



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26th May 2016

Dates for the next two weeks

Friday 27 th May	Inset Day	
Friday 10 th June	PTFA Tops for Tombola Day	
Monday 13 th June	Inset Day	
14 th – 18 th June	Community Week	
Wednesday 15 th June	Meeting for parents of new Reception Class September 16	6.00pm
Saturday 18 th June	Summer Fair	2.00-5.00pm

A Word from the Head

A huge thank-you to the PTFA who organised the Walk, Jog, Run for the second year running. A meeting that ran longer than expected prevented me from being there but it was clear, on meeting the very proud children coming down from the field, that it had been another extraordinary success.

The event inevitably involves a lot of practicalities to manage and I would like to thank the parents for all the time and effort that went into making this such an enjoyable, and hopefully lucrative, event.

Last Thursday, our classes presented David Crook with a range of cards and small presents ahead of his ordination at the weekend at Chichester Cathedral. We congratulate David on this wonderful achievement after years of hard work and commitment to his vocation.

This week, we welcomed Kim Ford, mother of Leon and Libby, as our new midday meals supervisor.

Have a very enjoyable break; let's hope the weather stays fine for the duration.



School Safety Zone

At long last, we have been told that the proposed work on the School Safety Zone is due to commence over half-term. We have been warned that there is always the potential for delay through unforeseen circumstances but, hopefully, the work will be completed by the time we return. This should make drivers more aware of the need to drive with care around the start and end of the school day.

Eggs

The hens have started to lay and the hen helpers have started to collect their eggs. They will be designing an egg box label shortly. In the meantime, you can buy the eggs at Reception. The eggs are priced at £1.00 for half a dozen which I know is a little on the dear side for such small eggs but the money collected will go back to buying their food, grit and bedding. There are only five bantams so it will be hit and miss as to whether there are any available and you might have to keep trying! Thank you for your support in advance.

Debate

On Friday, 1st July at 3.20pm, there will be a debate after school. On this occasion, the pupils will debate whether experimentation on animals should be stopped. Miles, Emily and Geraint will be arguing that it should whilst Abbie, Robyn and Phoebe will be arguing against. The debate should be over before 4 o'clock so why not come along and listen to the arguments, question the speakers and cast your vote?

Book Club

The last of the year's meetings of Book Club will take place after school on Friday 8th July.

Community Week (14th-18th June)

Community Week is set to be a busy week which will finish with the combined school and church Summer Fair. We will be working again on the outside environment, in particular the entrance to the school. We are still in need of volunteers, so please speak to the office if you are available to help.

School Uniform

As you are all aware our school uniform is changing. Our new logo is now on a selection of school uniform and sundry items and children are required to wear the new uniform from September. Children may continue to wear the old style uniform until that date.

As from this week all our uniform options are available from tesco.com/ues. The office will hold a stock of items for sizing purposes only.

There is no minimum order and you can earn Clubcard points with every purchase. Returns are free and a 5% cash donation goes to the school on every purchase.

How to order

It's easy to shop online with the Uniform Embroidery Service from F&F.

1. Go to tesco.com/ues
2. Select your school from the list and you'll see all the customised items you can buy.
3. Choose the quantity and sizes you'd like, and then add them to your basket.
4. Pay easily with a debit or credit card at the checkout.
5. Your embroidered items will be delivered within 28 days (14 days if ordered between November - May).

Dogs

We recognise that dogs are an important part of life for many of our families and, as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. We actively promote relationships between people and their pets and accept and encourage the idea of pets as 'family members'. Furthermore, we do see pet ownership as a valuable educational experience for children and as you are all aware we promote the "Read 2 Dogs" programme. However, Beau, our visiting four-legged assistant, is elderly, extremely placid and a tried, tested and assessed trooper, seen by the children in the quiet reading area.

We have, however, received some feedback from parents, indicating that several are finding the presence of dogs at the school gates a concern, some children finding them stressful and even frightening. We are concerned that even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in busy, noisy and crowded environments. Children, especially if unused to dogs, can also behave unpredictably and this could potentially lead to a child being bitten.

