



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21st July 2017

Dates

Monday 24th July	Leavers' Assembly Leavers' BBQ	2.00pm 6.00pm
Tuesday 25th July	Last Day of Term	3.15pm
Monday 4th September	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 5th September	First Day for Children	

A Word from the Head

The end of the year is fast approaching. In this last newsletter, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has contributed to school life at Easebourne this year. Our governors have closely monitored the school's direction and provided challenge throughout the year. Members of the congregation of St Mary's have worked hard to support the school in initiatives like Community Week and the joint fete. Our volunteers have regularly given up their time, not only to encourage our children with their reading, but also to open up opportunities to the children that might otherwise not be available. Our PTFA members have put in so much time and effort to bring the community together, whilst raising crucial funds for additional resources for the children. Our patron, Lord Cowdray, has taken an interest in the school's progress, supporting projects and generously sponsoring one of the two minibuses that make trips so much easier and cheaper to organise. And, of course, you, our parents work in partnership with us to support the children's learning. All of these contributors make a difference to our children's primary education and all deserve our thanks.

Finally, I'd like to thank our staff who go above and beyond to offer a wide range of opportunities both within and outside the classroom. This final newsletter, with its news about our Goblin adventure, the Year 5/6 show, Sports Day, Stedham Camp, the Rother Valley rounders tournament, the Year 4 sleepover and our end of year service, shows what I mean and why the staff at Easebourne are so special.

I wish everybody in the school community a restful summer. In particular, I would like to wish each and every one of our 31 Year 6 pupils success and happiness in the next stage of their school career.



Staffing Update

Sadly we say goodbye to Dawn Rashleigh and Carol Smithers. Dawn will be joining a school closer to where she lives and Carol is moving up north in the autumn. We wish them both every success in their new ventures.

Harriet Norgrove will be joining the staff team in Foxes Class in September. Harriet has previously worked at Slindon College.

Finally, we send our best wishes to Tanya Sykes who is marrying Joe Payne and Liz Evans who is marrying Jon Dodge during the summer holidays. We hope the sun shines for them on the day and wish both couples a long and happy future.

Parent Governor Elections

There has been some confusion around our parent governor elections for which I apologise. The process has taken longer than anticipated because, as it turns out, one of the parent governor vacancies comes up early next term, not this term. The governors have, therefore, slightly changed the approach to ensure that

new Reception parents can also be offered the opportunity to stand for that position when it becomes available in the autumn. This term, therefore, parents will be voting for ONE parent governor position and you should have received a voting form for each parent. There are three candidates for this governor position. The deadline for returned forms will be Tuesday morning at 9.30am and the votes will be counted on Tuesday with the result known by the end of the day.

In the autumn, the process will be repeated with an election for the second parent governor vacancy. There will be a fresh call for candidates so that any new parents have the opportunity to stand. Clearly, any unsuccessful candidates from this first election would be able to stand again in the second election.

Summer Activity Journal

As in previous years, we are sending a Summer Activity Journal home with your child, for them to use over the holiday and bring back at the beginning of next term. As usual, any child returning their booklet in the first week of next term, will be awarded a house point. There are a number of activities for your child to take part in, including a fun general knowledge quiz, in which children can use whatever means they like to find out the answers! Each child coming top of their class in the quiz, will be awarded a certificate and earn 5 points for their house! You will also find details about an Usborne reading challenge, 'Ready Steady Read', at the back of the journal. We would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to join in, to help support the school by raising money for our library. A sponsorship form can also be found at the back of the booklet.

Clubs

Thank you for returning your completed club forms. Club membership will be displayed during the first week of the autumn term. **Please note that cheques for paid clubs will not be banked until September.**

Uniform

There is a large amount of lost property in the school which if unclaimed by the end of term will be disposed of. Please have a look through the items in case anything belongs to your child. There is not only school uniform but home clothing too and a number of food pots. Please can you use the summer holiday to ensure that all uniform is labelled. May we also remind you to adhere to the school uniform regulations.

