



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2016

Dates for the next two weeks

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| Monday 25th January | Luke Temple (author) – workshops with KS1 & KS2 | am |
| Tuesday 26th January | Luke Temple (author) – signing and selling of books Meet The Teacher - Squirrels | 3.15 pm |
| Thursday 28th January | PTFA AGM | 7.30 pm |
| Friday 29th January | Debate Club (Yrs 4-6) | 3.15 pm |
| Monday 1st February | Rother Valley PE G & T session (2 Yr5 & 2 Yr6 Pupils) | 9.00 – 12.00 |
| Friday 5th February | Book Club (Yrs 4-6) | 3.15 pm |

A Word from the Head

Parents may have noticed the arrival of two vehicles yesterday. Our two school minibuses have finally arrived! We are very grateful to our patron, Lord Cowdray, for his very generous sponsorship of the lease of one minibus. The second minibus was made possible through PTFA fundraising and additional funding from the Early Days Nursery. Together, the two will enable a class to go out on a trip at a much lower cost than would otherwise be the case. Starting next week, a dozen volunteers from staff and community will be trained before taking their minibus test and, if all goes well, we should soon have a range of drivers to call upon.



You may also have noticed the gradual transformation that Sue Wakeford has brought about in our Chatterbox Area between KS1 and KS2. Now, thanks to Sue and Ross Williams, we have a second sofa and it is definitely the cosy place to relax and share a book as this picture of Max and volunteer, Tina Litchfield shows!

I'd also like to thank parent, Vicki Harrison, who, through her company, The Tall Dog, sponsored ten copies of 'Caught in the Web', a book resource dealing with internet safety for children.



This week, James Chevis visited the school to tell us all who he and girlfriend, Lyla, had chosen as the winners in their art competition to raise the profile of epilepsy. Last term, children had to produce a picture of somebody or something that inspired them, just as James had been inspired by the Paralympic athletes to run a marathon. The winners were Gwen, Otters Class (1st), Sam, Hedgehogs Class (2nd) and Freddie, Foxes Class (3rd). Our thanks to James and Lyla for running the competition.

Urgent Appeal

In the Office, Debbie and Sharon are working really hard to complete the permissions database. They have chased and chased the large number of slips that weren't returned but still have about 15 outstanding slips and don't quite know what to do to complete the process. After much discussion, I have decided that we can only assume that no parental response means no permission and children will therefore be withdrawn from activities for which we haven't had permission until the slips are finally returned. This might mean, therefore, that your child is unable to work on a computer, take part in a local walk or take part in Forest School. **PLEASE** help us to give your child as broad an education as possible.

House Challenge

This term's 'Book Character' House Challenge, launched by Sue Wakeford, to replace the hot air balloons that have decorated the library is well under way. The idea is to replace the balloons with children's recreations of book characters. Ideally, these will be lightweight and hang from the ceiling but there is scope for a few to sit on the shelves. Children have until the end of half-term to work on these. Entries will gain points for houses and, if there are any really good ones, there will be a number of small prizes and huge amounts of glory to be won!

Author Visit

On Monday, author, Luke Temple, will be leading workshops with KS2 and KS1. Luke will be in the following day to sell and sign copies of his books. Children will come home on Monday with a letter explaining what to do if your child wants to buy a book the following day. Luke's KS2 presentation is designed to introduce his latest 'Felix Dashwood' series whilst the KS1 presentation is about Luke's books for this age group: 'Albert and the Blubber Monster' and 'Albert and the Giant Squid'! You might like to visit Luke's website over the weekend to see what we can look forward to: www.luketemple.co.uk.

Scholastic Book Club

Don't forget that our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/easebourne>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by January 26th, 2016.

A Plea from our SendCo

Do you have any Lego that no longer gets played with? If so, we could find a home for it. We do have some Lego in school but not enough for special projects so any donations would be gratefully appreciated.

Christmas Reading Challenge

Really encouragingly, 93 children were awarded house points for their reading over the Christmas holiday, as evidenced by their KIT Books. The competition was tight, with 21 from Green, 23 from Blue, 24 from Red and 25 from Yellow!

House Challenge Board

| | Blue | Green | Red | Yellow |
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| 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 |
| Total | 65 | 64 | 62 | 78 |

Stonepillow



Thank you for your donations this month. Next month we will be collecting coffee and washing powder.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers are available in-store between 27th January – 3rd May 2014. Every voucher counts, so please remind family and friends to collect them for you. Collection boxes are situated in the foyer. These vouchers do make a difference to the resources that we can provide, so thank you for your support.

Epilepsy Competition Awards

A few weeks ago a man called James came into school and he told us what it was like to live with epilepsy. He then told us that he had set up a drawing competition to raise money for epilepsy. The idea was to draw someone or something that inspired you. After school I went straight home and I drew my dog because even with his bad leg he never gives up. In Wednesday's assembly James returned to school to announce the winners of the competition. Freddie in Foxes came third, Sam in Hedgehogs came second and I came first. I was so amazed. I had my photo taken with James and all the winners. I was very happy to have raised money for epilepsy. By Gwen, Otters Class



Congratulations also go to Poppy Willis on winning a Blue Peter badge for an acrostic poem that she sent in. You can find out how to win one of the Blue Peter badges by visiting their website at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>. A Blue Peter badge gains a child free entry to over 200 attractions around the country.



EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

AMAZING NEWS....Our minibuses have arrived!!

During June of last year, the concept of raising funds for a school minibus was discussed at one of our PTFA get-togethers. Momentum and enthusiasm for the project gathered and in September we had the fantastic and exceptionally generous news that the Cowdray Estate had agreed to sponsor and therefore fully fund one minibus for the School! As each minibus seats 17, our target then stretched to obtaining a second minibus so that a whole class could easily go on a school trip together.

We are very happy to announce that in 2015 the PTFA have raised a magnificent **£8,759.81!!** Thanks to all of you who have supported the ongoing events and fundraising throughout the year. A detailed treasurer's report will be available following the PTFA AGM, but the largest fundraising activities were as follows:

£2,314.75 from the Christmas Fair/party

£2,278.35 from the sponsored walk/jog/run

£1,558.65 from the Summer Fair

In 2015 the PTFA have funded the following initiatives:

- £2,000 donation towards the new library
- £575.00 for the pantomime last January
- £556.97 for a school video camera (used by older children in video club & to support learning in the classroom) & two new V'tech children's cameras for use in Dragonflies
- £5,750.00 has been allocated to the playground (funds partly raised in previous years). So far we have purchased new play 'shape' blocks, various painted markings/activities on the School playground and also the new circular tree 'buddy' bench. We still have £2,486 to spend on items for the playground
- we have also raised £6,000 towards the second school minibus and secured funds for the minibuses for a 3 year lease period. This will enable the school to offer cheaper class trips, facilitate travel to swimming lessons and other sporting events, support the gifted and talented scheme and enable more spontaneous outside learning experiences

The PTFA AGM will be held at the School on Thursday 28th January at 7.30pm and all are welcome to come along and get involved in planning for 2016 events and fundraising.

Thank you from the PTFA



Early Days and Easebourne Owls



Staff News

Early Days Nursery welcomes Janina Manaois to the staff team. Janina is completing her Childcare Degree & is working two days a week until the end of the Summer Term.

Half Term Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club

We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th February
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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