



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25th November, 2016

DATES

Tuesday 29 th November	Rabbits Trip to Butser Ancient Farm Foxes and Otters to see 'Dreams of Anne Frank' at MRC	All Day Yr6 am/Yr5 pm
Wednesday 30 th November	Clicker 7 Parent Workshop	2.30-3.15pm
Thursday 1 st December	Tree of Hope	6.30pm
Friday 2 nd December	EYFS Christmas Morning Debate Club Clubs Finish for 2016 (Clubs List for Spring Term sent out) Midhurst Christmas Street Party	8.40am-10.30am 3.15pm-4.00pm
Tuesday 6 th December	Christmas Performance Years 1 & 2 - Matinee	2.00pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Performance Years 1 & 2 - Evening	6.00pm
Friday 9 th November	PTFA Christmas Fair	5.30-8.00pm
Monday 12 th December	Otters to sing for the Cowdray Pensioners	pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Carol Service - St. Mary's Church	6.00pm
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch and Parties	pm
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term - Christmas Jumper/Hat Day (House Charity)	

A Word from the Head

Dear Parents

Voice in a Million

Huge congratulations to all of our singers that travelled to Dorking on Wednesday to take part in Voice in a Million (VIAM). It was a great evening, with great songs and fantastic singing. These things never just happen, however; this was the culmination of many weeks of rehearsal, including an off-site rehearsal earlier in the term. Thanks must go to Katie Stevens for having the idea and following it up with so much of her time and energy. It also couldn't have happened without the staff (and parent) who donated their time and effort to take the group in our two minibuses and a car – Cindy Pilcher, Debs Thomas, Andy Taylor and Jo Purser.

CLUBS APPEAL

We work very hard to put on a wide range of clubs at the school and manpower is generally the limiting factor. We have a couple of clubs next term where an extra pair of willing hands to support would free up a member of staff to run an additional club. If you are interested in helping, or even have a club which you would like to offer, please do let us know as soon as possible. Many thanks!

The Big Sleepout - Stonepillow Fundraising

The money is now all in and the grand total raised by our school's involvement with the Big Sleepout earlier this term is £1,157.03, of which Poppy, in Otters Class, raised a staggering £551! This is an incredible effort and I am so proud of the children who took part. Well done, everybody!!

Tea with Mr C

This is just a reminder that we are trialling a new 'opportunity' at 2.30 on Wednesday, 30th November. Parents are welcome to drop in for a cup of tea and something festive to eat (no doubt a mince pie!) and chat about the future of the school. It could be a concern that is nagging away at the back of your mind, it might be an idea you would like to suggest; it could even just be to chat about the post-Ofsted direction the school might now go in. Everybody is very welcome for a couple of minutes or till pick-up.

Friday Opt-ins

We run clubs from Monday to Thursday and that is the way I would like it to stay and for two reasons. Firstly, Friday evenings, when the weekend starts, are often very precious or busy times. Secondly, it

gives us the opportunity to be flexible with optional opportunities. Currently, **Book Club**, aimed at our abler older readers, meets twice termly (once in the autumn) to discuss a book we have all hopefully read. Last year, we ran a number of debates and the standard amongst the pupils has steadily built. This year, I would like to build a sense of a **Debate Club**, with children attending out of interest, not just because they are proposing or countering the motion. Our first debate of the year is in a week's time, on Friday, 2nd December. The motion, suggested by Andy Taylor, is that geography should be elevated to the status of a core subject. All children and their parents are welcome to come, listen, question and vote. It shouldn't go on beyond 4 o'clock. Finally, I am also keen to trial a **Junior Urgent Action Club**. Run by Amnesty International (AI) for 7-11 year olds, we will try a couple of sessions next term and see how they go. Here is a brief explanation from AI's website:

Are you aged 7-11? Join our Junior Urgent Action Network and receive cases adapted for our youngest activists. Our twice termly e-newsletter will inspire you to stand in solidarity with individuals at risk and add your voice to support human rights defenders across the world. Each e-newsletter explains current issues and offers a range of creative ways to inspire you to take action. We are careful to present cases in a way which engages young people with our campaigns and explains injustices, without including upsetting or disturbing details of torture or other ill treatment.

