



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th February 2017

Dates for the next two weeks

Thursday 16th February	Little Big Sing For Year 3 at MRC	am
Friday 17th February	Open Box Theatre Company Performance Workshop	All Day
Monday 20th – Friday 24th February	HALF TERM	
Monday 27th February	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 28th February	Fair Trade Stall	3.00pm
Wednesday 1st March	Green House Charity Day – “Who do you think they are”?	
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day	
Friday 3rd March	SendCo Drop-In	8.40-9.30
	Debate Club KS2	3.15-4.00

A Word from the Head

At this week's 'Tea with Mr C', I was joined by several parents – a marked improvement on last term when I had tea on my own! Amongst other things, we discussed the nature of a Church of England maintained school and the new project initiative, looking at the A2 frames in house colours on the walls.

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, some of these frames contain examples of projects produced by members of staff to give children ideas about what a project could look like and how they might do better! It was suggested that the guidelines displayed in two of the frames for the children to study might be made available to parents on the Moodle and they have now been uploaded onto the Parents' section, so do please have a look.

When I discussed the project initiative with staff, my original idea was that it would be aimed at KS2 (Y3-6). Staff felt that KS1 (Y1-2) should also be included and, as it turns out, the very first pupil project went up this week and it was produced by Emilia in Hedgehogs and it was on tunnels! Well done, Emilia!

We marked Safer Internet Day this week with a couple of assemblies and Liz Evans, our Computing Lead, has started working with a recently recruited group of pupils, the E-safety Crew, to produce a children's guidance on responsible online safety. We have recently become aware of incidents, outside of school, where unpleasant comments have been made towards others on gaming messaging systems and we hope that the work of this new group of children will help to combat this.



Following this term's spelling bee, many children have asked when the next one will be. As some of these pupils were Year 6 pupils who will leave at the end of next term, we have decided to hold the next spelling bee at the start of next term, releasing the words for the first round at the end of this term so that children can learn them over the holiday. Having talked

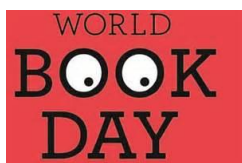
with staff, I suspect the format will remain roughly the same but any tweaks will be highlighted.

Since the last newsletter, we have added **Confidence** and **Collaboration** to our growing list of important C's that help us with our learning. I hope KS2 children will recognise this photograph. You might see whether they can remember who the two women in the late Victorian photographs are! Whilst you're at it, why not ask your child if they remember which of the 6 c's we have covered so far. Next week, our final focus will be on **Communication**.



This week we say goodbye to Zoe and Mike Irvine and family who are off to sunnier climates. I would like to thank Zoe for all her hard work as the PTFA Chair and Mike for his invaluable support as a School Governor. We wish them every success in Dubai.

Finally, you may have noticed that we are currently advertising for a KS2 teacher. This is to fill the shoes of Dawn Rashleigh who will sadly be leaving the school and the role of teacher in Foxes Class at the end of the year.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. In the afternoon the children will have the opportunity to hear the teachers read their favourite book.

School Nurse to Attend SendCo Drop-In

The next SendCo meeting is on Friday 3rd March from 8.40-9.30. Our school nurse, Cate Green, will also be available to any parents who may wish to talk with her. She can discuss a variety of issues such as sleep, toileting, bedwetting, behavior, fussy eating, healthy eating, exercise or any other aspect of physical or emotional health.

Fairtrade Fortnight (27th February – 10th March)

This year, we will run two after-school Fairtrade stalls on Tuesday 28th February and Tuesday 7th March where children can buy reasonably priced healthy snacks – volunteers very welcome!



Five Ways to WellBeing Workshop



On Friday 27th January, Foxes class took part in a 'Five Ways to Wellbeing Workshop'. Five Ways is an organisation that goes into schools to help teach children how to look after themselves and how to get along with each other in a fun and calm way. We had five workshops during the day, called: Give, Take Notice, Be Active, Connect and Keep Learning.

