



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017

## DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	MRC Experience Day for Year 6	<b>9.30-2.30</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Maths Workshop for Children and Parents - Rabbits and Badgers	<b>8.50-10.00</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	PTFA Walk, Jog, Run - POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING TERM PTFA Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	<b>2.15-3.45</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>-Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Foxes and Otters Residential Trip to Cobnor	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Maths Workshop for Children and Parents - Hedgehogs and Squirrels	<b>8.50-10.00</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Power of Praise Parent Workshop	<b>9.15 and 2.30</b>

## A Word from the Head

Dear Parents,

The term is in full swing and the summer holidays seem a distant memory. Teachers have held their 'Meet the Teacher' meetings and parents, hopefully, have a sense of the events and priorities of the term ahead. If you weren't able to attend your child's 'Meet the Teacher', don't despair as the PowerPoint presentations that accompanied them are available. Let the office know if you haven't received a copy and tell them whether you would prefer a physical or electronic format. Equally, if you still have questions about other aspects of the term, do let us know and we will do our best to answer them!

## Car Park and Drop-Off Zone

A number of parents have expressed concerns about the car park this term and I would like to appeal for parental support on this issue.

This zone is for the sole purpose of dropping off your child. It is not there for parking, so vehicles should never be without a driver. Once a child has been dropped, cars should move off. If cars are unable to flow through this area, the traffic backs up and often results in the pedestrian crossing being obscured. This puts our children at risk. Understandably, parents of young children may not want to use the drop-off zone, so please park in the car park and walk your child into school. Please use the drop-off zone appropriately.

Although we are lucky enough to have the largest car park for a primary school in our area, I know it can become rather congested and there are times when parents will have to be patient and wait for spaces to become free. There was an incident earlier in the week when a parent blocked in another car and did not return to move it for over half an hour. Please be considerate when parking.

## Parent Governor Elections

As Jo Asman's term as Parent Governor comes to an end, we thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the school during her term as governor. This means we have a Parent Governor vacancy to fill. The governing body is a dedicated and friendly group representing a wide cross section of our local community. The governor's role is interesting and rewarding and crucial to the continued growth of Easebourne.

If you are interested in standing there will be a letter sent home on Monday with further details. You will need to complete the attached nomination form, obtaining the signatures of two parents who support your nomination, and return it to the school office by 3.30pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.



## Poetry Week

I met with the judges for our poetry recitation competition earlier this week to look ahead to this term's event. We sat and discussed the poems the children could choose from and the list will be released to them at the start of Poetry Week, on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. We are very excited about the range this year and hope there will be something for everyone. We have tried to include some classics along with poems that have a humorous or emotional content. We will welcome Steve Tasane back on the Tuesday, Poetry Tuesday. Steve is a performance poet who worked with the children last year. He was very popular and we are delighted that he has agreed to spend the day with us once again. We hope that Steve's input will be boosted by a poetry squad on Poetry Tuesday. This was an experiment last year and involved members of the community who were happy to come in to share one or two of their favourite poems with the children.

## Poetry Performance Day and 'Poems & Pasties'

The day of the actual competition is Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The following week, on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, we plan to hold a new event, 'Poems & Pasties', after school. Winners from the competition will be invited to perform their poems again and we are currently trying to book a second performance poet for this session to enthral us with some more high energy performance poetry. Adults coming to this session will also be invited to recite or read a poem that they would like to share. Everybody will have the opportunity to order a pasty by Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>, to eat on the night. These will be cooked locally, children's pasties will be £1.00 and adults' pasties will cost £2.50. All are welcome, so please put the date in your diary.

## Contact Details, Educational Visit and Permission Forms

You should have received these forms home two weeks ago in a large brown envelope. We are still waiting for a number of forms to be returned to school. It is important to update information on an annual basis in order that in an emergency our records are up to date. If you have not already done so, please return any paperwork by Monday.

## Flu Vaccination Forms – Year R to Year 4

These forms went out earlier in the week. Please ensure they are returned next week. A form should be returned for each child, even if you are opting out there is a section on the form to accommodate this.

## Starting School September 2018

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 they can start school in September 2018. From Monday 2nd October 2017 to Monday 15th January 2018, you can apply online on the pupil Admissions Application website at [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk). Once you have submitted your online application you will receive an automatic email acknowledgement. Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries and Children and Family Centres. Paper forms will only be issued to parents on request by phoning 0333 0142903 and forms need to be sent by recorded delivery. Applications made after the closing date cannot be considered until all other applications have been dealt with. Online applicants will be notified which school their child has been offered by email during the day of Monday 16th April 2018. Other applicants will be sent a letter by second class post, posted on 16th April.

