



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

## Dates for the next two weeks

<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Fantastic Finish – Rabbits and Badgers	<b>1.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Transition Day – Year 6 pupils visit MRC, all other classes to new teacher and second visit for new Reception children Understanding Your Child – Parent Workshop (Childcare provided)	<b>3.15-4.15pm</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Fantastic Finish – Hedgehogs and Squirrels	<b>1.15pm</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Book Club	<b>3.15-4.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Clubs Finish (Except Tennis – extra session 10 <sup>th</sup> July)	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Matinee Performance – Foxes and Otters	<b>2.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Evening Performance – Foxes and Otters	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	SENDCO Drop In Year 4 Camp Out - Overnight Reports Home to parents	<b>8.40-9.30am</b> <b>3.15pm-8.00am</b>

## A Word from the Head

On Saturday, we were blessed with a bright, clear day for the third combined church and school fair. This came as the climax of our Community Week 2017. The fair was masterminded by PTFA Chair, Janet Lambert, and Churchwarden, Roger Sked and our thanks go to them for all their hard work.

There was a lot happening in Community Week, as you will find out later on in the newsletter. One of the highlights was when Derek blessed the new school banner at the church service held at the school on the Sunday. This banner has been painstakingly crafted by Churchwarden, Alison Davies, with help from Hannah Todd. It is absolutely beautiful and parents are welcome to come in to have a closer look. Our Year 6 pupils carried it proudly down the aisle at the leavers' service in Chichester Cathedral this morning.



On behalf of all of the children, I would like to thank all of our community partners for giving up so much of their time and energy to make it such a success.

## JRSO Work

The JRSO's have been out at the start of the day, asking parent drivers to sign their new smaller (and therefore windscreen-friendly) parking promises. These have been laminated and handed back to



parents to display in their car windscreens. Please support their efforts by signing yours, displaying it and observing it!

### School Safety Zone Speed Gun

This week, you may have noticed that members of the Parish Council, along with parent volunteers from the school, have been using the speed gun to track speeds of vehicles in Wheelbarrow Castle during the advisory 20mph period when the school safety zone lights are flashing. The majority of cars tracked were driving above the advisory speed limit. The drivers of cars driving well in excess of this are being reported to Operation Crackdown and will be sent letters asking them to consider their driving speed in future. The team also noted that many of the cars travelling well in excess of the 20mph, including the two driving at 39mph, actually turned into the school, suggesting that they are driven by our parents. Please could parents set a good example by observing the advisory 20mph limit at the beginning and end of the day.

If you would like to support this initiative, please make contact with Vikki Curwood who is liaising with the Parish Council.



### Archery Club

After a long, seemingly fruitless search, we have finally found an archery club who might be able to offer after-school archery club in the autumn, if there is enough interest from our children. Members of the Leaping Hart Archery Club from Midhurst had a stall at the Summer Fair on Saturday and children and adults were able to see what was involved. Congratulations to Harley Garnett who won the competition and will enjoy a free two-hour taster session at the club.

The club would run next term for Years 4-6, i.e. our current Years 3, 4 and 5. The cost would be £30 for the term, but it does rely on finding 12-16 children who would be interested. If your child is, please let the office know. We are hoping to arrange a taster session for these year groups before the end of term.

### Summer Reading Challenge



Every year, we encourage the children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and this forms the first house competition of the new academic year, every child who gains a certificate earning a point for his or her house. There will be an assembly on 10th July when we welcome back Midhurst Librarian, Louisa Cork to tell us all about this year's challenge, 'Animal Agents'. Most libraries in England will start the Challenge on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July**.

You can find out much more about this year's exciting challenge at the website: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/about-animal-agents>. The website allows your child to log the books they have read during the summer – and beyond. They can also find new books to read, recommended by other children, watch exclusive author videos, take part in competitions and play games.

#### How the Challenge works

- Children sign up at their local library and receive an Animal Agents collector folder.
- Children borrow and read at least six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their folder and incentives along the way.
- Library staff and young volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal

## Otters and Foxes Perform 'Let Loose'

This term Years 5 and 6 will be performing 'Let Loose' by Andrew Oxspring. Join us on a calamitous residential trip to the aptly named 'Slippery Slopes Activity Centre'. This hilarious musical sees the children experience a catalogue of mishaps but will the children pull together and learn how to work as a team? There will be a matinee performance on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm and an evening performance on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. As there are only two classes involved, we will not be issuing tickets but please be sensible with numbers attending.

## Calling All Garden Enthusiasts!



Easebourne Primary School have entered the Midhurst in Bloom Competition. The courtyard near the library is being looked after by Fenix, a Badgers pupil who would like to make this a beautiful and calm area where people can go to relax. For this year, therefore, the courtyard has been renamed Fenix's Courtyard. Fenix is busy preparing it for the competition and is wondering if you have any plants or pots that you would be willing to donate. We also have



a new arbour and would like to acquire two climbing plants like clematis to trail and provide shade. Any help or donations would be much appreciated.

