



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th May 2016

Dates for the next two weeks

Thursday 19th May	Reception Class Visit by the Animal Man	pm
Friday 20th May	PTFA Walk Jog Run	2.15 pm
Thursday 26th May	Rother Valley Football Tournament at Stedham (school team)	9.00am-12.00pm
Friday 27th May	Inset Day	

A Word from the Head

Today, we say goodbye to Ross Williams. We wish him well in the next step of his career in Chichester. In the short term, until the end of the term, Hedgehogs will be supported by Debs Thomas. We are currently interviewing for additional teaching assistant hours and will let parents know of the ongoing arrangements for September. We will also be saying goodbye at the end of this term to Francesca Wade-Palmer who has worked this year with Otters Class and with small groups across the school. We wish her every success in her new venture.

Enjoy your weekend, especially Otters Class who have put in so much effort this week with their SATS.

Community Week (15th-19th June)

If you are available to help, please let us know!

Hens

Last Thursday evening, the hens finally arrived, generously brought over and donated by Lily (pictured) and her mum Jo Claydon. The five bantams have settled in well, enjoying their home donated by Finn and Matilda. Five daily teams of hen helpers are getting used to looking after these new arrivals. The hen helpers all submitted application forms, outlining what they could offer. Since the hens arrived, a number of additional children have expressed interest in signing up. If your child is one of these, please note that we are not currently taking on any new hen helpers though we will put children onto a waiting-list. We are, however, collecting suggestions of names from the children and staff and will update you when there is further news.



SRE Week (week beginning 6th June)

As promised last year, we publicised a meeting for any parent who wanted to be involved in a review of the school's Sex & Relationships Education (SRE) provision. Nobody came in to meet with parent governor, Jo Asman and nobody sent word that they would like to be involved but could not make the meeting, so we assumed that there were no serious concerns and reviewed the policy together. You can view it under 'Policies' in the Parent Info section of the school's Moodle where it will be loaded this weekend.

As last year, parents are welcome to view the episodes which we use from the series, 'Living and Growing'. If there is a demand, a screening of the episodes will take place starting at 9.00am and 12.30pm on Monday, 23rd May. Please let the office know if you will be attending.

Midhurst Nuns Visit

Nuns who live in the convent in Midhurst recently visited classes over a two week period. Sister Margarita and Sister Johanna sat and talked a little about their lives as nuns and the Catholic faith. Sister Johanna joined us for our singing assembly and led us in the Lord's Prayer. Interestingly, whilst most of the children recognised a picture of the Catholic Church in Midhurst, few knew what it was so it was lovely for the children to be able to gain a little more understanding of the breadth of the Christian Church in our local area.



Lollipop Person

As you all know, we are still without a crossing patrol in Wheelbarrow Castle. The council are still keen to employ somebody but, as yet, nobody has applied to the advertisements. In case anybody can think of somebody who might be interested, below is a little detail about the role, taken from the council website.

Becoming a lollipop man or lollipop lady

School crossing patrols play an important part in the life of the community. At 125 sites in West Sussex, school crossing patrols are employed at the start and finish of each school day. Although exact times vary from site to site, the commitment is usually 30-40 minutes each morning and again in the afternoon when children are walking to and from school.

The rate of pay is £7.19 per hour and, of course, you only work in term time. Salary is spread equally over 12 months, so pay is the same each month, even over the summer holiday and half terms. You also get paid for public holidays. There is no upper age limit and we have several patrol people in their seventies. Uniform and training are provided.

If you are interested in being part of this worthwhile service, please contact Louise Bishop:

E-mail: louise.bishop@westsussex.gov.uk

Telephone: 033 022 26744

Address:

Road Safety Team
1st floor, Northleigh
County Hall
West Street
Chichester
PO19 1RQ

PTFA Fundraising Efforts

I would like to thank the PTFA for their tremendous ongoing fundraising efforts. We are aiming to continue the development of an art room and science lab and we have a shopping-list of items for both. The next big item is the relaying of part of the art room floor to enable the school's kiln to be relocated and the children to be able to work with clay that is fired rather than with an air-drying substitute. Every event the PTFA run helps us with these two projects. Without their efforts, our plans would be just that, plans still on the drawing-board.

Hockey and Pot Luck Club

Mrs Wakeford has kindly agreed to take over Pot Luck club from Mr Williams on Tuesdays. Unfortunately, there is no staff member available on a Thursday to run Hockey Club. Unless a parent or group of parents would be willing to run the club it will be cancelled for the rest of the term.

Vouchers

Sainsburys Active Kids Voucher Scheme finished instore and on-line on 3rd May. We would be grateful to receive vouchers as soon as possible so that we can place an order in good time. Thank you for your support.

Year 5 Fun Maths at MRC

On Friday 6th May Foxes Class went to MRC to join other primary schools for a Fun Maths Day. All of Foxes Class agreed that they had a great time. Here are some of the positive comments.