Medicines

If we hold medication for your child in school, please make sure you collect it from the office on the last day of term. We will send medicines home with a new form to complete for the next academic year. Please ensure you check the expiry date on all medicines and wash out any pumps. We have arranged a number of days before the term starts when the office will be open, Thursday 31st August 12-3, Friday 1st September 9-12 and Monday 4th September all day. **Please can you ensure that you return any medication needed before the start of the new term.**

The Gathering of Goblins

On Sunday 9th of July, the Easebourne Engineers (Josh, Oaklie, James, Alfie, Freddie and Nathan, as well as Mr T and Anthony Knight), went to Goodwood for the Gathering of Goblins. We competed against 83 other teams, two of which came all the way from China. There were 4 timed events over the course of the day, including drag racing, slalom, chicane sprint and the pit-stop challenge, which was a blast! For the last race of the day, all the cars lined up on the track for one



whole lap. Josh was pushed off the start line by James and completed his lap in 25th place! At the end of the day there was a prize giving, which was very daunting. However, when the pit-stop challenge was announced we thought we were in with a chance. When the team we had beaten by one second went up for third place, we knew that we had secured second place for the team pit-stop challenge; we were very happy and proud of this achievement! Overall the day was absolutely amazing and everyone would love to go there again!
By Alfie, Otters Class

Year 4 Camp Out

On Friday 7th July, Badgers Class had an amazing campout on the school field that involved lots of fun activities. First, we went up onto the field to put up our tents. After pitching the tents we played a big football match. Next we did a very unexpected activity, a bottle flipping competition! Obviously Mr Meaby won but no one cared. Next, we played 2 games called '40-40' and 'Capture the Flag'. Finally, we had some delicious dinner (that was probably the best part as everyone was super hungry). Later we watched a movie and then went to sleep in our tents. We had a wonderful time together. By Lucas, Badgers Class.

Sport Day

On Thursday 13th July, Easebourne Primary School's red team, yellow team, blue team and green team took part and competed against each other in the 2017 Sports Day. It was an incredible day for sports and Easebourne School. There was an astonishingly dramatic atmosphere with all the great support from parents, children and staff. The excitement was amazing and unreal! It was so nice to see an environment where everyone was happy. It was a closely contested Sports Day but in the end there was only 1 point in it.



The winner was Red House, closely followed by Blue House, third was Yellow House and fourth was Green House but everyone was a winner!! Thank you to the amazing staff, to the PTFA for the icepops at the end of a very hot afternoon and to everyone who helped to create the Easebourne Primary 2017 Sports Day. By Theo W, Badgers Class

Rother Valley Rounders Tournament

On Friday 14th July, eleven children went to Harting for a rounder's day. Our coach was Mrs Thomas who was a very good coach and gave her team buckets of confidence in every match we played. It was a fun day out of lessons but the rules were very different to what we play at school. Luckily once we had played a few games we got the hang of it. Unfortunately we didn't win anything but we had a great time. By Will, Otters Class



Year 6 Stedham Camp



At the beginning of the week, Otters class visited Stedham Campsite. We were told who we were sleeping with and put up our tents. We were all very excited about being out of school with our friends.

We played lots of games and activities like; capture the flag, man hunt, 40/40 it, Andy is coming (from Toy Story), the floor is larva, water balloon catch, water fight (Mr Culley had a massive pink balloon and threw it at Mr T and it exploded over him), water games, raft building, fire lighting, a photo challenge, clay

animals, den building, scavenger hunt and a love poem to a tree.

In the evenings, some of the parents came to cook our tea, which was very yummy. Thank you to everyone who came up to help, it was much appreciated. We also had a campfire and Fiona from the National Trust took us on bat hike where we also heard night jars.

In the mornings, we all ate breakfast which was brilliant then we all had a fun filled day with loads of fun doing the activities above. Most of us even managed to sleep through a thunder storm! Thank you to all the staff that made this possible. By Abi, Reece and Phoebe, Otters Class.