Book Club (3.15-4.15)

DATES: 13th January; 24th March

Debate Club (3.15-4.00)

DATES: 2nd December; 20th January; 3rd March

Junior Urgent Action Network (3.15-4.15)

DATES: 3rd February; 31st March

Behaviour Policy

In light of comments posted on social media about pupils and members of school staff, the governors have reviewed our behaviour policy and a section concerning bullying by adults has been added. The new policy can be found on the school's website and Moodle. For convenience, the new section has been included below. I hope parents will agree that this is an appropriate response.

BULLYING BY ADULTS

Parents are often inclined to make judgements about other people's children and then go on to voice their perceptions to other parents or to members of staff. This 'finger pointing' can be very damaging, particularly when the school staff might already be working very hard to support the positive behaviour of a pupil with more complex issues. The sharing of unfounded opinions can also be based on personal prejudices that originate beyond the school gate. Behaviour outside of school (of both children and adults) is often very different from that which takes place within school, making these situations all the more difficult to manage.

In dealing with these situations school staff can be put in a very awkward position as refuting a parent's allegation (for instance about another child's behaviour) is likely to involve divulging information about another child or third party. Staff must ensure that they behave even-handedly and do not allow themselves to collude with a parent when they express an opinion about another child.

Evidence suggests that there is a growing trend, nationally, of parents bullying staff and other pupils. This has been amplified by the popularity of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. It is very easy to damage a teacher's career, tarnish the reputation of a school or stigmatise a pupil through unsubstantiated cyber gossip. It could also compromise the safeguarding of children if information about them is shared online.

It appears many people are prepared to say things via the internet that they would not say to someone in person. It must be understood that such postings can constitute a criminal offence and will sometimes be defamatory. The school will treat any such occurrences very seriously and will assist members of staff in pursuing the appropriate legal remedies.

Safety in the Car Park

Please could I remind all parents and grandparents of the need to be especially careful when driving into, around and out of the car park as children make vulnerable pedestrians who cannot always be seen easily.

Instances have been reported recently of drivers entering the car park whilst answering their mobiles or drinking from thermo cups and this is of particular concern.

Poppy Appeal

This is a wonderful sight to behold, our pupils dedicating their spare time to sell poppies over the Remembrance period. Well done to Bella, Lucas, Theo W and Izzy. I am very proud of you all.



Clubs

We are in the process of finalising our clubs for next term. The new clubs list for the Spring term will be e-mailed to parents on Friday 2nd December and in the interest of fairness no forms will be accepted until Monday morning. Please ensure forms are returned to the office by Friday 9th December

Please note that we have decided to change the way we allocate club memberships to what we think is a much fairer system.

When you complete your club's form you will be asked to make your selection by listing them in order of preference ie if you want to apply for multi skills, cricket and fencing and cricket is your favourite choice and multi skills is your second favourite, you should list them as follows-

1st choice – Cricket

2nd choice – Multi skills

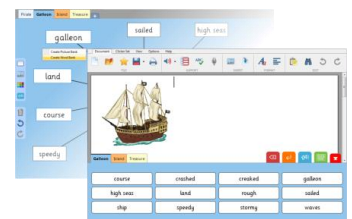
3rd choice – Fencing

When the closing date for applications has been reached we will sort through the forms, allocating all 1st choices where possible and then we will allocate 2nd choices etc. until a club reaches capacity.

If a club is particularly popular and we are unable to accommodate all 1st choices we will do our best to ensure that 2nd and 3rd choices are met.