"I felt like I was having a lot of fun at the same time as doing some really tricky maths. I came across a riddle, it was still maths. I had really good fun on the day." - Ewan

"It was good and it helped me to learn how to do some new things in maths." – Bradley

"You didn't feel like you were doing maths, it was like puzzles and questions but fun at the same time." – Alfie

Enable Me Sports Day

On Wednesday the 11th May Rabbits Class, went to the University of Chichester to a day hosted by the Enable Me, Disability Awareness charity. We played lots of different sports such as Boccia, wheelchair hockey, new age curling and wheelchair relays. Using the wheelchairs was tricky but we all had fun. We learnt that you can play sports in a wheelchair and take part in sporting competitions. It doesn't matter what your ability is or



whether you are in a wheelchair or not everybody can be united and play sport together with the right equipment. By Leah, Rabbits Class

House Update

	Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
Total Last Term	78	83	77	101
Charity Term	10	2	7	5
Sumdog House Competition	4	1	4	2
Week 1 House Points	2	4	1	3
Week 2 House Points	3	4	2	1
Reading Challenge	3	2	1	4
Library Book Character Competition	4	8	6	2
Week 3 House Points	2	4	4	3
Week 4 House Points	1	4	2	4
Week 5 House Points	3	2	2	4
Total	110	114	103	129

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Annual Sponsored “Walk, Jog, Run” – Friday 20th May

There is only a week to go until this event. It would be great if you could come along and support the children, so bring a picnic rug or chair. The start time is 2.15pm and parking will be available on the tarmac playground from 2.00 pm. As this will affect the Years 3-6 collection point, all children will need to be collected from under the rear canopy. After the event, refreshments will also be for sale at the rear collection point.

Sponsorship forms together with all funds raised must be returned to the school in a sealed envelope by **9am on Thursday 26th May 2016**. The prize draw for the £50 voucher will be held in assembly after half term and at the same time the children will find out if they have earned their non-uniform day, who has won the prize for gaining the most sponsorship and which class will therefore receive a treat.

Thank you for your support.

Help Wanted

On Tuesday 17th May from 6.30pm we are asking parents for help put up the marquees for ‘Walk, Jog, Run’. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 8th June at 7.30pm. Do come along and support us.

Foster Carer Fortnight

Could you use your skills to support a vulnerable child?

West Sussex County Council is currently looking for people with the skills to foster teenagers and asylum seeking children.

There are around 650 children in West Sussex who are unable to live with their families and the County Council is seeking more people who can give these children a place to call home when they need it. In return the Council provides support, training and a competitive fostering allowance.

If you have a spare room and the desire to make a difference, there are a number of opportunities to come and find out more during Foster Carer Fortnight (16 to 29 May).

The Fostering Recruitment Team will be out and about at the following times and locations:

- **Drop in session**, Chichester Library Monday 16 May, 10am to 2pm
- **Information stand**, Asda Ferring, Thursday 19 May, 10am to 3pm
- **Information evening**, Durban House, Bognor Regis, Tuesday 24 May, 6.30-8.30pm
- **Coffee morning**, County Hall North (Parkside), Horsham, Thursday 26 May, 10am to 12noon

You can also call 0330 222 7775 or visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/fostering.

Midhurst and Easebourne Football Club

Apologies to the Midhurst and Easebourne Football team. In the last newsletter we incorrectly stated that Easebourne won the U11 FA Cup Final beating Midhurst 2-0. In fact, Easebourne and Midhurst beat Lancing Rangers.

MIDHURST AND EASEBOURNE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

FURTHER PLAYERS AT ALL LEVELS AND AGE GROUPS ARE NEEDED

The Youth Football club is open to all levels of ability and ages. We run teams from Under 7's to Under 18. The teams have a mixed range of abilities and everyone is welcome to come and train and play.



The teams train weekly.

From September through to April we run hourly training sessions on the 4G pitches at Midhurst Rother College between 5pm and 8pm. These pitches are floodlit and are brilliant for perfecting your skills. There are coaches and managers at all levels and they are able to adapt the training sessions to the ability of the players.

From April to August we also run hourly training sessions on the Rotherfield Sports Ground in Dodsley Lane from 5pm to 8pm.

All teams play in the Arun and District Football League. These matches are generally on a Sunday morning and the league runs from September through to April. If you have a child that wishes to come and join our Youth Section, then please contact Sandra Largan at sandralargan@sky.com or on 07715 734240.

Come and have fun and get involved in sport. We have the **End of Season Presentation** at the Rotherfield Sports Ground on Sunday 15th May from 3pm till 6pm. There will be fun and games and it will be a great way to meet the teams and enjoy a burger and some drinks !!!



Messy Church



3.30 - 6.00pm

Monday 23rd May
at St Mary's Church, Easebourne
for the parishes of Lodsworth, Selham & Easebourne

**A relaxed and informal church
with a warm welcome for the whole family**

*Crafts, songs, drama, food and plenty of
opportunity to have fun and make a mess!*

More details from Alison Davis (01730 816642)
or Lynne Todd (01798 861399)