your concerns.

Tia Bedford, Chair of Governors

## House Challenge Board

	Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
Total Last Term	55	58	49	64
Christmas Reading Challenge	2	1	3	4
Week 1 House Points	2	2	4	4
Week 2 House Points	4	1	3	2
Week 3 House Points	2	2	3	4
Week 4 House Points	2	1	3	4
Week 5 House Points	2	3	1	4
Total	69	68	66	86

## House Charity Term

### Blue House

Hello Blues. This year Blue House are raising money for Naomi's House Children's Hospice. We will be holding a sponsored silence on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. This will be open to all houses. Details and sponsorship forms will be handed out before half term. We are also sharing the idea with Yellow House of a Funky Shoesday which will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This is open to the whole school, you can wear a pair of funky shoes to school (not high heels or heelies) and donate 50p to our charity. Miles and Gwen, Blue House

### Green House

Our charity for this term is Macmillan Cancer Support. One of our ideas is a competition to design the most creative futuristic lego house. The competition is open to all houses. To enter all you need to do is take a picture of your lego house and send it in to school with 50p. There will be a prize for the winner. Looking forward to seeing your designs. Albert and Samantha, Green House

### Red House

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Red House will be holding a 'Bake Off' competition to raise money for their charity, Save The Children. It will cost £1 to enter and the cakes need to be brought into school on the day. The cakes will be judged during the day and then sold at the end of the school day. There will be prizes for the winning entries. If anyone in Red House could donate a cake related prize please bring it in after half term. Sophie and Dominic, Red House

### Yellow House

The charity that Yellow House has chosen is Canine Partners. We will be running two competitions which are all about dogs. The first is to design a comic strip which involves a dog hero and the second is to take an eye-catching picture of a dog. Entries cost 50p each and there will be prizes for the winning entries. All entries need to be in by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We are also sharing an idea with Blue House 'Funky Shoesday' which will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. You can wear a pair of funky shoes to school not high heels or heelies and donate 50p to our charity. Charles and Ethan, Yellow House

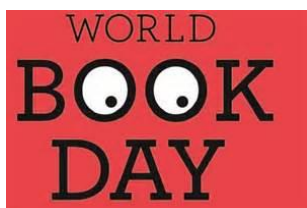
## Parent Workshop

### Creative Approaches to Learning - Parent Workshop

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 3.30pm-4.30pm**

We are excited to announce that we will be offering KS1 and KS2 a day of fun, energetic, inspirational and creative thinking to show children how to learn, store and recall information in interesting and unusual ways. During the day, children will experience the power of remembering things more easily using their imaginations. They will be taught a range of ways to learn that can be used in class and for homework. Techniques will include Mind Mapping, the 'Story Technique', the 'Journey System' and multi-sensory learning. Children will be amazed at their own abilities and remember a huge range of facts, encouraging self-belief and raising self-esteem. KS2 will then have a second workshop in the Summer Term to develop these strategies further and apply them specifically to maths, spelling and science.

We would like to invite you to an after-school workshop (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 3.30-4.30pm in the Hall) so that you can hear about and experience a taster of the techniques your children will have learned and use these alongside your child to support their learning. Please sign up to the list in Reception if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be activities happening in class and, as last year, the children will have the opportunity to hear the teachers read their favourite book.

### Luke Temple Visit

We had a very interesting visit from the author Luke Temple. He told us how he gets all his ideas. He then chose some people to act out some of the chapters from his books. I enjoyed it because he got us involved. After that Luke came



back the next day and gave us the chance to buy some of his books which he signed. By Tom W, Foxes Class



On the 25<sup>th</sup> January Easebourne Primary School had a visit from a famous author named Luke Temple. He writes books for all ages. He has written different series of books, for example The Ghost Post and the Felix Dashwood series. His books are good because they are full of very powerful vocabulary. He gets lots of his book ideas from his dreams or he stares at a blank wall. Many of his books are about monsters and pirates. We were very lucky to have him visit us; it's given us lots of inspiration to read and write books. By Tilly and Gaby, Badgers Class