Clicker 7 Training

Clicker7, the complete literacy tool, is here! We have invested in a Clicker7 site licence, meaning that this fantastic software will soon be able to be accessed from your home computer to support your child's learning at home. Work will be able to be emailed to their class teacher. We will be running a parent workshop for Clicker7 on **Wednesday 30th November 2.30-3.15pm**, followed by full training for all staff, to launch this exciting new resource. More information was included in our newsletter dated 20th October.



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our fundraising for Children In Need, we raised a total of £224.

School Book Fair

At the Christmas Fair the office staff will be running a book fair selling books from the Book People. There will be a large selection of fantastic books ideal for Christmas presents with savings of up to 75% off RRP. The school will earn 25% commission in free books for our library, so please do come along and see what's on offer.

Tree of Hope

Our choristers will be performing at the Tree of Hope at St. Mary's Church on Thursday 1st December in aid of Midhurst Macmillan Cancer Support. The choir should arrive at the church by 6.15pm dressed in school uniform.

EYFS Christmas Open Morning

On Friday 2nd December, from 8.40-10.30am, Dragonflies and the Nursery will be holding a Christmas Open Morning. Parents are invited to join their children in the Early Years learning area for fun Christmas activities and a raffle.

Midhurst Christmas Street Party

The Town Council has invited choristers from the three local primary schools to participate in the "switch-on" of the Christmas Tree Lights at the Street Party on Friday 2nd December at 6.30 pm in the Market Square. The choir will perform from 6.30-6.45pm and later in the evening some of our children will perform with their ukulele's accompanied by their teacher Marco Frankland.

Christmas Performance



Y1 & Y2 will be performing "Hey Ewe" on Tuesday 6th December at 2.00 p.m. and Wednesday 7th December at 6.00 p.m. As there are only two classes involved in this performance we will not be issuing tickets, but please be sensible with guest numbers. Performers should arrive at 5.40 p.m. for the evening performance in order to get ready.

Cowdray Pensioners Christmas Lunch

On Monday 12th December Otters Class will sing for the Cowdray pensioners at their Christmas lunch. The children will walk to Cowdray Golf Club after their lunch and return in time for the end of the day.



Carol Service

Our Carol Service in St. Mary's Church is on Tuesday 13th December at 6.00 p.m. Dragonflies Class will lead the nativity tableau and children from years 1-6 will be performing songs they have been learning alongside traditional Christmas carols. Parents are invited to join us and participate in the Service.



'Sleeps 'Till Santa'

This week Rabbits Class recorded their part of the Spirit FM song. Our part will be broadcast at 7.50am and 3.50pm on Thursday 8th December on Spirit FM and on demand at spiritfm.net.

Christmas Lunch/Parties



Please remember that Chartwells will be providing a hot lunch for the whole school on Thursday 15th December. There will be no charge to parents as school will be paying for the Christmas meal. A copy of the menu is available in the front lobby but if your child has special dietary requirements they may bring in a packed lunch. Please let the office know if this is the case. Parties will follow, so children will be permitted to change into home clothes just before lunch.

Christmas Jumper/Hat Day – House Charity Day

On the last day of term children may come to school in a Christmas jumper or hat for a donation of at least a £1.00. This event starts off our House Charity Fundraising and house points will be awarded according to which house raises the most. Please don't feel that you need to buy something new, a home decorated item could be just as much fun.

Bikeability

In the week of 14th-18th November Otters Class took part in Bikeability, which is run by WSCC. We all brought our bikes into school and had lots of fun learning how to be safe on our bikes. We were put into three groups and went out with the instructors each day. We learned how to cycle on the road, signal, stop safely and cycle sensibly. Amazingly we all passed level 1 and 2. By Berra, Otters Class

Badgers Visit to Butser Ancient Farm

On Tuesday 15th November, Badgers Class had their trip to Butser Ancient Farm. We learnt a lot about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. We also did four different activities which were all very interesting. One of my favourite activities was when we became archaeologists and dug with tools and found some artefacts. We all had a lot of fun at Butser Ancient Farm. By Rana, Badgers Class



