



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th June 2017

Dates for the next two weeks

W/B Monday 12th June	Community Week	
Monday 12th June	Dragonflies Pond Dipping at South Pond	pm
Wednesday 14th June	RV Parent Road Show – South Downs Centre, Midhurst Meeting for new Reception parents Sept 17	10-12am 6.00pm
Thursday 15th June	Non-uniform Day (£1) in support of St. Mary's adopted charity, Education West Africa Gamelan Workshop	2.00pm
Friday 16th June	Junior Urgent Action Network	3.15- 4.15pm
Saturday 17th June	Summer Fair	2.00- 5.00pm
Tuesday 20th June	Swimming starts for Badgers Class (Five weeks)	am
Wednesday 21st-Friday 23rd June	Book Fair	3.15pm
Wednesday 21st June	Tea with Mr C	2.30- 3.15pm
Thursday 22nd June	First visit for new Reception children for Sept 17	am/pm
Friday 23rd June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral	10.30am

A Word from the Head

Staff News

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Jacky Clipston to the staff for September. Jacky will be teaching Hedgehogs Class and has already met the current Reception children this week and the children will meet her again on Transition Day.

We would also like to send our congratulations to Natalie, one of our teaching assistants in Dragonflies, on her marriage to Tom Lane during half term. We wish them both a long and happy future together.

Transition Day

On Wednesday 28th June our Year 6 pupils transferring to MRC in September will be visiting their new school for the day and our new Reception intake will visit in the morning and stay for lunch. All other classes will spend the morning with their new teacher for September in their new classrooms.

On arrival in the morning please could all children go to their new classroom. The younger children will be met in Reception by the teacher/teaching assistant from that

class. Dragonflies Class will be met by a teaching assistant from their class and escorted to their new class.

The staffing arrangements for next year are as follows:

CLASS	TEACHER(S)	TEACHING ASSISTANT(S)
Reception - Dragonflies	Mrs Catchpole Miss Sykes (Mrs Payne)	Mrs Sharp Mrs Mayhew (am) Mrs Lane (pm) Mrs Hill (am) Miss Boxall (pm)
Year 1 - Hedgehogs	Mrs Clipston	Mrs Thomas
Year 2 - Squirrels	Miss Evans (Mrs Dodge)	Mrs Wakeford
Year 3 - Rabbits	Miss Crew	Mrs Cella
Year 4 - Badgers	Mr Meaby Mrs Nixon (Thursday)	Mrs Cobbold
Year 5 - Foxes	Mrs Bedford	Mrs Pilcher Mrs Elliott Mrs Smithers Miss Abbott
Year 6 - Otters	Mr Taylor	Mrs Ashcroft Miss Boxall (am)


Next week, we have a busy schedule with Community Week. We hope that your children will enjoy the various activities, and an account of all that goes on will be in the next newsletter.

Our thanks go to the PTFA again, following the installation, over half-term, of our third Clevertouch screen. This is wonderful news and all down to the PTFA's amazing fundraising efforts this year. There is more on this from Liz Evans, further on.

Another welcome addition to the school is a fine wooden arch in the courtyard. This was donated by Michele Booth in memory of Beau, the wonderful dog who accompanied her to read with our children every week over many terms. Michele's husband, Roger, installed the arch over the half-term and we plan to source a clematis to train up the trellis to make it the perfect spot to read on a summer's day.

Message from the JRSO's...

Before half-term, the JRSO's met. They want to reintroduce the parking promise and ask parents to pick one up at the desk, sign it and display it in their car windscreens. They have made the promise smaller so that it is easier to affix to your screen! The JRSO's will be out on Monday with the new parking promises asking parents to sign up.



PARKING PROMISE

I have agreed to support the School Council by:

- ☒ parking with consideration and in a responsible manner
- ☒ travelling to and from school by car only when necessary
- ☒ not parking in the drop-off zone
- ☒ not parking in the disabled zones

Walk to school!

Signed:

Date:

Many thanks for your help in keeping Easebourne C.E. Primary a safe school.

The School Council

Spelling Bee

Thanks to all those parents who supported their children with the words they had chosen to learn for the spelling bee. In the end, the Blue Wolves won the competition with 505 correctly spelt words. Close behind, with 491, were the Green Dragons.