## Year 6 Leavers' Service

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June Year 6 went to Chichester Cathedral for our leavers' Service.

When we arrived there at 9:40 there were a couple other schools rehearsing for the service, after Petworth finished practising their prayers, we went up on the stage & practiced "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet" because we were singing the first



verse and the chorus on our own. We had a fabulous time it was so much fun singing on a stage, we hope to do it again! One of our favourite parts was when the vicar said we were going to have some fun and we put our hands up if we could skip. Josh put his hand up he went down the aisle skipping, he looked like he really enjoyed it! Molly then got chosen for an egg and spoon race she dropped it 2 times but it was just for fun she really enjoyed doing it! By Molly and Lillianne, Otters Class

## Community Week

**Visit From Hamza** – As part of Community Week, we had a visit from Hamza Berat. Hamza is a Muslim, which means he follows the religion of Islam. Hamza spoke to us about what makes a good Muslim family. (Phoebe D) Hamza is a nice person, he comes in and gives us his time. (Lucy F) He told us what it was like to fast during Ramadam as a Muslim. (Lottie G) Hamza sang one of his prayers to us. He explained what it would be like not to have food and drink during the day. (Ruby L)

**Church Mural** – On Wednesday we printed our hands over the Lord's Prayer which is written on our school hall wall. People from the church helped us. We had a lot of fun. It looks amazing. (Morgan)

**Owl Box** – Angela Ward from the South Downs National Park came into school to check if we had any baby owls in our owl box. Unfortunately, this year the box was empty.

**Pottery** – Our pottery teacher, Katie Netley, told us that we were going to make totem poles, they are colourful poles made out of clay which can be varied in different heights. First we chose some aspects of nature to make, e.g. Jonty made some barn owls which were very cute and also covered a section of the totem pole in spider webs for all the spiders and Alfie made a fairly large lizard and a stag beetle which took him a while to finish. When we'd finished Katie helped us attach them to the sections. She has taken them home to be fired and we are hoping to be painting them soon. (Alfie and Jonty)

**Magical Mystery Tour of the Church with Derek**– Hedgehogs Class went to the church to have a tour with Derek. He explained the church looks after people, they have weddings, funerals and baptisms there. The church also looks after people when they are dead and we saw their graves and how old they were. (Harry H)

**KS2 Visit to MRC** – Last week, all of KS2 were lucky enough to be invited to watch a preview of MRC's latest production 'Little Shop of Horrors'. I enjoyed the play. It was very funny and I really liked the costumes and the music. (Romilly) The play was really cool! I loved the props; especially the plant. (Phoebe D)

**Dark Night Skies** – Amanda and Jonathon came in from South Downs National Park. They talked about the stars and constellations. We learnt that the South Downs was one of the darkest places to live in because we don't have light pollution like big cities do. They taught us how to find the North Star by finding the constellation that looks like a saucepan and following the pan handle to find the brightest star. Then we made a star gazer, so now we can spot the stars at home. It was really interesting. (Kelcie and Abi)

**Education West Africa** – On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June the whole school had a non-uniform day to raise money for Education West Africa. We raised money because there are some children in Africa who have no school or they are not allowed to go to school without a uniform. Many families can not afford uniform so we raised £150 for the people in Africa to buy school uniforms. (Rana and Sophie C)

**Gamelan** – Mrs Stephens ran a Gamelan Workshop for pupils and parents. We currently have a Balinese Gamelan Orchestra on loan from West Sussex Music Service, which are a selection of tuned percussion instruments. The workshop provided a rare opportunity to make traditional Balinese music. They were very golden and we used hammers to play them. It was fun playing with Mummy and she was very good at it. (Elizabeth P)

**Music Room** – We all helped decorate the Music Room during Community Week. It was great fun as different classes did different things. Rabbits and Badgers did finger painting on the wall to form a famous Abba lyric. Hedgehogs and Squirrels did button art in the shape of musical instruments and finally Otters and Foxes did pretty designs on CD's with coloured cord and beads. Many thanks to Belinda Harris for her support and Hattie and Mimi from MRC (2 former pupils) who spent the day helping us. Everyone had great fun decorating. (Sian)

**Cleaning the Church** – On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Badgers Class walked down to St. Mary's Church to help clean it. We cleaned the pews by removing the runners from the seats and taking them into the garden. We then cleaned the wooden pews and once the runners were hoovered we replaced them. We did have fun slipping and sliding on the polish. The church helpers gave us a drink and a biscuit. We enjoyed ourselves so much we could have stayed all day long! (Isla)

**Vine House** – On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 10 children from Year 6 went to Vine House. We walked down to the home and when we arrived Miss Evans had to pair us up with someone, I was with Bradley. We had to go around and talk to people in Vine House. We talked to the residents of Vine House and played games with them. We went into a room that belonged to someone called Grace and she was really nice and then... we found out her age... She was 100 years old. Bradley and I were amazed. Miss Evans took a picture of

me and Bradley with her. I've got it in my room at the moment. After that we walked back to school. Overall I loved going to Vine House. (Max)

**Pond Dipping** – Dragonflies Class enjoyed their visit to South Pond where they were greeted by the volunteers who helped with pond dipping. We learnt about the bees and the local environment and made pictures from things that we found around the pond like leaves, twigs and feathers.

