



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8th September, 2017

DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Monday 11th September	Clubs Start Meet the Teacher - Otters	3.15
Tuesday 12th September	Meet the Teacher - Squirrels & Hedgehogs Headteacher Open Door	3.15 3.15-5.00
Wednesday 13th September	Meet the Teacher - Badgers	3.15
Thursday 14th September	Meet the Teacher - Rabbits	3.15
Friday 15th September	Book Club	3.15-4.15
Sunday 17th September	PTFA Car Boot Sale	9.00-12.00
Monday 18th September	Meet the Teacher - Foxes	3.15
Thursday 21st September	Maths Workshop for Children & Parents - Foxes & Otters	8.50-10.00
Friday 22nd September	PTFA Film Night	3.30-5.30

A Word from the Head

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our families. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and return to school refreshed and ready for a busy autumn term. As well as familiar faces, we welcome children to Hedgehogs, Rabbits, Badgers and all 45 of our new Reception children to Dragonflies.

Reception children will continue coming into school with staggered start times next week. From Monday, 18th September, all children will start at the same time. Doors will open from 8.40 and all children will need to arrive by 8.50, when registers will be taken. Reception children are picked up at the slightly earlier time of 3.05 from the EYFS Reception at the back of the building. Those children who are staying part-time and leaving at lunchtime will be picked up from the Main Reception.

We also welcome new staff members. Mrs Bedford has joined us as Foxes Class teacher and Mrs Clipston as Hedgehogs Class teacher. Ms. Norgrove joins us as a teaching assistant in Foxes Class and Miss Bicknell joins Badgers Class as a trainee teacher and will be with us for the academic year.

Open Evening for Reception Class September 2018

On Wednesday, September 20th, 6pm – 7pm, we will be holding an Open Evening for parents who have children starting Reception Class in September 2018. There will be a talk by the head and the opportunity to meet the Reception team. Year 6 guides will conduct tours of the school which will provide you with the opportunity to look round the Reception Classroom and it's recently extended outdoor area. We do hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to meeting you all.

Inset Days

We have set two additional Inset Days for the end of the academic year. Therefore, Insets so far include:

- Friday 20th October
- Monday 23rd July
- Tuesday 24th July

We have one more Inset Day which has not yet been allocated this will be in the spring term.

Change of Date - Parent Consultation Evening

Please note there is a change of date for Consultation Evenings for Years 1-6. Parents' Evening will now take place on Monday, 16th October, 3.30-7.30 and Thursday, 19th October, 3.30-6.00.

Parents' Evening for Reception Class will take place on Monday 30th October, 3.30-7.30pm and Thursday 2nd November, 3.30-6.00pm.

Contact Details, Educational Visit and Permission Forms

Parents of children in Years 1-6 will receive these forms to take home this week; please look out for a large brown envelope. It is important to update information on an annual basis in order that in an emergency our records and permissions are up to date. Please ensure you return signed paperwork next week.

Parents of children in Reception Class should have received a copy of their Data Collection Sheet. Please check all details are correct, sign and return to school.

Computer Access at Home

Please inform the school office if you do not have internet access at home as newsletters, diaries, clubs etc will be sent to parents by e-mail. For those parents who do not have access, a paper copy will be available to collect from the school reception.

Please also let us know if your child has either limited internet access or no access at all at home. This is important as we are promoting a wider range of online resources, e.g. Sumdog and websites for homework such as MyMaths and iHub.

For those children who find it difficult or impossible to access the internet at home, we plan to offer a weekly homework club, with internet availability, from January.

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child took part in the Library Service's Summer Reading Challenge, please do remember to send your child in with his or her certificate and medal. As before, this is our first house challenge of the year and we want to try and beat our participation total for last year. If your child hasn't quite finished, please note that the closing date for the Summer Reading Challenge is Saturday, 16th September, so there is still time to read the six books required.

Summer Activity Books

We would also like your activity books back for a display, in order to share what everybody enjoyed during their summer break. Don't forget house points are available for those children who completed the quiz. Please ensure all booklets are handed in by Friday, 15th September.

Sumdog House Challenge

The new Sumdog House Challenge for Years 1-6 starts today, Friday, 8th September and finishes on Thursday, 14th September at 8.00pm. Your child's username and password can be found in their Kit Book. The school code is easebourne-primary-school. Please note that your child's level is determined by the site, not the school. Some children may find they are asked questions that are either too easy or too hard. Please do not worry as this is how Sumdog works out the appropriate level for your child. Children answering 100 questions will earn a house point. Children answering 1,000 questions will become an Easebourne Sumdog Ninja and be invited to play for the school in future competitions. They will also receive a Ninja Agent membership card.

MyMaths – Years 1-6

MyMaths is an engaging online resource for use in the classroom and at home. It provides hundreds of lessons matched with online homework enhanced by vibrant games, tools and worksheets. Each lesson is linked to homework tasks so that teachers can easily assess a child's understanding inside and outside the classroom. MyMaths is designed to suit all abilities and develops fluency, reasoning and problem solving at every age. Tasks contain stretching content to challenge all children with randomised questions of a limitless potential to practise. Whole school login details were sent home before the summer holiday and your child's personal username and password can be found in their Kit Book.

Meet the Teacher

For Years 1-6, our Meet the Teacher sessions start next week. These give parents a chance to meet the staff who are involved in the class and learn about what is planned for the term, including ways in

which they can support their child's learning. Please try to attend your child's session. If childcare is an issue for you, please remember that class teachers make arrangements for children to be supervised by colleagues.