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church. If you would like to join us for the service, we will be very pleased to see you. Please make sure your child has a coat in school as we will be walking to the church. If any parents are available to help walk the children down to church please let the office know.

## Scholastic Book Club

This month's Scholastic Book Club is up and running and your child should bring home the latest catalogue today. For every £1 you spend on books, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards to purchase books for our school library. The deadline for orders is Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## Change of Date – Remembrance Service

Please note that the Remembrance Service for Years 1-6 will now be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. Children only.

## Sumdog House Challenge (8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September)

Congratulations to all those children who entered last week's Sumdog House Challenge. To earn a house point, each child needed to answer at least 100 questions over the week. House points have been awarded as follows: Blue – 4 points, Yellow – 6 points, Red – 9 points and Green – 10 points.

We also used the competition to recruit our new Sumdog Ninjas. Well done to the following children who all answered over 1000 questions, and will be receiving a Ninja agent membership card shortly: Hedgehogs - Harrison, Squirrels – Jessica and Beatrice, Rabbits – Morgan, Tabitha and Harriet, Badgers – Natalia, Foxes – Rana and Oliver and Otters – Lucy, Ned and Maddie.

## Badgers' Victorian Day

First we lined up outside the classroom. We didn't have money so Miss Bicknell gave us a paper shilling to pay for our education. We all sat in rows of tables, boys on the front row and girls on the back two rows (there were more girls than boys) Then Mr Meaby (now known as 'Sir') talked to us about what we would be doing.

We were all given Victorian names and we had to do a drill which was



a form of exercise. We played a game based on place value which was a lot of fun. If you were talking at the wrong time, Mr Meaby pretended to give you the cane. If you did not try hard or did not concentrate you had to wear the dunce hat. At break we played Victorian games such as hopscotch, blind man's buff and hula hoop.

After lunch we baked a Victoria Sponge Cake. It was a great day.



By William, Rufus, Megan, Fabian and Ellie

## School Councillors

Our first school council meeting was held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. It was a chance for us to introduce ourselves and express why we wanted to become school councillors.

Congratulations to all our councillors who were voted in by their class.

- Ayla and William – Year 1
- Jessica and Ben – Year 2
- Kacie-Jo and Charlie – Year 3
- Izzy and Archie – Year 4
- Bella and Adam – Year 5
- Phoebe, Anna, James and Nathan – Year 6



All the school councillors were excited about having the opportunity to make positive changes to the school.

## House News

Our House Captains have now been elected by their housemates in Offers Class. The House Captains have met and agreed names and logos.

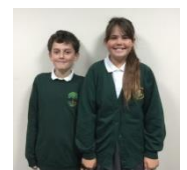


### Red House

Red House would like to announce that Ned is your new House Captain and your new Vice Captain is Amelia. We would also like to let you know that our new name is 'The Red Eagles'. This name was decided by the Red House children that attended our meeting on Tuesday during their morning break time.

### Blue House

We would like to let you know who Blue's House Captain and Vice Captain are. Your new Blue House Captain is Toby S and your new Vice Captain is Madison. We invited Blue house to a meeting to decide upon a new name which is 'Blue Dolphins'.



### Yellow House

We would like to announce that the new Yellow Team House Captain is Tilly and our Vice-Captain is Sabine. The new name for Yellow House is 'Yellow Meerkats' which turned out to be the most popular vote!



## Green House

We would like to announce who the new House Captain and Vice-Captain are for the Green team. Our new House Captain is Madeline and our new Vice-Captain is Sam. We did a vote at lunch break to agree a new name and 'Turtles' was the most popular. Our house name is the 'Green Turtles'.



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| o Red Eagles      | Ned (Captain)     | Amelia (Vice-Captain)  |
| o Blue Dolphins   | Toby S (Captain)  | Madison (Vice-Captain) |
| o Yellow Meerkats | Tilly (Captain)   | Sabine (Vice-Captain)  |
| o Green Turtles   | Madeline(Captain) | Sam (Vice-Captain)     |

## House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Week 1-3 House Points	1	3	4	2
Summer Reading Challenge	17	11	12	14
Summer Kit Book Challenge	18	17	14	17
Sumdog Challenge	10	9	4	9
Total	46	40	34	42

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

### **Ready Steady Read & Ready Steady Listen**

A big thank you to all the children that took part in the sponsored summer reading challenge, you have raised a massive £390, that's amazing. Well done to you all. All the money raised will be used to buy books for the school library from Usborne's. The children that took part will be given a certificate from Usborne Books and a bookmark of their choice to colour in, which I will then laminate for them to use in their books. These will be issued over the next week or so.