**Roger's Flag Challenge** – Roger Sked, one of the churchwardens at St Mary's Church, set a competition to find out the names of five flags that he put up each day during Community Week. The flags were the Christmas Jolly Roger, Flag of Sussex, Odinic Raven Flag, Flag of England and the Royal Banner of England. I got all the flag names right and won a box of biscuits. (Ruby C)

**Volunteer Tea Party** – Year 3 and 4 had a tea party for all the adult volunteers who come into help in the school. We talked to them and asked questions. We served drinks and cakes which we had baked. Towards the end we sang a song to them that we had written ourselves. As a thank you, we had also made little gift boxes for them to take home which contained a chocolate. (Rana)

**Summer Fair** - Our school's Summer Fair was a great success. There was a raffle, refreshments and lots of stalls including lots run by Year 6. Some of the stalls our class ran were Splash the Pupil, Crossbar Challenge and Bowl the Hole. There were also bouncy castles, a fire engine, an ambulance, an ice cream van, a burger van and there was a café run by Derek, the vicar, where you could get a cup of tea and a cake. You could also try your hand at archery. There was also a band playing when the fair started and near the end children played the ukulele and on top of all that some children gave a display of maypole dancing. We all thought the fair was a great success and everybody had lots of fun! (Amelia and Daisy)

**Goblin Car** - Over the spring and summer terms, Freddie, Alfie, Nathan, James, Oaklie and Josh have been building a car to race at one of the Greenpower races. We have now finished the frame and just need to finish the panelling for the shell of the car. At the summer fair we raced the car around the playground on a figure of eight track. We have signed up to a race at Goodwood race track on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July; we will be racing a whole lap around Goodwood race circuit. (Freddie and Alfie)

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
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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
Total	234	245	229	235



## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended our Easebourne Community Summer Fair on Saturday 17th June. It was a fantastic event, which everyone young and old, seemed to enjoy.

We had everything from Liss Brass Band to Easebourne's Ukuele Group, Cream Teas to Halloumi Kebabs and Greek Salad, Archery to Hook A Duck. The St. John's Ambulance and Midhurst Fire Station were in attendance as to were Fitzcanes and the Cowdray Tuk Tuk.

The crowds were treated to Country Dancing and Maypole Dancing from KS1 and KS2 and the Easebourne Dance Group repeated their fantastic Charleston routine from the Rother Valley Arts Festival. Not to be outdone, Mr Culley, Mr Taylor and Miss Boxall put on a brave face, or rather soggy faces, as they allowed what must have seemed like an endless queue of children, to throw wet sponges at them.

Year 6 ran some fantastic stalls ranging from Remote Control Car Races to Cuddly Toy Tombola. Of course, the Goblin Car was a big hit as were the Bottle Tombola and Children's Pint Pots (which sold out mid-way through the afternoon) and the bowling for the pig, which once again got very competitive.

The funds raised are to be split between Easebourne Primary School and St. Mary's Church, each receiving approximately £1,300, which is fantastic news for us both and brings the school another step closer to purchasing more clever touch whiteboards for the remaining classrooms.

Thank you once again to everyone involved - it wouldn't have been the success it was without your support.



### 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 31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> Aug, 14<sup>th</sup> Aug, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.***

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### Walk for Parkinson's – Cowdray

Parkinson's UK are really excited to be holding a brand new 4.5 mile circular sponsored walk around the beautiful Cowdray Estate in Midhurst on Sunday 9 July 2017. The walk across the Estate passes through woodland and fields with spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. We'll also take in the scenic golf course, the magnificent Cowdray Heritage and the Cowdray Park Polo Club grounds.

If any of the pupils and staff at Easebourne Primary School are interested in taking part. Entry fee is £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s and all walkers will receive a Parkinson's UK t-shirt, plus a medal on completing the walk.

If you would like further information about the walk visit our walk webpage [www.parkinsons.org.uk/walkcowdray](http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/walkcowdray)

The walk is a wonderful opportunity to bring together people from the local community as well as raise awareness of the work of Parkinson's UK. The funds raised from the Walk for Parkinson's – Cowdray will go to Parkinson's UK to support the vital research work taking place to find a cure for Parkinson's and improve the lives of the 127,000 people in the UK who are affected by the condition. We support those living with Parkinson's and their families and friends, so that no one has to face Parkinson's alone.

### OUTDOOR BOOTCAMP

#### NEW CLASSES STARTING WEEKLY IN TERM TIME

#### CONIFERS SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS

#### 9-10 AM EVERY WEDNESDAY

COME AND JOIN IN TO GET FIT FOR SUMMER. LOSE WEIGHT, TONE MUSCLES & FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF. All abilities welcome from 'not exercised in years' to the very fit

£10 per session drop in or £8.50 if paying up front for the term.

For more information and to sign up please contact:

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