



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

31st March 2017

Dates for the next two weeks

Monday 3rd April	PC Phillips to Visit Classes Fantastic Finish – Foxes and Otters	pm
Wednesday 5th April	Dragonflies Open Morning	8.40-10.00
Thursday 6th April	Easter Service at St. Mary's Church (School Only) PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	am
Friday 7th April	PTFA Smarties Tube Challenge sent home Last Day of Term	
Monday 24th April	First Day of Term	
Tuesday 25th April	Meet the Teacher – What's new this term? – Otters	3.15pm
Wednesday 26th April	Meet the Teacher – What's new this term? – Foxes	3.15pm
Friday 28th April	Year 5 Fun Maths at MRC Meet the Teacher – What's new this term? – Badgers	pm 3.15pm

A Word from the Head

Due to the pressure of numbers in the area, we have been asked to take additional children into Reception from September. To manage this, Tanya Sykes will be joining Amanda Catchpole in Dragonflies Class for the next academic year and we will be recruiting a further teacher for Hedgehogs Class. When we have appointed this teacher we will try to give current Dragonflies' parents the opportunity to meet him/her in the summer term.

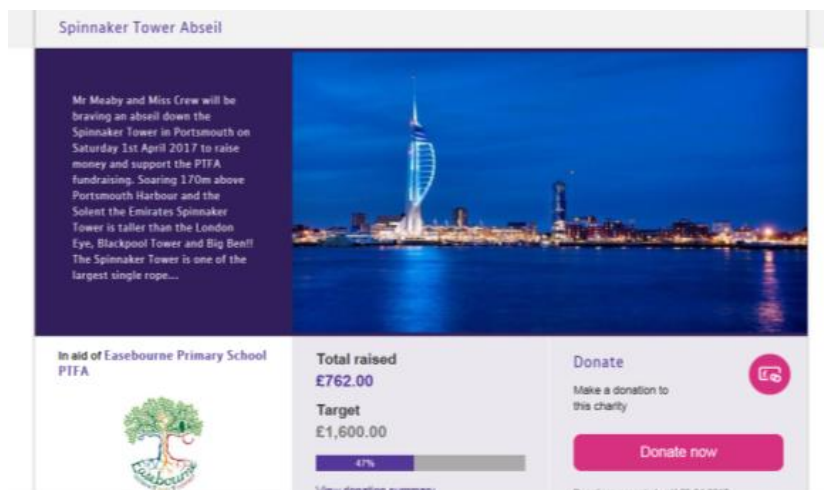
It's been a week of performance for Easebourne. Earlier in the week, we were treated to a wonderful production of 'What a Knight!' by Rabbits and Badgers. This Arthurian romp contained everything from spoilt princesses to evil henchmen. The comedy in the show was delivered with confidence by a cast who had clearly worked very hard and our children should be very proud of themselves. Pulling off such a successful show is no mean feat and thanks are due to Malcolm Meaby, Heidi Crew and their team.

As well as choreographing and working with the singers for the Year 3/4 production, Katie Stevens was preparing her dance group for the Rother Valley Arts Festival, held over two nights at MRC. Our dancers performed last night, fitting the Charleston to two very different pieces of music. Having rehearsed for much of the day at MRC, they danced brilliantly on the night and with obvious enjoyment. They wore exquisite costumes generously sewn for them by Katie's mother and really did the school proud. Well done!

This week, a Clevertouch screen was installed in Squirrels Class. This was made possible thanks to the fundraising of the PTFA and heralds a very exciting focus on improving the computing facilities within the school.

Tomorrow, Heidi Crew and Malcolm Meaby will be abseiling down Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth to raise money for a second touchscreen for the school. The target set is £1,600 and the total raised, when I last checked this morning, was £762. If you have been meaning to add some sponsorship of your own, why not do it tonight to show the staff your support?

Simply visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/easebourneprimaryschoolptfa> and scroll down to click on the link to 'Spinnaker Tower Abseil'. If you would like to support them in person at Gunwharf Quay, the abseil is scheduled for 10.30.



House Charity Fundraising

This has been the term when the four houses raise funds for their chosen charities. They each have a target of £250. With the PTFA's decision to organize the Walk, Jog, Run every other year, the Red Pandas cleverly spotted a gap in the market for their second fundraiser, the Dash for Cash. The event proved a huge success, raising an additional £522 for their charity, the Elizabeth Foundation Centre. Congratulations to Phoebe (House Captain) and Ewan (Vice-Captain).

