



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26th February 2016

Dates for the next two weeks

Monday 29th February	Consultation Evening	3.30-7.30pm
Tuesday 1st March	Otters Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace	9.30am-3.00pm
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day Consultation Evening	3.30-6.00pm
Friday 4th March	Foxes Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace	9.30am-3.00pm
Tuesday 8th March	Squirrels Trip to The Weald and Downland Museum	9.30am-3.00pm
Wednesday 9th March	Rother Valley Debate Competition at MRC	12.00-2.30pm
Thursday 10th March	Blue House Charity Event – Sponsored Silence	pm
Friday 11th March	Hedgehogs Trip to The Weald and Downland Museum PTFA Film Night Clubs Finish	9.30am-3.00pm 3.30-5.00pm

A Word from the Head

Welcome to a very appealing newsletter! It's been a busy week with, yesterday, the children (and parents) enjoying Positively Mad workshops which helped them train their memory and develop study skills. Earlier in the week, Rabbits and Badgers each visited the Sustainability Centre, near East Meon, for a day supporting their topic on the Anglo-Saxons. The children drove there and back in the new minibuses and it was great to see them in use.

Today, we sadly said goodbye to Ginny Burnell-Budd, who has been a key midday meal supervisor for over four years. Not only that, Ginny has worked as a volunteer supporting reading and Forest School sessions. This year, Ginny has also taken on the tradition of preparing Year 6 Leavers' book. Unfailingly supportive of the children and of her colleagues, she will be missed and we thank her for all that she has done for the school.

Please could parents NOT take other parents' children home WITHOUT checking with the front desk. Whilst this is obviously meant well, it can occasionally lead to a child going missing, as happened earlier this week when a child was unaccounted for at a club they should have been attending.

1st Appeal: Drivers

- ☒ Got a little time to spare?
- ☒ Always wanted to drive a minibus?!
- ☒ Passed your driving test before 1997?

If you can tick all three boxes, or you know somebody who can, we would love to hear from you. One grandfather has approached the school and generously offered to help out as a minibus driver on trips and we are now looking for three more people to enable us to book a day of four test sessions. Each session lasts for about two hours which allows drivers to become familiar with the way the vehicles handle. It would be lovely to have a longer rota of drivers to call on and we would give as much notice of forthcoming trips as possible. If you are interested, please contact me or the Office.

2nd Appeal: Fencing

Sharp-sighted parents might have noticed that we have had some fencing done by Rural Crafts & Countryside Management this week. We are very grateful to Dominic Strutt of RCCM who visited the school before Christmas and has spent time devising a scheme which we could manage within the school's budget. Suppliers have helped out with favourable prices on materials and the work is due to be finished today. To keep the costs low, we need a gang of volunteers to dig the chicken wire in to

make the enclosure as fox-proof as possible. We have already had a few generous offers of help for the fencing and we are trying to organise the work for the morning of Saturday, 5th March. As this is now the only main job needing doing before welcoming the chickens, I hope that anybody who is interested in helping will indicate whether they could spare some time over that weekend; we will contact those who have already offered their time.

3rd Appeal: Governors' Questionnaire

With Ofsted due shortly, the governors would very much like to gain a sense of parental feelings on a number of issues. There is a questionnaire in each child's book bag; please try to find the time to fill it out and return it. The feedback is very useful and we do try to respond to perceived needs.

If you are unable to make the 'Governors' Surgery' after school today but would like to speak to a representative from the Governing Body they will be available on both Consultation Evenings.

Signposts

You may have noticed that the two winning signs from last year's competition have now been installed by Graham Stonard in Wheelbarrow Castle and mighty fine they look too. Our thanks go to Morgan and Daisy, both of Hedgehogs Class.

Library Competition

A very big thank you to all the children who have produced some excellent book characters and objects to display in the library. We could still do with a few more items, so have extended the competition deadline until Monday 14th March. Remember each entry gains a house point and the best individual entries will win a prize.

Do look at the display table by the lunch hall to gain some inspiration and why not have a go at making a very hungry caterpillar, a cat in a hat, Mr Men, Hedwig, a giant peach, a rainbow fish or even a tin man.

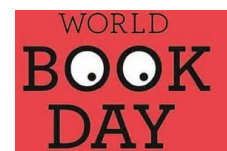


Half-Term Story Starter Writing Competition (200 Words)

Similarly, if you have a story starter, we would love to see it by Monday. They cannot be more than 200 words, but if you haven't quite finished, there is still time to apply the finishing touches over the weekend.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be activities happening in class and, as last year, the children will have the opportunity to hear the teachers read their favourite book.



Fairtrade Fortnight (29th February – 13th March)



This year, we will run two after-school Fairtrade stalls on Friday 4th and Friday 11th March where children can buy reasonably healthy snacks – volunteers very welcome!

Rabbits and Badgers Visit - The Sustainability Centre

This week both Badgers and Rabbits classes went to The Sustainability Centre in East Meon. We travelled there on our new minibuses. We took part in lots of activities about Anglo Saxon life like building an arch bridge out of sandbags, watching Sean use the dangerous axe, we decorated pottery, made a shingle by hitting a log of wood and weaved a mini hurdle out of willow. It was educational and wonderful. We had a fantastic day. By Gaby and Madison, Badgers Class.