House Challenge Pts	10	7	4	1
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25 children qualified for the second round where children competed with unprepared words to become one of the two pupils who would go through to represent their class in the final round.

Hedgehogs	Squirrels	Rabbits	Badgers	Foxes	Otters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruby • Scott 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ava • Tabitha 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Izzy • William 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isla • Tam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly • Phoebe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James • Kelcie

Having listened to feedback about the first spelling bee, the final round was less intimidating. Children from pairs of classes competed to find stage winners so nobody had to spell words in front of the whole school.

The winner in KS1 was Tabitha, the winner in Lower KS2 was Izzy and the Upper KS2 and overall winner was Phoebe. This is the second time that we have run a spelling bee this year and Phoebe has won both competitions. Out of interest, the KS2 audience and staff threw random words at Phoebe to see how she coped. She did brilliantly, spelling correctly words like 'mnemonic', 'agoraphobia' and 'kleptomania'. In the end, she was finally tripped up by a niche word from Andy Taylor, 'quincunx'.

A quincunx is a geometric pattern consisting of five points arranged in a cross, with four of them forming a square or rectangle and a fifth at its centre.



Year 6 Debate Competition

A wide range of motions were suggested by the children themselves. It was good to see so many children taking part – a report from them can be found later on in the newsletter.

Road Safety – could you help? (from Vikki Curwood)

The school and Easebourne Parish Council are applying to West Sussex for a traffic calming scheme on Wheelbarrow Castle near to the school entrance. This is to support all who want to cross the road, access the school and use the new play area, but specifically lone children, young families and those with limited mobility.

We need your help. Easebourne Council are setting up a mobile speed camera at specific times when there is a high level of footfall:-

- 1- 8.00-8.30am
- 2- 8.30-9.00am
- 3- 2.50-3.30pm
- 4- 4.00-4.30pm

- We are looking for volunteers to cover a session that they can commit to on a specific day within a 2 week period.
- A 30 minute registration and online training is compulsory in order to use the camera.
- We need 2 people per shift as a legal requirement.
- We advise that no children should be involved or in need of supervision during the session.

The evidence we are able to collate will support our application for a much needed traffic calming scheme that helps us all access the school and new play area safely.

Please let the office know which days you are available to help. Thank you in advance.

Understanding & Supporting Your Child (from Emma Austin-Diment)

We are very excited to be launching a programme of support for parents and families over the next 12 months.



Our programme of events includes:

RV Parent Roadshow, Wednesday 14th June, 10am-12noon, Memorial Hall, South Downs Centre, Midhurst - a wide range of organisations will be available to offer support on issues such as health, behaviour, learning, family support, mental health and adult education. Come and join us for coffee and cake and unrivalled access to organisations that can support you and your family. Meet at the Office at 9.45am if you would like a lift with Mr Culley in the minibus. Flyer attached with full details.

Sleep and your child, Thursday 22nd June, 3.15-4.15pm, Easebourne Primary School - worried about your child's sleep? Is it impacting on their behaviour or wellbeing? Is it putting a strain on members of the family? Join us at our Sleep Workshop with Sleep Specialist and School Nurse for information and advice.

Understanding Your Child workshop, Wednesday 28th June 3.15-4.15pm, Easebourne Primary School - we are delighted to announce that parents can now access an 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. We will be launching the course at this workshop, facilitated by Family Outreach Worker Jo Rawlinson, and look forward to seeing lots of you there! Flyer attached with full details. Login details for the online course will be circulated to all parents following the workshop.

Look out for further workshops coming soon:

- The Power of Praise
- Diet and Toileting
- Keeping Safe
- Helping Your Child at Home - supporting learning

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Thursday 19th October, Understanding & Supporting My Child open morning for all parents

For further information or if there is a topic that you would like to suggest for future workshops, please do not hesitate to contact Emma Austin-Diment, Assistant Head.

Gamelan Workshop

We currently have a Balinese Gamelan Orchestra on loan from West Sussex Music Service. This is a tuned percussion ensemble that uses gongs, chimes, drums and metallophones to make traditional Balinese music. As part of Community Week you are invited to take part in a free workshop where you can learn to play these instruments alongside your child/children. This will take place on Thursday 13th June at 2pm. You should receive a letter this week with accompanying slip with which to register your interest.

