



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

## Dates for the next two weeks

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day to purchase Green House 'Guess the staff member from their baby photo' competition.	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Author Visit for Years 1-6 – Billy Bob Buttons Dragonflies Visit to Pizza Express	<b>am</b> <b>am</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Tea with Mr C	<b>2.30-3.15</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Squirrels Class Visit The Titanic Museum, Southampton	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PTFA Film Night	<b>3.15-5.30</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Rother Valley Debate Competition	<b>12-2.30</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red House Charity Fundraiser – Dash for Cash	<b>pm</b>

## A Word from the Head

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. Despite today's dreary weather, there are glimpses of spring and there is a lot to squeeze in at school before Easter.

It is with great sadness that I have to pass on the news that Beau has recently died. Beau regularly visited the school with her owner, Michelle Booth, to listen to our children reading. She was a lovely dog and will be much missed. We send our best wishes to Michelle.

On the Friday before half-term, pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in auditions to find our debate team that will represent Easebourne in the Rother Valley debate competition later this term. There were a lot of good presentations and choosing was difficult but the staff panel were clear that the best speakers on the day were Phoebe S, who will be the team's captain, and Molly C and Amelia. Congratulations to them.



My thanks to Ned and Jonty who have been running a Fairtrade stall after school as part of Fairtrade Fortnight. They plan to continue the sales next week on as many days as they can but will certainly be there on Tuesday. The sales are under the big canopy and the boys are selling apple and fruit juices (60p) and chocolate Geobars (45p). Do support them if you can.

We had some great book characters in this week. Thank you to all parents who helped their children dress-up on World Book Day.

Next Tuesday morning, we will welcome Billy Bob Buttons to the school for two stimulating writing workshops. This exciting author will bring books to sign and sell and you are welcome to send in money with your child. You can find out a little more about his work at <https://www.bbbbuttons.co.uk>. With the money raised from World Book Day, the school will be buying copies of some of his books so your children will be able to read books by the author even if they don't buy one on the day.

Finally, can I remind parents about next week's 'Tea with Mr C'? It is from 2.30 on Wednesday. You get a cup of tea or coffee, a cheap biscuit or two and the chance to raise issues, make suggestions or simply chat. All are welcome.

## Consultation Evening – Years 1-6

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

Monday 20th March – 3.30pm-7.30pm

Thursday 23rd March – 3.30pm-6.00pm

Please Note Miss Sykes and Miss Crew are unavailable on Thursday 23rd March. They will hold their second consultation evening on Tuesday 21st March from 3.30pm-6.00pm.

Mrs. Emma Austin-Diment (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) will also be available and if you would normally meet with her you can request a joint meeting with her and your child's teacher. She will be available on:

Monday 20th March – 5.30pm-7.30pm

Thursday 23rd March – 3.30pm-6.00pm

Today you should receive a link to your mobile phone or email address which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient to you.

## Webinar to support parents/carers of young people with SEND

With a baffling amount of support services, discounts and activities available for parents in West Sussex, a local website is helping to navigate the labyrinth. The Local Offer website launched a new series of webinars to support parents and carers of young people with special educational needs and disabilities from the comfort of their own home. The webinars will be one-hour workshops focussing on how to use the Local Offer website. There is one session remaining on 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30-8.30pm. During the webinars, viewers (who remain anonymous) can interact and instant message the speakers. There will also be a recording of the webinars posted on the Local Offer website afterwards. To book or find out more, visit [www.local-offer.org](http://www.local-offer.org) and go to the latest news pages on the information tab.

## Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will be selling Red Noses at Reception before and after school for £1 each. This year, there's nine to find plus an ultra-rare silver one and they're starring in their own online comic adventure with some very famous voices. Selling just one box of Red Noses could help four children who have been orphaned by Ebola in Sierra Leone to go back to school by paying for a month's worth of catch-up classes. Children are welcome to wear their noses to school on Red Nose Day.

## Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>-Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

A gentle reminder, that deposits for next year's residential trip were due by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. If you have any worries concerning payments or arrangements please do not hesitate to speak to Mr. Taylor, Mr. Culley or Mrs Pimm.

