



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

## DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day	
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evening - Dragonflies Class	3.30-7.00
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Individual Photographs	am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Consultation Evening - Dragonflies Class	3.30-5.30
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Poetry Recitation Competition	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Reading and Phonics Introduction for Parents - Dragonflies	3.15 and 6.00
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Rotary Music Festival (School Choir)	7.00
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service @ St. Mary's Church - KS1 and KS2 only	10.30
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Poetry and Pasties	3.30-5.00

## A Word from the Head

Dear Parents,

Firstly, congratulations on reaching half-term! The first seven weeks of the new academic year often come as a bit of a culture shock after the summer. Add in the coughs and colds that are doing the rounds to the children's growing tiredness, it can sometimes feel, as a parent, as though you are staggering over the finish line into half-term!

### Parent Governor Elections

Following last week's parent governor elections, we congratulate Sarah Naym on being elected. We thank all candidates who put their names forward, it was encouraging to see so much parental interest.

### Poetry, Please!

I hope everybody has a restful half-term, recharging batteries and relaxing. I do want, however, to remind parents that a chilled half-term is the perfect setting for your child to explore the pleasure of learning and mastering a poem for the recitation competition on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. To ensure that everybody has access to the list of this year's poems, they have been emailed to you today. These have been chosen in conjunction with the three judges who have generously supported this initiative for the past three years. Please note that the range of poems open to children in older classes is restricted to ensure that children challenge themselves. So, for example, children in Foxes and Otters can choose from the six poems on the last two pages. For those of you who enjoy working with your children on their performance, it may be helpful to know that the judges will be looking for physical bearing & dramatic appropriateness, voice and articulation, level of complexity and evidence of understanding.

Please do help your child to choose and master a poem. Memorising is such a valuable skill to build and the sense of achievement taking part gives our children is very clear indeed when one talks to them after they have successfully recited their poems.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm-5.00pm we will host 'Poetry and Pasties'. Winners from the competition will be invited to perform their poems and we will be joined by performance poet, Justin Coe. Adults are also invited to recite or read a poem. Locally cooked pasties will be available to eat on the night, £1.00 for children's pasties and £2.50 for adults. Please place your order with the office by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Parent Consultation Evening – Dragonflies Class**

The consultation evenings for Reception Class will be on:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – 3.30-7.00pm and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 3.30-5.30pm

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October you should have received an email with instructions on how to use our online booking system and a link to book an appointment. If you did not receive this, or need additional help booking an appointment please speak to the office. Mrs. Austin-Diment, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, will also be available on the Thursday. You can request a joint meeting with Mrs. A-D and your child's class teacher by adding a note to your booking.

## **Remembrance Service – KS1 and KS2 only**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November the school, with the exception of Dragonflies Class, will be walking to St. Mary's Church to take part in a brief service to honour those who have died in the wars since World War I. We will leave school at 10.15am to arrive at the war memorial before 11am. We would be very grateful for any parental help to walk the children to and from church. Please make sure your child has a coat in school.

After half term we will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

## **Reading Introduction for Parents - Dragonflies**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm and again at 6.00pm parents of children in Dragonflies Class are invited to an introduction to reading and phonics. Come along and find out how to support your child at home.

## **Individual School Photos**

The school photographer is due in school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to take individual photographs of all our children, including those attending Early Days Nursery. Please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper/cardigan. Siblings within the school, including the Nursery, will automatically be photographed together but if you would like a family photograph with younger siblings, please let the office know. These photographs are taken at the very beginning of the school day (from 8.30) so it is essential you arrive promptly.

## **Year 6 Bikeability**

Year 6 will take part in Bikeability Cycle Training the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Bikeability is designed to help give children the skills and confidence to ride on today's roads. This half term it may be a good idea to check the condition of your child's bike, including tyre pressure and brakes. Your child will also need a correctly fitting cycle helmet.

## **Starting Secondary School September 2018**

A reminder that the deadline for applications for secondary school transfer is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

## **Goblin Club News**

The Easebourne Engineers and Creatives are currently very busy, trying to fundraise and gain sponsorship to pay for another Goblin car (to be raced alongside our existing car, 'JOJAFAN'). They would like to share some exciting events that they are busy preparing for next half-term. These are:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November: 'Enchanted Goblins' dress-up day

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Raffle tickets on sale

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Raffle draw during Star Assembly

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Milkshake and biscuits (break and after school)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: 'Tape Up Mr T!'

More news about all these events (including timings and prices) will follow after half-term.

The team would be extremely grateful for any support you can give them. If you know of anyone who may be willing to sponsor them, please could you get in contact with either Mr Taylor or Mrs Ashcroft? Many thanks!