Maths Workshops for Children and Parents

Workshops for all classes will take place over the next two months and are an excellent opportunity to work alongside your child and see how they approach mathematical problems. Workshops start with an introduction by Mr Meaby, our maths co-ordinator, before you join your child's class for a working session. Please refer to the school diary for relevant dates.

Clubs

The club membership lists are displayed in the office window adjacent to the school's front entrance doors. Please remember to inform the office if your child is not attending a session. This is particularly important for Year 5 and 6 children who have permission to walk home.

If you have not returned your enrolment forms and subs, please ensure these are returned before the club starts.

Science Club – This club has proved a very popular choice and therefore has a waiting-list. Please note that, if your child continually misses sessions, their space will be offered to someone on the waiting-list.

School Library

As mentioned last term, budget cuts have forced us to take the decision to opt out of West Sussex Schools Library Service. Not subscribing to the County's library service will, inevitably, have an impact on the stock of our own library and we plan to set about gradually building up our book stock, starting with spending the commission from the sales of 'We Are Writers!' and at the recent book sale. It would also make a real difference if parents could help their children to look after our school library books and use the Junior Librarian System appropriately (scanning books out and back in).

We have lost a significant number of books from our library through non-returns and are introducing a new system to better protect the stock. We will monitor the Junior Librarian system closely and any child that has an overdue book for longer than half a term will receive a letter asking for the book to be replaced or the cost covered by their parent. We hope parents will understand the need for this tighter approach and will support us in this.

Second-hand Books

As part of the drive on boosting the library stock, we are asking parents who might be clearing out children's books that are in good condition to consider donating them to the school library. We would be very grateful for any donations.

Old Shirts

We are in need of old adult size shirts that children can use as overalls when taking part in art lessons. Please hand any suitable garments to the school office.

Secondary School Transfer

On Monday, children in Year 6 will come home with a letter for parents regarding Secondary School Transfer. All parents are encouraged to apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. The online system will open on Monday, 11th September at 9am and the national closing date for applications is Tuesday, 31st October. **Please note that applications made after the closing date cannot be considered until all other applications have been dealt with.**

For parents who do not have access to the Internet at home, free access has been arranged at all West Sussex Libraries and Children and Family Centres within West Sussex or a paper copy can be issued to parents on request by calling 03330 142 903.

Parent Governor Elections

Following last term's parent governor elections, we congratulate Vickie Hampshire on being elected. There will be a further election shortly as a second parent governor position becomes available. Parents will receive information about this and might like to consider whether they would be interested in this role or whether they would like to nominate a fellow parent (with their permission, of course!).

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year. We have some amazing events lined up for the Autumn Term, so watch this space!!

Firstly we have a **Car Boot Sale** being held at Easebourne Primary School on Sunday, 17th September 9-12 midday (stall holders from 8am). £8 pitch on the day or £6 if pre booked (message Janet Lambert with your details or let the school office know). Limited table hire will be available at £3. If the weather is not favourable on the day the event will be held indoors. If you are interested in running your own table or helping out on the day with directing traffic, car parking etc.... please contact Janet Lambert or the school office as soon as possible, if we don't receive enough interest or support, this event will be cancelled.

Film Night

The ever so popular film nights are back starting on Friday, 22nd September 2017 with "Sing" which is rated Universal. Tickets will be on sale from Monday, 18th September at £2 per child, the price includes a bag of popcorn and a bottle of fruit drink or a bottle of water. For all new parents of children starting this year, the PTFA run a film night for the children of the school from Dragonflies through to Year 6, normally 4 times per academic year on a Friday afternoon. It runs from after school till around 5.30pm (times may vary depending on the length of the film). Children are more than welcome to bring their pyjamas or onesie's to change into and it has been known for some of them to bring in pillows, duvets, blankets and teddies! With any events we will need volunteers to help beforehand, during the film and cleaning up afterwards. If you are able to help in any way please contact the school office, the PTFA Facebook page 'Easebourne Primary School PTFA' or Jo Purser (Joint secretary of the PTFA and a mum of a child in Dragonflies, Otters and Ladybirds).

Ready Steady Read & Ready Steady Listen

The children were set a sponsored summer reading challenge by the School and Usborne Books, all the information can be found in the back of the Summer Journal. For all children who have started in Dragonflies this term you should have had a letter and sponsorship form sent out to you just before the summer holidays. If you have been collecting sponsorship, please don't forget to bring the form and money back into the School Office by Friday, 15th September.

Dates for your Diary

- * Sunday 17th September, PTFA Car Boot Sale, 9am-midday (stall holders from 8am)
- * Friday 22nd September, PTFA Film Night, 3.15pm-5.30pm
- * Friday 29th MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and Walk, Jog, Run, 2.15pm-3.45pm
- * Friday 13th October, one of the children's favourites Fairies & Scaries Disco, 6pm-8pm
- * Friday 3rd or 10th November, PTFA Kids on the Catwalk (times tbc)
- * Tuesday 14th November Happy School Bag Collection, 11.00am
- * Friday 17th November, PTFA Film Night, 3.15pm-5.30pm
- * Friday 8th December, Christmas Fair, 5.30pm-8.00pm



Easebourne Primary School

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 20th September 2017

6pm — 7pm

For parents of children
starting school in
September 2018

Meet the Head and teachers
and take a tour of the school



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**Prospective Year 7
Open Evening**
Thursday 28 September 2017
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Drop-in Mornings
Tuesday 10 October
Wednesday 18 October
9.30 - 11.30am



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