## Rabbits and Badgers Perform 'What a Knight'

This term Years 3 and 4 will be performing the musical comedy 'What a Knight'. Join Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table on Camelot's craziest quest. There will be a matinee performance on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm and an evening performance on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm. As there are only two classes involved, we will not be issuing tickets but please be sensible with numbers attending.



## World Book Day

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we came to school dressed up as a book character to celebrate World Book Day. Everybody enjoyed dressing up as a book character and looking at other people's costumes. The staff dressed up too. All the teachers and teaching assistants choose a book to read and we choose which ones we wanted to listen to. We also took part in the World Book Day competition to design a book token. By Leah, Rabbits Class.

Thank you parents for such amazing costumes and for your donations. We raised £145, which will go towards buying new books for the library.



## Open Box Theatre

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February we were very lucky to have Open Box Theatre put on a wonderful production of fairy tales including Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk. There were some really funny parts and we all enjoyed it. We loved all the twists that were put in the show! The reason we love having Open Box perform for us is because they make it unique and different in their own way. We would love them to come back soon and see what other funny stories they can tell. By Lily and Molly, Otters Class.



## House Update

	Blue Wolves	Green Dragons	Red Pandas	Yellow Cheetahs
Totals brought forward	110	115	105	107
Week 1 House Points	2	3	1	4
Spelling Bee	1	7	4	10
Week 2 House Points	4	4	1	2
Week 3 House Points	1	3	1	4
Week 4 House Points	3	2	1	4
Week 5 and 6 House Points	2	2	4	3
Week 7 House Points	1	3	2	4
Spring Half Term Reading	3	2	2	4
Week 8 House Points	1	4	2	3
Total	128	145	123	145

## House Charity Term

Green House – Last chance to take part in Green House's 'Guess the staff from their baby pictures' competition. Entry forms cost £1 and there is a prize for the person with the most correct guesses.

Red House – The Red House sponsored 'Dash for Cash' will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Walk, jog or run around the course and raise money for our charity The Elizabeth Foundation. Sponsorship forms will be sent out on Monday and there will be a prize for the person who raises the most money.

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

### PTFA Film Night

The PTFA Film Night is going ahead next Friday 10th March 3.15pm-5.30pm. A letter should have gone home in bookbags already, it will give you some more information regarding the film. The film is 'Storks' and has been rated a universal. Thank you to the few parents who have offered to help out beforehand selling tickets, bagging up popcorn and supervising during the film. Tickets will be on sale for £1.50 from Monday 6th March till Friday 10th March during drop off, in the school reception and then again at pick, up underneath the canopy at the rear of the school.

### Happy Bag School Collection

Please fill black sacks with unwanted clothes, shoes, console games, souvenirs, handbags, belts, hats, accessories, bed linen and towels then leave your bags with the school reception. The last day to bring bags in is Monday 8th May 2017. This event is a great way to raise money at no cost. Last time this raised £570.60 for our school.

### Spinnaker Tower Abseil

It is not long now until Mr Meaby and Miss Crew brave an abseil down the Spinnaker Tower at Gunwharf, Portsmouth. PLEASE support them either by returning the sponsorship form sent home or online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/easebourne-primary-abseil/417170>.

### Summer Fair

PTFA and St. Mary's Church Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 17th June. We need volunteers to help run this event beforehand, during and after. If you are able to help please let us know via our Facebook page, the School Office or let either Janet Lambert or Johnny Culley know. The next Summer Fair meeting will be held on Thursday 9th March 7.00pm at St. Mary's Church, everyone is welcome.

### Easy Fundraising

Please remember you can raise money for your child's school by simply shopping online. Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for our school. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Next, EBay and Sainsbury's, it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.....

- 1) head to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/easebournepspta/> and join for free.
- 2) everytime you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, find the site you want and start shopping.
- 3) after you have checked out, the retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

We know that it is not always possible to get involved with other fundraising events but this really is a way that everyone can get involved, raise money and support our school.

The next PTFA Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm at the school in the conference room, everyone is welcome.