## Parent Information Morning



A huge thank you to the parents and professionals who joined us at our information event this morning. There were great conversations going on throughout the morning and we will use your feedback to inform our future events.



We are really keen to bring **adult education** to Easebourne, courses need a minimum of 8 to run. Parents who came this morning expressed an interest in particular in English, Maths, supporting your child with homework and training to become a Teaching Assistant. Please can you contact Emma Austin-Diment by 1<sup>st</sup> November if you would like to register your interest in any of these courses.

A reminder also to all parents that FREE access is available to the online course **Understanding Your Child**. Parents can access the innovative online course about children, worth £39, **completely free of charge**. Understanding Your Child is for parents, carers and professionals caring for children aged 0-18 years. It looks at brain development, play, styles of parenting, sleep, temper tantrums, communication and more.

Your coupon code is:

**EASEBOURNEMAY18**

To access the course for the first time, follow these simple steps:

1. First sign up for a free, secure, account at [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) by clicking on 'Start now'. You will be prompted to enter your name, email address, and create a password. This will be your account on Ourplace, and you can safely keep information and photos here if you wish.
2. Once you have made your account scroll down and find the 'Understanding your child' box (with a green heading) and click on the 'Take course' button.
3. Click on 'Already have a discount coupon?'. Enter the coupon code above in the box and click 'Apply coupon'. Once it is accepted click on 'Sign up'.

There were problems for some people accessing it online. The technical desk have said that you need to use the latest version of Google Chrome or Internet Explorer. If you have any problems you can contact Hannah on the helpdesk [hannah.hassan@heartofengland.nhs.uk](mailto:hannah.hassan@heartofengland.nhs.uk) or their office directly on 0121 296 4448.

## Year 6 Interfaith Day

On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> October, four people, representing different religions, came to our school together with Year 6's from other schools. To begin with, we were given a ten minute introduction to each religion, before we were all mixed into different groups. We had a session learning about each of the four religions: Sikhism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity.

Derek Welsmen talked to us about Christianity, and asked some of us to wear his 'ponchos' (robes); the gold one is worn at Christmas and Easter, the red one represents the holy spirit, the purple one is worn during Advent and Lent and the green robe is worn at other occasions.

Saranjit Singh told us about Sikhism, which is the youngest of the four religions. He talked about the Golden Temple in India, where they feed anyone who enters, as well as telling us about the 'five Ks' which are Sikh symbols: Kara (a steel bracelet), Kanga (a wooden comb), Kesh (uncut hair), Kaccha (cotton underwear) and Kirpan (a steel sword).

Hamza Beraat came in to talk to us about Islam. He told us a story about the Queen's gift and about how Muslims are taught to respect their bodies.

Ajahn Karuniko told us about his religion as a Buddhist. He taught us about Prince Siddhartha, a rich prince who gave up all his possessions and life in his palace, to live a simple life.

We all enjoyed our morning and learnt lots. By Lucy and Amelia, Otters Class



## Year 5 Big Sing

On Tuesday morning Year 5 got ready for the long walk to MRC to take part in the "Big Sing" which was led by Charlotte Wilkinson the choir lead. We sang 'Be the change,' 'It's possible' and other songs that we sung in rounds. It was great fun and we all enjoyed the experience. By Teddy and Kitty, Foxes Class

## Poetry Squad and Workshop

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017, the school was visited by Steve Tasane. Steve is an accomplished author and poet. It was an entertaining morning and Steve came in to Foxes and recited poems that he had written. One of the poems was called the Alphabet Rap and another was called Cabbages, which the class joined in with. In assembly Steve did the Roald Dahl Rap which included the names from the BFG book. By Sid, Izzy and Lily, Foxes Class

## Environment Day

Dragonflies enjoyed planting their outside area. They planted bulbs and sensory plants that had different smells and textures.



Hedgehogs and Squirrels made faces to hang up as wind chimes. We made them with clay. We put noses and hair and eyes and ears on them. We got messy because it went everywhere. We used slippery glue. By Miller and Harrison, Hedgehogs Class



On Environment Day our class, Badgers Class, designed different labyrinths because we are planning to make a natural labyrinth on the edge of the top

field. Mr Culley has bought over 400 young saplings which will be used to construct the labyrinth.

We used different materials to help with our designs. We worked in pairs or small groups and made labyrinths using: pasta, chalk, counters and oil pastels. We hope that some of our ideas might help towards the final design. By Ellie and Megan, Badgers Class



## Harvest Festival



Last Thursday we all went to church for the Harvest Festival. Derek talked about how hard the farmers worked at harvest time. We all sang songs and everyone liked the Harvest Samba. Mrs Stevens helped us all sing and Ralph, Lottie and James read out prayers they had written. By Tabitha, Rabbits Class



## Fairies and Scaries

Fairies & Scaries is one of our favourite events of the year. You can come to school in the evening in fancy dress as either a fairy or a scary. I have really enjoyed through the years, hanging out with my friends, dancing in the disco, dressing up, a bit of independence and having a good time.