Plea From Mrs Stevens

During community week Mrs Stevens with the help of parent, Mrs Harris, will be transforming the Music Room. They are in desperate need of donations of buttons and old cd's. If you are able to help with these there will be collection jars in the main foyer. Thank you

Plea From Otters Class

We are doing a teddy tombola stall for the summer fair next week. We would really appreciate it if you would donate any unwanted teddies you or your children may have that we could use on our stall. The latest date for the teddy donations is the morning of Friday 16th June.

Thank you very much for your help.

Molly, Poppy, Kelcie and Lillianne (Otters Class).

Fantastic Finish

Rabbits and Badgers

The Fantastic Finish for Year 3 and 4 will be held on Monday 26th June 2017. There will be a carousel of interactive activities themed around their Ancient Egyptian topic. The children will also be sharing their knowledge of the topic. Parents/carers are welcome to join us from 1.30pm until the end of the school day.

Squirrels

Year 2's Fantastic Finish is on Thursday 29th June, the day will be themed around Knights and Princesses and the children can come in dressed accordingly. Parents are welcome to come in during the afternoon to join in the activities with their child.

Hedgehogs

Year 1's Fantastic Finish is on Thursday 29th June. Hedgehogs will be designing and making Bug Hotels. Parents are welcome to come in and help from 1.15pm until the end of the school day.

Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 21st-Friday 23rd June. Our school earns commission on every book we sell which we will use to purchase books for our Year 6 Leavers. All books are 3 for the price of 2 so there are great bargains to be had.

Alongside this, we will be taking orders for our very own 'We are writers book'. This book is a compilation of writing from every child in the school. Each book costs £5.99 and generates 60% in terms of books for the library. The proceeds will support the restocking of non-fiction titles to support class topics studied over the year.

This has been an experiment as it is the first time we have done this at Easebourne. However, now that we know what is involved, we have decided, as a staff, to repeat the initiative, producing a second book at the end of the spring term so watch this space!

Year 6 Leavers' Service

On Friday 23rd June at 10.30am, Otters Class will be attending the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral. This service is to celebrate the children's time at Primary School and will be attended by many other schools in West Sussex. Family and friends are welcome to join us for the service.

Absence Notes

Please could we remind parents to notify the office if their child is absent. There is a dedicated absence line for leaving messages out of hours. Once your child is well enough to return to school they should bring in an absent note or you may fill in a slip at the front desk. Thank you.

Volunteers for Clubs

We will soon be looking at the clubs we are able to offer next term. If any parents, grandparents, volunteers, governors or friends of Easebourne Primary would be able to either run or assist with a club, please let the office know. Thank you

New Clevertouch Screens (By Liz Evans)

I would like to say thank you on behalf of the children and staff to the PTFA who have funded the replacement of three interactive white boards. We now have Clevertouch boards installed in Squirrels, Rabbits and Otters classes. These boards have great potential to enhance teaching and learning within the school, something that will be unlocked as teachers continue to explore what they can do and how they can be used across the curriculum. This is the first cycle of upgrading the ICT provision across the school, with the intention to install further boards in Foxes, Badgers, Hedgehogs and Dragonflies over the next few years as funding allows.

Some quotes from the children:

'The new board in our room is awesome.' – Phoebe S

'10 out of 10.' – Tabitha

'It's much clearer than the old board.' – Charlie W

'It's awesome, we love it!' – Squirrels Class

Many thanks

Liz Evans (Computing Lead)

Help us make the car park a safer place

As you may know, the JRSO's are on duty again, we will begin next week. We have produced a pledge like two years ago. When you have signed the pledge, give it to the office and we will laminate it for you, unless you can laminate it yourself. The following week we will be handing them out, if you don't get your pledge back, please go to the office and they will give it to you. Put it in your car windscreen so we know you have agreed to our policy. We hope you can stick to it so that we can make the car park a safer place.

Thank you.