Accordingly, may we please request that dogs are not left unattended near the gates or brought onto the school premises. We apologise for any inconvenience this request may cause.

Midhurst Parish Church Art Competition

Children will come home today with a flyer for this event. The Queen's official birthday is on Saturday 10th June which coincides with the church's annual Summer Fair. Children are invited to paint/draw a picture with a 'Royal Theme.' The closing date is Tuesday 7th June and entries can be handed in to Midhurst Primary School, our school office or the Church's Parish office at St. Ann's Hall.

Rother Valley Football Tournament

Earlier today our football team (Ethan, Charlie, Nienna, Alex, Sam L, Ollie, Jack, Erin and Will) took part in the Rother Valley Football tournament at Stedham. We were placed in Pool B and played 4 games – we won two matches and drew two. This made winners of Pool B. In the semi-final we played Fernhurst and won 3-0 with goals from Sam and Charlie. The final was tense against a strong Camelsdale side. They went 1-0 up in the first half but Alex equalised in the second half. We then went to extra time and after a deflected shot from Charlie we were the eventual winners. The cheers could be heard across the Rother Valley. Easebourne were champions again. By Erin and Nienna



Reception Class Visit from the Animal Man



On Thursday 19th May 2016, the Animal Man, Ranger Stu, visited Dragonflies. We learnt about and even touched some very interesting animals! Ranger Stu brought an owl with him, as well as a meerkat, armadillo and a snake!

"I really liked the meerkat because it was soft." Chloe

"I really liked Iceman - the meerkat. He had a funny name." Finn

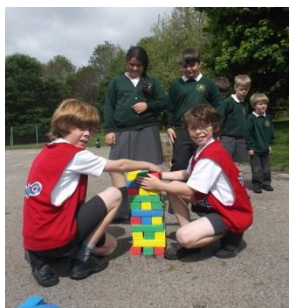
"I liked the snake because he stuck his tongue out to check for danger." Josh

"I like the snake because he was so long!" Jess



New Playground Equipment

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA for all the new equipment they have bought for us. As playtime leaders this has been a huge help to us and everyone is enjoying playing with it. KS1 particularly enjoy the giant Jenga and skittles while basketball is a favourite with the older years. The musical instruments are much loved by everybody. The new benches are a good place to sit and read books, play board games, rest and draw. We also have a magnifying post to look at things we find on the field and are still waiting for delivery of chimes and a drum to go near the stage. Playtime has improved a lot due to the fact we have a fantastic PTFA. We would also like to thank Graham Stonard for making up the benches and installing the equipment. Thank you very much. By Abbie, Emily and Samantha.



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	1	3
Week 4 House Points	1	4	2	4
Week 5 House Points	3	2	2	4
Week 6 House Points	4	2	1	3
Week 7 House Points	3	4	1	2
Total	117	120	105	134

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Well done to all the children who took part in the Walk, Jog, Run event. You were all amazing. A big thank you to Sarah Rout for organising the event again this year and to all the helpers for putting up marquees prior to the event, setting up on the day itself and tidying up afterwards, you all did a fantastic job. The certificates for all the children that took part will be presented after half term, when we will also find out if the children have raised enough money to be rewarded with a "non-uniform day." The child with the highest sponsorship will also receive a prize and a treat for their whole class. Every child who raised more than £10 will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 voucher for 'The Entertainer' toyshop.

Future Events:

Tops for Tombola Day is on Friday 10th June. Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a tombola prize for the Summer Fair. Please ensure that alcohol or glass bottles are handed directly to a member of staff.

The Summer Fair on Saturday 18th June, 2pm-5pm is fast approaching. If you haven't already, take a look at the helpers form in reception, we would really appreciate your support. If you could spend half an hour to an hour on a stall, help setting up in the morning or help clear away afterwards, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The next PTFA meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8th June has been cancelled as there is a Summer Fair meeting on Tuesday 7th June. Venue and time to be announced.