My friends and I have also liked being able to buy sweets, cakes, drinks and glow sticks, taking part in the fancy dress competition and learning some dance moves.



This year's disco was my last one and I enjoyed it more than any other year. In my opinion Fairies & Scaries is one of the best events in the school year.

By Maddie Purser, Otters







## Year 5 and 6 Residential to Cobnor

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, Foxes and Otters classes went to Cobnor Activity Centre. We were all very excited! When we got there, we explored the area, found our rooms and met Jackie the cook, before having our lunch in the food hall. We were then ready for our first activity! Mine was archery followed by the climbing wall – I managed to get to the top every time!

After our activities and dinner (which was a delicious pasta-bake), we had time to make our beds and organise where we slept. Some people slept in a bell tent (which was a bit chilly) and some people slept in either a log cabin or the Jubilee building. The other activities we did on our residential were: kayaking, canoeing, low-ropes, sailing, orienteering, raft building/racing, mountain-biking skills and problem solving. On Wednesday evening we had a quiz. There was only a six point difference between all the teams, but Mrs Pilcher's team were the winners! On Thursday night, we watched the film 'Sing'. I really enjoyed sailing because we got taken out onto the sea by our instructor (Ryan) and it was quite rough! By Samir and Toby S – Otters Class

## House Update

	Green Turtles	Yellow Meerkats	Blue Dolphins	Red Eagles
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
Week 4 House Points	1	4	4	2
Week 5 House Points	1	3	4	3
Week 6 House Points	2	3	4	2
Pumpkin Carving Competition	18	12	12	9
Week 7 House Points	1	2	4	3
Total	69	64	62	61

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

### Fairies & Scaries

A huge "THANK YOU" to all who helped and everyone who came and made this year's 'Fairies & Scaries' so much fun and such a success.

We sold over 380 tickets, saw some amazing fancy dress outfits (including some unrecognisable adults!) and I also have to mention our fantastic resident Disco Jockey, DJ Dodge and her sidekick MC Payne. Great job, ladies!!! There were a record number of carved pumpkins submitted with some incredible ideas and new designs, which made judging them immensely difficult. Winners were a black witch's cat, a fairy cottage, an alien beamed to earth from a spaceship and Cinderella's carriage! The event made an incredible £1,458.90 profit, which is absolutely amazing. This will give a significant boost towards the purchase of the next Clever Touch whiteboard for one of the three remaining classes awaiting installation.

With much appreciation. Janet Lambert

### Happy Bag School Collection

Please fill black sacks with unwanted clothes, shoes, console games, souvenirs, handbags, belts, hats, accessories, bedlinen and towels and leave your bags with the school office. The last day to bring your bags in is Monday 13th November 2017 this event is a great way to raise money at no cost.

## Dates for your Diary

- \* Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Happy School Bag Collection at 11.00am
- \* Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, PTFA Film Night, 3.15pm-5.30pm (film to be confirmed)
- \* Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Tops for Tombola Day
- \* Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, School Christmas Fair, 5.30pm-8pm

## Midhurst Library

**Bedtime Stories at the Library – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 4.15pm-4.45pm.** Come and share our bedtime stories. Wear your pyjamas and bring your torch and teddy. Suitable for children under 7. Tickets are free but please reserve your place.

**Toddler Time – Every Monday, 2.15pm-2.45pm.** Bring your toddler along to share stories, songs and rhymes. Free of charge

**Share Your Reading Adventure – 14<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October.** Visit us to share your reading adventure and talk about reading. Tell us the most useful thing you have learnt from a book and your family's favourite book to enter the prize draw to win a set of books for your family.

## Midhurst Swimming Club

In its 50<sup>th</sup> year, Midhurst Swimming Club is a local friendly swimming club for children of all ages and abilities. Leaving from Midhurst at 6.30 p.m. every Thursday in term time, the children are taken (via Richardsons Coaches) to Haslemere Swimming Pool where they enjoy an hour's swim, tutored by experienced and professional swim coaches. Regardless of age, the children are put into groups with similar ability children so they are all learning to swim at their own pace. The children return to Midhurst at 8.30 p.m. This is not a 'competitive', 'pushy' swim club, our ethos is one of enjoyment, fun, learning in a safe and friendly environment. At just £7.50 per two hour session (£75.00 a term) it's fantastic value for money. For more information please email [midhurstswimmingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:midhurstswimmingclub@hotmail.com) or find them on Facebook @ Midhurst Swimming Club.