Kelcie, Will, Amy, Lucy (JRSOs)

Dragonflies Visit From The Animal Man

On Wednesday 24th May Dragonflies Class had a visit from the Animal Man. Here is what they had to say:





The animal man came to see us, I liked the snake, it was smooth – Miller

I liked the meerkat, it was my favourite one, it was shy – Eleanor

The animal man came to visit us, he had a snake, he was my favourite – Tyler

I liked the snake because he is cute – Gemma

I like the dragon, it can climb – Tristan

Year 6 Debate

On Friday 6th May, Year 6 held a debate. Some of the debates were: Northern Ireland should not be part of the UK, You should get a moped before a driving licence, you should not have a social media account before you are 13, we shouldn't have school uniform, police cars should be upgraded and electric cars should be banned. They were all tight but fun debates. Each debate posed very interesting points. The children gave carefully considered persuasive points and answered some tough questions from the audience. We are looking forward to the next debate. By Will & Harry, Otters Class

Rother Valley Football at Stedham

On Friday 24th May, some of the pupils from Foxes and Otters classes went to Stedham to play in the Rother Valley Football Tournament. It was great fun and the two teams played several different primary schools. Easebourne A came 3rd out of 5 teams and Easebourne B came 3rd out of 4 teams. Neither teams got enough points to make it to the semi-finals. Team A won 2 games, lost 1 and drew 1 while Team B won 3 and lost 1. We all had a great morning and everyone played really well. The eventual winners of the tournament were Harting Primary. By Ned and Josh

Year 5 Author Visit

On Tuesday 6th of June the author Christopher Edge came to talk to Foxes class about his amazing book 'THE MANY WORLDS OF ALBIE BRIGHT'. The class enjoyed the wonderful book.



Christopher Edge grew up in Manchester where he spent most of his childhood dreaming up stories, but now lives in Gloucestershire with his wife and two children. He still spends most of his time dreaming up new stories.

"I had the best time, he's written a great book. I loved being able to ask him questions about it." - Nathan

"It was nice to meet the man who wrote the book, he was very interesting to talk to. I asked what inspired him and who is favourite author was." - Lottie

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
Total	206	225	208	210

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Summer Fair, Saturday 17th June

We are just 1 week away from our Summer Fair and things are really beginning to come together.

We are very grateful to the BBQ team, headed up by Natalie Atkins who have come up with a fantastic lunchtime menu consisting of burgers, hot dogs, veggie options, salads and fruit pots. These will all be very reasonably priced, so why not treat the family to a BBQ lunch at the fair.

The bar will be selling Pimms, beer/lager, wine and soft drinks.

This year we will have a total of FOUR inflatables for the children to enjoy. The Parish Council will have a small bouncy castle by their stall so children can enjoy a bounce whilst adults can chat to councillors. There will also be an Assault Course, Mega Slide and Toddler Bouncy Castle. These three inflatables will be operated using a 'handstamp' system, where you can buy a hand stamp for £3 giving you unlimited sessions throughout the afternoon. For those that don't want to get a hand stamp, 5 minute sessions will be charged at 50p a go.

We have some fantastic stalls planned, but really need some help running them. If we don't get enough volunteers we will have to lose them from the list, which ultimately will reduce our fundraising. Please, even if only for half an hour, volunteer to help set up, run a stall or help to clear away at the end of the event.

Please hand the following into school by:

- * Pint Pots - Tuesday 13th June
- * Raffle Ticket Money, stubs and unsold tickets - Thursday 15th June
- * Cakes, Plants, Gifts, Children's Toys - Friday 16th June

As you know, parking is limited at the school, so we politely ask if visitors living locally could walk or park at the church. We will have parking attendants to ensure we squeeze as many cars in as possible, so please do park as directed.

One final plea - can everyone pray for a warm and sunny day in Easebourne on 17th June!!

Festival of Speed Tickets - Silent Auction

We have had a second set of tickets generously donated to us for the 'FOS', 2 x tickets for Friday 30th June and also 2 x tickets for Sunday 2nd July (under 12's go free). You can bid on these tickets for the Silent Auction up until 3.15pm on Friday 16th June. The forms are just inside the school reception to place your bids.

Upcoming Events

* Thursday 6th July at 7.30pm, next PTFA Meeting in the conference room at school, everyone welcome.

* 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 Summer holiday club
on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of
w/c 31st July, 7th Aug, 14th Aug, 21st 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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