### **MacMillan Coffee Afternoon**

The MacMillan Coffee Afternoon is being held on Friday 29th September 2.15pm-3.45pm. This is a chance for us to raise money for a wonderful charity and an opportunity to welcome some of the new faces to the school. If you can help on the day with serving coffee, tea, squash and cake, please let Natalie Atkins, Joanne Purser or Janet Lambert know. If you are unable to help but are able to donate some form of cake (baked or faked) all donations will be warmly received. Please leave cakes at reception on the morning of either 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> September.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of faces and there will also be a PTFA display showing some of our fundraising events and the items that we have been able to purchase.

### **Fairies & Scaries**

One of the children's favourite events 'Fairies & Scaries' is almost upon us. It is being held on Friday 13th October 2017 from 6pm-8pm, so now's the time to start thinking about your costumes. There will be a prize for the prettiest fairy and the scariest ghoul from each class. We will also be running a pumpkin carving competition where everyone who enters will gain a house point and a winner from each house will be picked. Please put your name and house colour on the back of your pumpkin and bring them in on the morning of Friday 13th October.

Tickets are £2 each and everyone attending the event requires a ticket (adults and children). Please complete the form on the back of the letter which went home on Wednesday 20th September, include payment and put it into the pumpkin box in Reception from Monday 25th September. Tickets will then be sent home via book bags.

All children must be accompanied by an adult, and they remain the responsibility of that adult throughout the evening. The party is open to pupils of the school and their primary school age siblings. We regret that we cannot open the evening to friends or extended family due to maximum numbers allowed on the premises. We advise parents of young children to use their discretion as some of the costumes can be really quite scary!

The evening will start at 6pm and finish at 8pm. We have a disco and games for years R to 4 in the sports hall and years 5 and 6 will have their own disco in the music room. There will be stalls selling cakes, sweets, glowing goods etc... and a bar selling beer, wine/prosecco and soft drinks in the smaller hall.

This is a fantastic evening which the children really enjoy, however we cannot make it a success without help before, during and after the event. If you can help with any of the following (even if it's just half an hour) please comment on the PTFA Facebook page or email me on [janetlambert0378@gmail.com](mailto:janetlambert0378@gmail.com)

- \* Decorate the school - during the day on 12th October
- \* Run a stall / the bar
- \* Supervise Yr 5 & 6 disco
- \* Tidy up at the end (the more volunteers, the less time it takes - we were done in less than an hour last year thanks to the numbers of helpers).

#### **Dates for your Diary**

- \* Friday 29th September, MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2.15pm - 3.45pm
- \* Thursday 5th October, PTFA meeting in the conference room from 7.30pm (everyone welcome)
- \* Friday 13th October, Fairies & Scaries, 6pm - 8pm
- \* Tuesday 14th November Happy School Bag Collection, 11.00am
- \* Friday 17th November, PTFA Film Night, 3.15pm-5.30pm
- \* , PTFA 'Kids on the Catwalk' eve – **Date to be confirmed**
- \* Friday 8th December, School Christmas Fair 5.30pm - 8pm

Watch this space for more information on the above events.



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



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
8.30am - 4.30pm

£15.50 per am/pm session or £31 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](mailto:ect@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk)**

**Messy Harvest**

3.30 - 6.00pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

at St Mary's Church, EASEBOURNE  
for the parishes of Lodsworth, Selham & EASEBOURNE

A relaxed and informal church  
with a warm welcome for the whole family

*Crafts, songs, celebration, food and plenty...  
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More details from Alison Davis (0170 816692) or Lynne Todd (0179 861999)



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*The event will be hosted by Bohunt School, Liphook on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00pm.*

*The event is a drop-in session and will start at 4:00pm, with tea and coffee. The presentation begins at 4:15pm, with opportunities to ask questions afterwards.*

*For more dates and to book your place, visit [www.tesla-tsa.com/news-events](http://www.tesla-tsa.com/news-events).*

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