



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

## DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

W/B Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Bikeability Week	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Consultation Evening (not Dragonflies)	3.30-7.30pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Badgers Trip to Butser Ancient Farm	All day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Consultation Evening (not Dragonflies)	3.30-6.00pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need PTFA Film Night	3.15-5.30pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Flu Immunisation - Yrs 1,2 and 3 Voice in a Million (school choir only)	am pm

## A Word from the Head

Dear Parents

### Staff News

Last Thursday we said goodbye to Mr Collins Fleischner, who has taken up an administrative role based at Bohunt School. We wish him every success in his new career. Sadly, at the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Mrs Jen Rogers, who is leaving us to spend more time with her young family.

### Poetry Festival

This year, we raised the bar. The poems the children could choose to recite were restricted, according to age and the level of difficulty was definitely higher as a result. The children did us proud, however, choosing poets from Benjamin Zephaniah to William Henry Davies, A.A. Milne to Robert Louis Stevenson and John Masefield to Kit Wright. This year, the clear overall winner in the judges' mind was Ruby from Badgers with her recitation of Hilaire Belloc's horrific cautionary tale about Jim who ran away from his nurse and was eaten by a lion! Congratulations, Ruby! In addition, the judges chose their favourite poems that the children had written. This could not have taken place without the huge amount of time and effort volunteered by our poetry squad. So a massive thanks go to Jo Lorimer-Green, Ann Marchand, George Marchand, David Christie, John Andre, Nicholas Taylor, Juliet Page, Liz Willing, Julian Biggs and Tessa Craddock.

In the evening, we welcomed local songwriter, Jamie West, and three performance poets, Audi Maserati, Nick Eisen and Geoff Allnutt, for a mellow and thought-provoking evening. This is an event we would like to repeat next year.

		Recitation	Written Poem
YR (Dragonflies)	Winner Highly Commended	Eleanor Ayla Gemma Harrison	
Y1 (Hedgehogs)	Winner Highly Commended	Beatrice Lucy	Holly Ruby
Y2 (Squirrels)	Winner Highly Commended	Morgan Ava Charlie W Fraser Nate	Scarlett Freya

<b>Y3 (Rabbits)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Highly Commended	<b>Izzy</b> Ellie Roberta William	<b>Rufus</b> Fabian Izzy
<b>Y4 (Badgers)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Highly Commended	<b>Ruby</b> Courtney Leah Lucas Rana	<b>Isla</b> Lucas
<b>Y5 (Foxes)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Highly Commended	Lucy Tilly	<b>Madeline</b> Tilly Phoebe
<b>Y6 (Otters)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Highly Commended	<b>Phoebe</b> Alfie Ewan Freddie Molly	<b>Nathan</b> Freddie

## Environment Day

Before half-term, we had Environment Day. We welcomed Steve and Jake from the Cowdray Estate. They installed ten 'waymarkers', generously donated by WL West & Sons Ltd. These posts, 50 metres apart, form a 500 metre track and will enable the children to record how far they have walked and/or run whenever they like and have already been warmly welcomed by our Tuesday morning running club. Melanie Moss and Sascha Parks worked with children in Year 3 to produce charming small barn owls which now decorate the library. Louisa Miller and Davina McColl worked with KS1 children to provide lovely bright number displays for the KS1 area as well as a wonderful dove to represent the Holy Spirit for the centre of the display in the hall. Meanwhile, Louise Ashcroft worked with children in years 3, 4 and 5 to add a massive Dr Seuss quote to the walls in the cloakroom for Rabbits and Badgers and she also started the new Sumdog board with images of all our ninjas' avatars. Andrew Waugh, husband of Debbie in the office, installed our new TR@SH estate agents' display in the foyer whilst Molly Stringer put up a charity display on a new board in the corridor leading to the music suite. We recorded all the writing portfolio choices for the display near the hall and Debs Thomas produced our new Celebration Book and brought it up to date with all the entries for this term. Debs also worked on the ongoing project to extend the Lord's Prayer around the hall. Debbie Waugh replanted the planters on the front steps and, finally, Cindy Picher, Nichaella Boxall and Otters Class harvested our vegetable beds. They also removed loose stones from the footpath from the car park ready for Neil Hampshire who made improvements to the path by compacting it.

## Consultation Evenings

Consultation Evenings will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November (except for Dragonflies Class). You should have received a text message and email last week giving you a link and instructions of how to book an appointment online.

## School Nurse – Consultation Evening

Our school nurse, Cate Green, will be attending Consultation Evening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 3.00-4.30pm on a drop-in basis to any parents who may wish to talk with her. She can discuss a variety of issues such as sleep, toileting, bed wetting, behaviour, fussy eating, healthy eating, exercise or any other aspect of physical or emotional health.

## Special Educational Needs Monthly Drop In Sessions

Emma Austin-Diment will be holding informal drop in sessions to discuss any SEND concerns or questions you may have. These sessions will take place on the first Friday of each month from 8.40am-9.30am, starting on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## Children In Need

Children in Need is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. This year the theme is 'Spotacular'. For a donation of £1.00 the children will be able to come to school dressed in something spotty.

## Stonepillow

Just a reminder that we are still collecting donations for the homeless charity Stonepillow. The trolley has been moved inside the school but you may leave any contributions with the office. We won't be changing what we are collecting until the trolley is full so next time you go shopping please remember these items: bin bags, cling film, toilet roll, sponges or cloths. Thank you. By Phoebe and Kelcie, Otters Class



## Scooters

We have received a number of complaints regarding children scooting down the slope at a fast pace causing near misses with pedestrians and cars. Please ensure your child walks their scooter down the slope to avoid any accidents.