Rother Valley Football League

On Wednesday 24th February, our football team hosted the first Rother Valley League match of the season against St. James', Coldwaltham. Jack scored a fantastic hat-trick and the whole team played really well. The final score was 5-1 to Easebourne. At the end of the match the teams gave each other three cheers for everyone's efforts during the game and we all had biscuits before they left. By Charlie and William, Otters Class

Positively Mad

On Thursday 25th February the school had a visit from a beautiful lady called Natalie who is from a company called Positively Mad. In the morning she spoke to Key Stage 2. She discussed how our brains work. Natalie told us that the right side of our brain is the imaginative side and the left side is academic. She talked about how our brains sometimes need to make pictures to remember what academic things are. She told us a wonderful story which taught us how to count to 10 in Chinese. We also tried a thing called brain buzz, where you hold your thumb and finger up on alternative hands and swap to and throw. It was extremely hard at first but you soon get the hang of it. It was a fantastic morning for everyone in Key Stage 2 and we all learnt a lot. In the afternoon it was the turn of Key Stage 1 and even the parents had a go after school. By Sophie, Otters Class



House Update

House Challenge Board

	Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
Total Last Term	55	58	49	64
Christmas Reading Challenge	2	1	3	4
Week 1 House Points	2	2	4	4
Week 2 House Points	4	1	3	2
Week 3 House Points	2	2	3	4
Week 4 House Points	2	1	3	4
Week 5 House Points	2	3	1	4
Week 6 House Points	3	1	2	4
Week 7 House Points	1	4	2	3
Total	73	73	70	93

House Charity Term

Blue House

Don't forget that on Thursday 10th March Blue House will be holding a sponsored silence to raise money for Naomi's House Children's Hospice. Sponsorship forms were handed out before half term and will need to be in for that day. All sponsorship money needs to be given in to the school by Friday 18th March. We are also sharing 'Funky Shoesday' with Yellow House which will take place on Tuesday 15th March. This is open to the whole school, you can wear a pair of funky shoes to school (not high heels or heelies) and donate 50p to our charity. Miles and Gwen, Blue House

Green House

Just to remind you that Yellow House are holding a Lego competition to raise money for their charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, and to date we have had no entries! The idea is to design the most creative futuristic Lego house, take a picture of it and send it into school along with a 50p donation. The closing date is only two weeks away on Friday 11th March, so get building! There will be a prize for the winner. Albert and Samantha, Green House

Red House

Don't forget to bring in your cake for the 'Bake Off' competition on Friday 18th March. It costs £1 to enter and all proceeds go to our charity Save The Children. The cakes will be judged during the day and then sold at the end of the school day. There is still time to donate a prize, if we could have any prizes in a week before the bake off that would be great. Sophie and Dominic, Red House

Yellow House

Yellows, remember time is running out to submit entries for our competitions to raise money for Canine Partners as the closing date is next Friday. The first competition is to design a comic strip and the second is to take an eye-catching picture. Entries cost 50p each and there will be prizes for the winning entries. So far we have only received one entry (a special thank you to that person) so need to have a final push. We are also sharing 'Funky Shoesday' with Blue House, which will take place on Tuesday 15th

March. You can wear a pair of funky shoes to school not high heels or heeled shoes and donate 50p to our charity. Charles and Ethan, Yellow House

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

We would like to thank Zoe Irvine for becoming chair of the PTFA and chairing her first PTFA Meeting. We have some amazing new events to look forward to, please come along and help support these events, so we can help benefit the children of our school.

Money raised by the PTFA this year will be used to help fund the personalisation of the class group rooms. Years 1 & 2 will become a designated art room, years 3 & 4 will be a science room and years 5 & 6 a language room. This will be a fabulous achievement for the children to learn about these subjects in exciting, visual and vibrant surroundings.

Future events to look forward to are:

Second Hand Book Sale to coincide with World Book Day 29th February - 4th March, before and after school each day. Tables will be set up around the library and books can be purchased for a small donation.

PTFA Film Night, showing Shaun the Sheep Movie, 11th March at 3.30pm.

Pamper Evening, tickets now on sale for £5 to include entry & a glass of wine, beer or soft drink. 'Cook' will be providing the nibbles, Lisa Maher-Evans is offering Back, Neck & Shoulder Massage and Lauren Sole, Indian Head Massage, these are in addition to those that have already been mentioned in the leaflet. It should be a great night and all mini treatments are £5!! 18th March, 7.30pm-10.30pm

PTFA Easter Egg Hunt, each year group will take part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please can we all donate some small individually wrapped Easter eggs for this event to take place. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on 23rd March during the school day, any help will be really appreciated.

Please come along to our next PTFA Meeting on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm in the Conference Room. There will also be a posting box situated in reception, so if you would like to be part of the PTFA, please pop your email address down on a piece of paper for us to contact you.



Early Days and Easebourne Owls



Easter Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club

We will be running a holiday club on
Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March
and Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April
8.30am-4.30pm
£14.00 per am/pm session or £28 per child, per day.
Children aged from 2-10 years
Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place

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