End of Year Service

On Thursday 20th July the school went to the church for the 2017 Leavers' Service. Otters walked down with the dragonflies. We sang the songs 'Summertime', 'Going Places', 'Give Me Joy In My Heart' and 'Lord Of All Hopefulness'. We enjoyed the singing and being blessed. At the end, we thanked Rob and Lynn Todd for playing the guitar and ukulele for us. We also thanked Mary Knight for playing the piano/organ. By Kelcie and Erin, Otters Class

House Update

	Blue Wolves	Green Dragons	Red Pandas	Yellow Cheetahs
Totals brought forward	158	177	164	170
Week 1 House Points	2	4	3	1
Easter Reading Challenge	20	22	21	30
Week 2 House Points	2	4	3	2
Week 3 House Points	2	3	4	2
Week 4 House Points	4	1	3	2
Spelling Bee	10	7	4	1
Week 5 House Points	4	3	3	1
First News ihub		1	1	
Week 6 House Points	4	3	2	1
Week 7 House Points	4	2	3	1
Half Term Reading Challenge	20	16	15	23
Week 8 House Points	4	2	3	1
Week 9 House Points	4	2	1	4
Week 10 House Points	3	2	4	1
Week 11 House Points	4	2	4	1
Week 12 House Points	4	1	2	3
Sports Day	8	4	10	6
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100% Attendance	1	4	4	3
Total	259	261	255	255



Congratulations to Green House and their Captains Nathan and Lillianne on winning this year's House Challenge Trophy.



To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a **sponsored read** between 26th July and Friday 8th September.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local **Usborne Organiser**, Jo Purser, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne also will donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. **So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!**

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read anything with words (for example comics, recipes, magazines) for as long or as little as they like.

There is a sponsorship form in the back of your Summer Activity Book.

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by Friday 15th September 2017.

Please support our sponsored read so that your child has more books to read, share and enjoy.

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have supported the PTFA this year. Through our fund raising we have purchased a good many things which help to enrich our children's experience in school. There will be a display of some of these items at the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on 29th September. This event will raise money for Macmillan and is a great opportunity for a "mini social".

If you're having a sort out over the holidays, don't forget we are running a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 17th September 9am - mid-day (indoors if weather is not kind!).

On behalf of the PTFA, I wish you all a happy, safe and fun filled summer holiday.

Janet Lambert
PTFA Chairman.



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Easter Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a Summer Holiday Club
on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of
w/c 31st July, 7th Aug, 14th Aug, 21st Aug

£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.

Tel. 01730 815046

Email ect@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk

**Finally have a lovely Summer break and we will see you all back on Tuesday
5th September refreshed and ready for the new academic year.**

Job Vacancy

There is an 18.5 hour per week vacancy for a Hub Support Assistant working from the Petworth Children and Family Centre.

In this role you will be responsible for providing information, advice and guidance to families both in person and on the telephone. You will also assist in delivering support sessions to families which will include setting out equipment and furniture. The post holder's duties will also include providing administrative support to the team relating to the delivery of the services.

All applications should be through the West Sussex County Council website.

The closing date is 2nd of August.

Bikeability Level 2

The road safety team will be offering Bikeability Level 3 training during the Summer holidays to pupils who have achieved Bikeability Level 2. This course is ideal for those wishing to cycle to secondary school in the future.

Further details can be found on our website by following the link below.

I would be most grateful if you could share this email and link with your parents.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/cycle-safety-courses-for-school-children/#bikeability-level-3>

HASLEMERE MUSEUM

We're part of TESCO's Bags of Help Scheme at their Haslemere & Midhurst stores, please vote for us with your token to help support the work we do

Museum5aday is all about wellbeing and is based on the New Economics Foundation's Five ways to Wellbeing. The Museum's teenage group the HYPE team are hoping to make a film all about this that will be shared with the museum world and beyond to promote ways in which we can all help with our own wellbeing. The Museum is very happy that Tesco is supporting us with their Bags of Help scheme. If you are shopping at Tesco stores in Haslemere or Midhurst please vote for us to enable the HYPE team to carry out this wonderful project. You do not have to buy a 5p bag to be given a token although sometimes you might need to prompt cashier staff to give out a token to vote if you aren't given one automatically. If you know a young person in (or going into) year 7 or above who is interested in filming, wellbeing, museums or history who might want to be part of the HYPE team please contact our Education Officer Kay Topping on 01428 642112.