Meanwhile, Lillianne has, this week, been selling Easter egg raffle tickets to raise additional funds for Green Dragons. They, too, have shown entrepreneurial spirit, coming in to sell their tickets before and after the Y3/4 performances – genius!

Yellow Cheetahs	£126.00	5 House Points
Green Dragons	£127.60	5 House Points
Blue Wolves	£156.00	6 House Points
Red Pandas	£562.20	10 House Points

JRSO Questionnaire

Last autumn, the County conducted a crossing patrol count at Wheelbarrow Castle and the result showed that we were a long way off the criteria to demonstrate a need for a crossing patrol. It is my belief that, with no crossing patrol for over a year, many of our parents have simply decided that walking to school is not a safe option. If this is the case, we need to put this forcefully to the County so that our situation can be reconsidered.

With this in mind, the new JRSO's have agreed to pull together a questionnaire for parents, asking them for their thoughts about the situation. I hope that they will have this ready for the end of term and that we can send it out over the holiday. Please could you take time out to fill it in and return it as our case is clearly stronger if it is patently representative of the general feelings of the parent community.

Parking

A number of parents have talked to me about their concerns about the car park this term and I would like to appeal for parental support on this issue. Whilst we are lucky to have such a number of parking spaces, I believe that the pressure is currently greater because more parents drive to school than might ordinarily do so, as we do not currently have a crossing patrol and that is something I plan to work on with the JRSO's (as mentioned previously). Parents have pointed out that the roundabout and crossing are often dangerously congested, even though there are often spaces in the far car park. At other times, when the far car park is full, it seems that the parking of cars in unmarked areas has forced children to walk round these cars and into the way of cars driving round the car park. With the safety of children in mind, therefore, could I ask parents to make sure they have checked to see whether there are spaces in the far car park before adding to the congestion around the roundabout? Could I also ask parents not to park in unmarked areas in the far car park and indeed out the front?

Concerns have also been raised about the drop-off zone. This term, I have been involved in breakfast clubs on each day at 8 o'clock and have not been out to see for myself but reports from parents confirm that there are a number of parents who still regularly leave cars in the drop-off zone. Could parents also ensure that they use the drop-off zone as just that, an area to drop off, **not** a short-term parking area? I have been told that the situation was better when JRSO's patrolled the front of the

school and I have talked with the new group and they are keen to resume this work next term, in light of parental concern.

Finally, the congestion is leading to drivers using the disabled spaces though they have no right to park in them and I have received complaints from disabled drivers that these spaces have been unavailable as a result. Please respect the fact that these are allocated for disabled use.



Projects & Photos

This week, two more A2 projects hit the walls. Freddie (Marvel) and Tilly (Ballet) both finished projects and their mentors agreed that they were ready to go up. It's great to see the children putting so much effort into these individual projects and working with staff mentors to make sure that they work to the best of their ability. The scheme is completely voluntary and there are many projects in the pipeline but, with these two this week, we already have four up to enjoy.



Class Photos

Class photographs take place on Thursday 4th May in the morning. Please could you remember to send your child into school with a sweatshirt or cardigan and tidy hair. Any child who does not normally attend Early Days Nursery on a Thursday morning is welcome to come in at 9am to be included in the photo.

Sumdog House Competition ~ 17th-23rd March

Well done to all those children who took part in the House Sumdog Competition last week. All children answering over one hundred questions, earned their house a point. The scores are as follows: 10 points to both Blue and Yellow house, 13 points to Red house and 16 points to Green house.

Congratulations to the following classes for their amazing effort in the competition, in which 381 classes and 3,189 children took part.

12 th	Rabbits Class	436
29 th	Squirrels Class	316
42 nd	Badgers Class	251
50 th	Foxes Class	223
53 rd	Otters Class	209

There were some fine performances from individuals as well:

Rhys	23 rd	955
Harry C	25 th	954
William A	33 rd	947

We're also pleased to announce that we have 13 new Easebourne Ninjas, all answering a staggering thousand or more questions: Rhys (Yr 3), Harry (Yr 6), William (Yr 3), Sian (Yr 3), Liam (Yr 2), Reece (Yr 6), Daisy (Yr 6), Max (Yr 6), Nathan (Yr 5), Ned (Yr 5), Oaklie (Yr 6), Lucy (Yr 5) and Isabel (Yr 3).