## Hedgehogs Visit Midhurst Library

On Wednesday Year 1 went to Midhurst Library to get some books. But not everyone did, only the ones who had a library card. We played some games and read some books. We heard a story about a duck who kept waking up a bear. It was a bit funny. We looked at some pictures in books and we voted for our favourite picture book which was There's a Bear on my Chair. We walked back to school in partners and we spotted houses and different things on houses, we were looking out for wooden things on the houses and fancy windows and semi detached houses and terraced houses. By Hannah and Adam, Hedgehogs



## My Forest School



In my sessions I have been making a soap holder for the washing area in the forest. To make it I used some string and sticks. I had to search for the sticks in the forest and they had to be a certain size. Mrs Thomas helped me learn lots of new ways to tie knots and we tell stories to help us remember how to do it. One of my favourite stories is Fred the Fish. 'Fred the Fish jumps out of the pond and looks around and then sees you. So he tries to jump back into the pond – but he misses, so he crawls underground and then he thinks he is under the pond so he comes back up but then he is not where he wanted to be so then he saw the pond and dived back in'. And then we pull it tight! I love Forest School because

I learn lots of new skills and I have loads of fun every week. By Leah, Rabbits Class

A huge thankyou to Neil Tiplady who has very kindly donated a camera to Forest School so we can take lots of amazing photos. Thank you from us all.

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

### Chair Role

We are very pleased and excited to welcome Zoe Irvine as the new Chair of the PTFA.

Last year was an amazing year for the PTFA, achieving 2 Minibuses for the school and raising £8,759.81. We are now delighted to be working with Zoe to continue the fantastic work done last year and to focus on new projects to benefit all of our children!

We have some amazing new ideas for the PTFA to fund within the school and details of these will follow. Please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm in the conference room. Everyone is very welcome! The more support we have the more we can do to benefit every child in the school.

### Valentines Cake Sale



There will be a cake sale afterschool on Friday 12 February 2016. If anyone is able to make or buy any cakes and bring them into school on either Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February or Friday 12 February 2016, it would be very appreciated!



### Film Night

Our next film night is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 3.30pm. More details to follow.

### Pamper/Wellbeing Evening



This event will replace the Mother Day afternoon tea initially on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The Pamper & Wellbeing Evening will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Tickets will be sold for the evening, which will include a mini treatment and also a glass of wine. There will be a range of treatments and products available and also a bar, we are hoping that this will be a really nice evening to catch up with friends and family. It would also be a great gift for Mother's Day! More details will follow shortly.



In the meantime, if you or anyone that you know is a Beautician, Therapist, Nail Technician, Yoga Trained or selling beauty products or similar and would be willing to give a couple of hours of time to get involved with this event and also promote their business, please email [zoeirvine@btinternet.com](mailto:zoeirvine@btinternet.com)

### **Happy School Bag Collection**

This is a great repeat fund raiser that everyone can join in with to help the school raise much needed funds. Last year we all collected 151 bags and this raised £407.10! We have decided to run another collection and bags will be sent home shortly for you to fill with your unwanted clothes etc. If friends and family would also like to donate their unwanted items these can be placed into black bags too. Bags can be dropped into the school reception any time after half term until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### **ABBA Tribute Night**

Tickets are selling very fast, we only have 38 tickets left! This event is being hosted on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 by Cowdray Park Golf Club as a charity event for Easebourne CE Primary School. Tickets are £35 per person, which will include a drink on arrival, a 3 course meal, tribute band and disco to follow.



To book your tickets please call Cowdray Park Golf Club on 01730 813599 or booking forms are available in the school reception.

### **Minibus 100 Club**

The Winners this month were –

£25.00 – Janet Lambert

£15.00 – Fran Ortlepp

£10.00 – Lucy Weekes

The next draw will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016. If you did not take part in this event and would like to do so, we will be relaunching this club in September 2016.

### **Match Funding**

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. If anyone is able to help in this way, we would be very grateful!!

### **Next Meeting**

The next PTFA Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm in the conference room. Our meetings are very friendly and informal and everyone is very welcome!!



## **Early Days and Easebourne Owls**



### **Half Term Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club**

We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
8.30am-4.30pm

£14.00 per am/pm session or £28 per child, per day.

*Children aged from 2-10 years*

*Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place*

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