**End of Day Collection** -Please remember to inform the office if your child is being picked up by someone other than yourselves. This alleviates any awkward situations at the gate at the end of the day.

## EYFS Open Morning – Change of Time

Reception Class and Nursery will be holding an Open Morning on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December to which parents are invited. Please note that this will now start at 8.40am and finish at 10.30am.

**Xmas Meal** – This year the whole school will enjoy Christmas lunch together on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. A hot meal will be supplied by Chartwells complete with cracker.



There will be no charge to parents as the school will pay. If your child has special dietary requirements, or would prefer sandwiches, they may still bring in a packed lunch. A copy of the menu and a class list will be available on each class door at Parents' Evening, please select, Christmas Meal, Vegetarian Option or Packed Lunch in order that we can confirm numbers. Parties will follow, so children will be permitted to change into home clothes just before lunch. Dragonflies will be able to make their selection at drop off or pick up next week.

## Rotary Music Festival

On Wednesday a group of us played the Ukulele at the Rotary Music Festival with Marco Frankland. Our backing track didn't work properly but luckily the MRC orchestra came to the rescue. The audience really loved us and it was great as it was the first time we had performed to such a large audience.

Later we performed with our school choir, led by Mrs Stevens, to sing 'Fight Song' and 'Long Way Home'. Mary, the organist from St. Mary's, played for us which meant we were one of the only schools who were accompanied by live music. There was a big cheer from the audience at the end which made us feel really happy. By Tilly, Madison, Gaby and Anna, Foxes Class

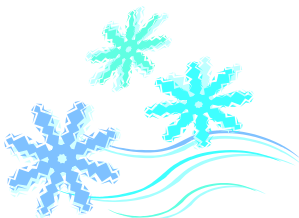


## Remembrance Service

Today, Years 1-6 went to the War Memorial at St. Mary's Church for our Remembrance Service. Some of us dressed in our Scouting and Guiding uniforms to honour those who gave their lives during the wars. We laid a wreath of poppies and held a two minutes silence. Reverend David Crook read the names of the people from our village who had died. We said prayers and Mr Culley read a poem. By Freddie and Berra, Offers Class



## Procedures in the event of school closure due to inclement weather



The decision to close the school in the event of inclement weather is not taken lightly and is based on the safety of both pupils and staff, some of whom have to travel quite a considerable distance.

Should we have to close at any point during the winter months, we will endeavour to make a decision by 7.30am and the closure will be posted on the school's website at: <http://www.easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk> Closures will also be posted on the West Sussex County Council website at:

<http://www.westsussex.gov.uk> We will also send a text message to parents.

Some of our school bus pupils live in rural areas and we will have to be guided by our transport provider's ability to operate a safe service.

There may be circumstances when the decision is taken to close during the school day due to rapidly changing weather conditions. In these cases parents will be sent a text message. A member of staff will remain at the school with the children until the last child has been collected.

Given that information about school closure is communicated by text please ensure that you inform the school office of any changes to your number. If the school is open and your child is unable to get

in, please notify the office by 9.00am leaving a message on the absence line. After-school clubs will be cancelled if the weather conditions are poor. Children should wear appropriate clothing for the conditions, including waterproof footwear to go out to play i.e. wellington or snow boots and a change of footwear for class. A coat, hat, a pair of gloves and a change of socks would also be advisable.

## House Update

	Blue Wolves	Green Dragons	Red Pandas	Yellow Cheetahs
Week 1 House Points	2	3	4	1
Week 2 House Points	3	2	4	1
Roald Dahl Models	2	2	3	3
Parish Council Playground Designs	3	3	4	7
Summer Reading Challenge	15	16	19	14
Week 3 House Points	2	3	4	2
Week 4 House Points	3	1	4	2
Pumpkin Challenge	14	9	6	7
Week 5 and 6 House Points	3	4	2	1
Celebrate Our Writing	1	1	3	2
Week 7 House Points	4	3	2	1
Reading Diaries	22	19	10	25
Poetry Recitation	20	18	18	21
Week 8 House Points	2	4	3	1
Total	96	88	86	88

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

We hope you all had a good half term week and are looking forward to some of the PTFA events coming up this side of Christmas. Firstly:-

\* PTFA Meeting, Wednesday 16th November at 7.45pm, which will be held in the school. Please come along or get in touch if you have any ideas for fundraising or if you have any thoughts on what we could purchase that would benefit our school.

\* Film Night, Friday 18th November from 3.15pm-5.30pm, for all new parents who have not yet experienced a film night here is some brief information. The PTFA run this event for the children of our school from Dragonflies through to Otters Class. Tickets will go on sale at Reception from Monday 14th November - Friday 18th November, they cost £1.50 per child, which also includes a bag of popcorn and a drink of squash. Afterwards children will need to be collected from the front of the school at 5.30pm by yourselves or if someone else is collecting on your behalf please inform the school prior to the event so we are aware. Letters will be going out in their book bags today, which will include the title and a small review of the film.

\* Easebourne School Christmas Fair & Disco, Friday 9th December from 5.30pm-8.00pm, so keep this date free. Tickets go on sale from Wednesday 30th November £1 per person. Any help to either set up, clear up or run a stall would be greatly appreciated, please let us know via our Facebook page or the School Office. Bags to fill with sweets, small toys, pencils etc. for the pint pot stall are going home with the children next Wednesday and raffle tickets will be going out on Friday 25th November. If anyone is able to donate any new items ie. games, children's stationery, unwanted gifts that would be fantastic. We would also welcome contributions for the children's tombola.