Fantastic Finish

Parents with children in Foxes and Otters should have received a letter this week inviting them to join the classes for the afternoon of Monday 3rd April from 1.15pm. Year 5 and Year 6 will be sharing their knowledge of the topic Ancient Greece and the Mayans.

Dragonflies Open Morning

Dragonflies Open Morning is on Wednesday 5th April from 8.40am-10.00am. Dragonflies' parents/carers are all welcome to join us to take part in sharing classroom activities with their child.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We have started collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Vouchers are available in-store and on-line from 25th January to 2nd May 2017. Last year we used the vouchers to purchase gardening equipment. Every voucher counts, so please remind family and friends to collect for you. Collection boxes are situated in the front foyer.

Red Nose Day

Last Friday was Red Nose Day. We were wearing Red Noses because we were raising money for Comic Relief. I liked my nose because it was an owl. I liked my nose, it was a karate guy! By Elizabeth and Marcus, Hedgehogs Class

We would also like to give a special mention to Jasper, in Badgers Class, who sold cookies in order to raise funds for Comic Relief and made an amazing £63.30. Well done, an incredible effort.



Sing Up

On Wednesday 22nd March, Badgers Class visited Petworth School for "Sing Up" day. "Sing Up" day is when lots of children from all over the world sing the same song. This year it was 'Let love shine through' by Emily Barden. Badgers were the lucky class who got picked to go to Petworth along with other classes from different schools. We travelled on the minibuses in two groups for ten minutes, then Emily Barden took us in and we sat down ready for the warm up, waiting for other classes to arrive. Ms. Barden was very excited to teach us her song. When we had learnt it perfectly she made a recording so she could send it to "Sing Up" for us to be in a digi-choir. A digi-choir is when lots of recordings of the same song are put together as if it was one performance. We are looking forward to hearing it. By Isla and Ruby, Badgers Class

Rother Valley Arts Festival

On Thursday 30th March, all of Dance Club went to MRC for the Rother Valley Arts Festival. We performed Fat Sam, Grand Slam and Happy. We rehearsed in the morning to all the other participating schools and in the evening we performed to all the adults. There were several good performances from other schools and I think ours was amongst the best of them. We had really fun routines and we would really like to thank Mrs Stevens for her choreography and to her Mum for making the costumes. By Lillianne, Otters Class



Rabbits Forest School

Last Friday, some lucky Rabbits went out into the Forest and set some cameras up. We also put some food out to help the animals smell their way into the forest. We put cameras out because we wanted to see if we could identify any animals that visit the area. Ryan, from the Wildlife Trust came back this morning so that we could see the footage from the camera. We saw a female and male badger, foxes, female and male pheasants and a very naughty house cat! The animals' eyes looked scary in the light of the camera but we were very excited that animals like to see our forest! By Phebe and Ryan, Rabbits Class



Creative Writing at MRC

On Tuesday 26th March, we went to MRC for a Creative English day. We sat in groups at tables in the massive library whilst the teachers introduced themselves and explained what we were going to be doing. We had about four activities which were really fun, including planning and making a spaghetti and mini marshmallow tower. After watching some power point slides on rockets, we designed our own so that we could make them out of Lego later. Phoebe's looked amazing. Finally we did some creative writing about a rocket taking off into space. Eden's favourite activity was building the towers and Phoebe's was the creative writing. By Eden and Phoebe, Foxes Class



What A Knight!

Mr Meaby and Miss Crew directed the Year 3 and 4 play 'What a Knight'. I found being in the play was something to be proud of and everyone did really well remembering all their lines. We had lots of fun; I would strongly recommend it to others. The play had humour, action and was very dramatic. I want to say a big "THANK YOU" to Mr Meaby and Miss Crew for getting all the props and costumes ready. Here are some examples: a self-raising flower, toilet paper, the swords for the sword fight and the 'How to be a Hero' and 'How to be a Princess' books. I also want to say a big "THANK YOU" to Mrs Cella for managing the sound effects and songs, and not forgetting Easebourne's very own stars Mrs Cobbold on lighting and Mrs Stevens on songs.