In 'Connect' we learned about the importance of internet safety. We learnt about the importance of internet safety. We learnt how to be 'SMART' This stands for Safety, Meeting, Accepting, Reliable and Tell. In the 'Take Notice' workshop the staff taught us about relexology and gave us hand cream. One smelt like lemon sherbets and the other smelt like baby wipes! In

'Keep learning' we filled out a work sheet about our learning. We thought about what we like at school and at home and what we are good at. In 'Be Active' we had a parachute which we used as a team to see how many times we could pass a ball around. We had so much fun!. In 'Give' the very nice 5 ways staff brought in all sorts of healthy foods for us to try eg avocado, pineapple, sunflower seeds, figs and celery. We also had a meditation session where we all lay down on the floor, listened to some calm music and imagined being in a field under a tree. We had so much fun and we hope to see them again soon. By Gaby and Ruby, Foxes Class

Making Knexions Workshop

On Wednesday 1st February 2017, Toby S, Anna, Ben, Madison, Ralph, Amelia and Mrs Ashcroft went to MRC for a workshop. When we got there, we had the help of a year 8 student, Natascha (an ex Easebourne pupil). First we learnt about wind turbines and how they make electricity. Next the lady (Jo), showed us her wind turbine that she had made out of K'NEX. Then we attempted to build our own. We had approximately two hours to make our wind turbines, which had to be a certain size and use three card propellers. Once we had finished, we tested our turbine using a hairdryer and made some small improvements to our model. Then it was time for the ultimate test! Each school group was called up and their turbine placed in front of a fan. Jo was able to work out how long each model turbine would take to boil a kettle of water. Ours would have taken: 238 days, 11 hours, 38 minutes and 31 seconds. Ours wasn't the quickest (or the slowest), but we had lots of fun! We all got given a pencil, rubber and a badge saying 'Young Engineers'. By Anna and Toby S, Foxes Class



Hedgehogs Visit Midhurst Library

We went to the library on Monday morning. We went to visit the librarian and she read lots of books and played a game. We had a little playtime. I found a hedgehog book and I liked playing tooth fairies. After the library we went back to school in the minibus. By Abigail and Lucy, Hedgehogs Class

Football Tournament

On Thursday 9th February 9 children from Otters Class took part in a Rother Valley Football Tournament. The team was Isaac, Harrison, Oaklie, Harry, Tom, Erin, Bradley, Josh and me, Max. Mr T was our manager. In the first game we were not playing our best and lost 3-0. The rest of the Year 6's came out to cheer us on. They had made up a chant to encourage us. Then it was the final match. Josh accidentally handballed in the box so it was a penalty! Everyone was cheering me on. I dived the right way and saved the penalty! Everyone cheered. Although we drew the final match it was great fun to have taken part. By Max, 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
Total	123	136	117	134

House Charity Term

Green House – "Who do you think they are"?. From Wednesday 1st March to Monday 6th March Green House will be running a 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 17th March. More details and sponsorship forms to follow.

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

We know it's still winter but we need to start thinking about the Summer Fair. We are looking for an event leader for the Summer Fair, which is scheduled for Saturday 17th June and will, as last year, be a joint venture with St. Mary's Church. We have a planning meeting with the church on Wednesday 15th February in the evening which is open to all, please contact Janet Lambert for details. To ensure it is not left to just one or two people, it will be split into sections:

- * Food/Drink
- * Raffle

- * Entertainment (bouncy castle or other)
- * Games/Stalls - including Y6
- * Children's Shows - (dance/music/sports)
- * Paperwork (drinks licence, risk assessments etc...)
- * Parking

If you would be interested in helping or leading any of the above subsections, please let either Janet Lambert or Mr Culley know.

The next PTFA Film Night is scheduled for Friday 10th March 3.15pm - 5.30pm. We need volunteers to help organise this event, if we are unable to get any helpers this event will be cancelled. A message will be going out on the PTFA Facebook page this weekend asking for volunteers, if you are able to help beforehand or on the day please let us know via the school office or our Facebook page. There will be a Happy Bag Collection on Monday 8th May. Filled bags can be left at school anytime after half term.

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



Early Days and Easebourne Owls



Half Term Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club

We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd February
8.30am-4.30pm

£15.00 per am/pm session or £30 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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WSCC – Road Safety Team – Free Bikeability Holiday Courses **Easter Holiday Course**

10 April to 13 April 2017 (4 days) from 9.00am - 11.00am

Venues:

- Oak Grove College, Worthing
- The Arena Sports Centre, Bognor Regis
- St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill
- Maidenbower Junior School, Crawley
- Forest School, Horsham

Summer Holiday Course

31 July to 3 August 2017 (4 days) from 9.00am - 11.00am

Venues:

- Oak Grove College, Worthing
- Maidenbower Junior School, Crawley
- The Arena Sports Centre, Bognor Regis
- St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill
- Forest School, Horsham