Year 5 Textile Day at MRC



On Wednesday 23rd November we went to MRC to take part in a textile day with children from other primary schools. We made a Christmas gift using a sewing machine. I was really excited as I had only used a sewing machine three times before. It was so much fun, I would really love to do it again. By Sabine and Amy, Foxes Class

Voice In A Million

On Wednesday 23rd November 2016, Easebourne Primary School Choir went to Dorking Halls for VIAM 2016. We travelled up in the school minibuses and a car, the journey took about 50 minutes. When we arrived we all had a sneaky peak at the theatre from

the very back and the stage looked enormous with all the microphones and lights, there were so many chairs for the audience to sit on, it was amazing.



Once all the schools had arrived we went down to the stage for the rehearsal and found out where to stand, we practised some of the songs and then had tea. Afterwards we put on our 'VIAM' t-shirts and collected our glow sticks. Molly and Lily carried our school banner into the auditorium, which we all followed and then stood in our places on stage. The show started, the lights were bright, the music thundered through Dorking Halls and it was now time to shine. We started to sing,



all very excited but also nervous. There were soloists, who were amazing singers, singing the main parts of the songs and we joined in on the chorus, we had dance moves to follow too. Each school also had a song to sing, our song was 'All of me' by John Legend. We had to stand in front of the 11 microphones at the front of the stage and sing our hearts out. We really enjoyed it and want to go back again next year. Once the show ended we got back onto the minibuses and drove back to school, it was very late and dark.

We all had so much fun and loved representing our school. A huge thank you to Mrs Stevens for organising this and to Mr Taylor, Mrs Pilcher, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Purser who took us. By Maddie and Gaby, Offers Class

House Update

	Blue Wolves	Green Dragons	Red Pandas	Yellow Cheetahs
Week 1 House Points	2	3	4	1
Week 2 House Points	3	2	4	1
Roald Dahl Models	2	2	3	3
Parish Council Playground Designs	3	3	4	7
Summer Reading Challenge	15	16	19	14
Week 3 House Points	2	3	4	2
Week 4 House Points	3	1	4	2
Pumpkin Challenge	14	9	6	7
Week 5 and 6 House Points	3	4	2	1
Celebrate Our Writing	1	1	3	2
Week 7 House Points	4	3	2	1
Reading Diaries	22	19	10	25
Poetry Recitation	20	18	18	21
Week 8 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 9 House Points	2	1	3	4
Week 10 House Points	2	1	3	4
Total	100	90	92	96

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Thank you to all the children that came along to film night, we hope you all enjoyed the film.

Our school Christmas Fair on Friday 9th December is fast approaching, tickets are £1 and will be on sale from Wednesday 30th November at drop off and pick up. We still need volunteers to help set up, man a stall or clear up afterwards, if you are able to help out in anyway please let us know via our Facebook page or leave a message in the school office. If anyone is able to donate any new items ie. new games, children's stationery or unwanted gifts that would be great for the children's tombola they would be gratefully received.

Events for early 2017

- * PTFA meeting, Thursday 19th January at 7.30pm
- * Summer Fair meeting at Easebourne Church, Thursday 9th February at 7.45pm
- * Open Box Theatre for the school children, Friday 17th February during school hours
- * PTFA Film Night, Friday 10th March 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- * Pamper Night, Friday 17th March times to be confirmed
- * Easter Egg Hunt, Thursday 6th April during school hours
- * Smartie Tube Challenge, Friday 7th April

West Sussex Music

Following on from the success of our String Start programme which began in January 2016, we are looking to recruit a new cohort of children for January 2017 with classes held on Saturday mornings at Chichester Music Centre.

String Start is a new violin programme specifically designed for children aged 4, 5, 6 and 7. It combines violin lessons with musicianship activities in a fun group setting. Parents are present for the session and play an important part in their child's learning. With the first year of lessons costing only £5 per lesson (£50 per term with remission places available) this is a fantastic way to allow all children to access high quality tuition from specialist teachers

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3.30 - 6.00pm

Monday 5th December

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