For those unlucky people who missed the show, here is one of the best jokes:

"Now you two must go to Camelot"

"Righto"

"Kidnap the Princesses"

"Righto"

"and bring them back here"

"Righto."

"Why do you keep saying Righto?"

"Cos you're stood on my right toe"

By Jasper, Badgers Class (aka The Black Knight)

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the children. The collections on the door amounted to £165.08, which as usual will be put towards improving our drama equipment. There is a selection of photos on the back page of this newsletter.

House Update

	Blue Wolves	Green Dragons	Red Pandas	Yellow Cheetahs
Totals brought forward	110	115	105	107
Week 1 House Points	2	3	1	4
Spelling Bee	1	7	4	10
Week 2 House Points	4	4	1	2
Week 3 House Points	1	3	1	4
Week 4 House Points	3	2	1	4
Week 5 and 6 House Points	2	2	4	3
Week 7 House Points	1	3	2	4
Spring Half Term Reading	3	2	2	4
Week 8 House Points	1	4	2	3
Week 9 House Points	4	3	2	1
Week 10 House Points	3	2	4	1
Week 11 House Points	2	2	4	2
Sumdog Competition	10	16	13	10
Week 12 House Points	2	1	4	3
Charity Term Results	6	5	10	5
Total	155	174	160	167

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Easter Egg Hunt - Thank you for all the Easter Egg donations so far. If you have any chocolate eggs to bring in, preferably mini eggs and bags of tiny eggs, please can we have them in school by Tuesday 4th April. This event is not a fundraiser but is run solely for the children's enjoyment, it is a much loved occasion, always brings lots smile to their faces and it's a great way to end the term. All the children will go home at the end of the day with a chocolate egg. If your child has an allergy, could you please provide a small egg (crème egg size) that is safe for your child or we will provide a Haribo substitute which we would ask you to approve.

Spinnaker Tower Abseil - THIS SATURDAY AT 10.30AM!!

Please come along and support Mr. Meaby and Miss Crew as they abseil down the Spinnaker Tower. The teachers are doing this for our children, to help and enhance the facilities that can be offered to them. PLEASE, PLEASE, support them either by returning the sponsorship form sent home or online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/easebourne-primary-abseil/417170>

Film Night

The next PTFA Film Night will be held in the afternoon on Friday 12th May at 3.15pm-5.30pm (times may change slightly). Tickets will be on sale after the Easter Holidays at £2 per child, this will include a bag of popcorn and a sealed bottle of drink (instead of a cup of squash), hence the slight price increase. The name of the Film will be confirmed in due course.

Quiz Night - 'Can you beat the teachers?'

PTFA Quiz Night will be held in evening on Friday 19th May (times to be confirmed). Entry will be £1 per person, teams of 10 maximum. Bring your own food and drink. This is an adult community fun evening rather than a fund raiser.

Happy Bag School Collection

Please fill black bags (or collect a sack from the office) with unwanted clothes, shoes, console games, souvenirs, handbags, belts, hats, accessories, bedlinen and towels and leave your bags with the school reception. The last day to bring your bags in is Monday 8th May 2017. This event is a great way to raise money at no cost, last time this raised £507.60 for our school.

Easy Fundraising

Please remember you can raise money for your child's school by simply shopping online. This is a fundraiser that everyone can get involved in and it's free takes no time:-

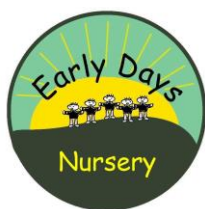
- 1) head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/easebournepspta>. and join for free.
- 2) Every time you shop online, go to easy fundraising first to find the site/shop you want and start shopping.
- 3) After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause at no extra cost whatsoever!

Dates to remember

* Thursday 27th April at 7.30 pm, St Mary's Church, the next Summer Fair meeting. We will be deciding on what stalls to have and who will run them (school/church)

* Saturday 17th June (time to be confirmed), School/Church Summer Fair. We are still looking for some volunteers to help run stalls etc... also, we are looking for some wow factor raffle prizes. Any ideas? Does anyone have a holiday cottage? Where they might be willing to donate a long weekend away perhaps. If anyone has any ideas please let us know. Thank you.

* Sunday 17th September, (times to be confirmed) Car Boot Sale at Easebourne Primary School



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Easter Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th April
and Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th April

8.30am-4.30pm

£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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