



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th October, 2016

DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Friday 21 st October	Inset Day - School Closed	
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October	Half Term	
Tuesday 1 st November	Individual School Photographs	
Thursday 3 rd November	Maths Workshop for Children and Parents - Dragonflies	8.50-10.00am
Friday 4 th November	Poetry Recitation Competition with Celebration Assembly Poetic Fireworks (adults only)	8.00pm
Monday 7 th November	Phonics Introduction for Parents - Dragonflies	3.15pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 9 th November	Rotary Music Festival	7.00pm
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Service @ St. Mary's - KS1 and KS2 only	10.45am

A Word from the Head

Dear Parents

We finish this half-term with our Environment Day. The school environment has been improved in various areas and I hope that the first newsletter after half-term will carry details and photographs. I wish you all a restful, healthy and happy half-term!

Poetry Festival

As the curtain-raiser for our poetry festival, we welcomed performance poet, Steve Tasane the Monday before last. Steve spent the day with us and we were the very first primary school to hear his brilliant rap written to celebrate the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth. That same week, we were visited by the Poetry Squad. Ten local residents, all with a passion for poetry, chose a range of their favourite poems and teams of two visited every day, dropping into classes to share their poems. Generously organised by Jo Lorimer-Green, it was a tremendous way for the children to hear poetry read with real enthusiasm.

The children have been writing poetry in class and they have also been looking at the list of poems available to choose for the recitation competition on Friday, 4th November. These have hopefully been made available to children in paper form but are also available on the school's Moodle. Simply log in and go to the Whole School Area. There are also two extra poems of Steve Tasane's that children can choose. Please note that the judges have raised the bar this year and there are four age-ranges of poems to encourage children to challenge themselves in their choices.

Poetic Fireworks

As part of our festival, we will be holding 'Poetic Fireworks', featuring four rockets of the spoken word scene. This will be on the evening of Friday, 4th November at 8pm. It will be open to the wider community so please do support us - tickets cost £5 and are available from the school - refreshments will be available. Please note that this is a poetry evening **for adults** - the children will have had a real immersion in poetry over the previous month and this is an opportunity for four local powerful performance poets (Audi Maserati, Nick Eisen, Merlynda Robinson and Geoff Allnutt) to let rip - no children will be admitted.

The Big Sleepout

Last weekend, eight of our older pupils, four parents and the headteacher took part in the Stonepillow Big Sleepout for the homeless outside Chichester Cathedral. We made cardboard shelters on the Saturday afternoon but, unfortunately, the rain made several of them uninhabitable. Some, however, were still usable and five of the party persevered and slept outside. The rest of us 'curled up' in the cloisters - not as cosy as it might sound! It was a powerful experience which will hopefully have raised a decent sum of money for this worthwhile charity. Congratulations to Adam M-D, Alfie, Geraint, Lucy, Oaklie, Phoebe, Poppy and Tom and many thanks to parents, Dave, Kyle, Melanie and Trudy.



Diocesan Inspection

This week, as a Church School, we had a visit by Rosemary Appleby, an inspector from the Chichester Diocese. The inspection reviewed progress since our last inspection in 2011 and will be helpful in guiding our next steps. Like Ofsted, the document generally takes 15 working days to be published. We will let parents know as soon as it is available.

Sumdog Ninjas

We are delighted with our new squad of Sumdog Ninjas. Congratulations to all of them: Adam T, Josh C, Rufus, Ruby C, Megan, Lucas, Jacob, Rana, Tabitha, Beatrice, Geraint, Berra, Natalia, Bella G, Jessica, Freddie, Morgan, Molly C and Finn P. All of them answered over 1,000 questions in the recent competition. Our Sumdog Ninjas will appear on the school's new Sumdog board and represent the school in the next competition in November.

Celebrate Our Writing

Every half term the children review their best piece of writing and then are shortlisted to go to Mr Culley who decides the overall winner from each class. This half term congratulations go to Rafaela (Yr1), Charlie W (Yr2), William (Yr3), Oliver (Yr4), Molly (Yr5) and Ewan (Yr6).

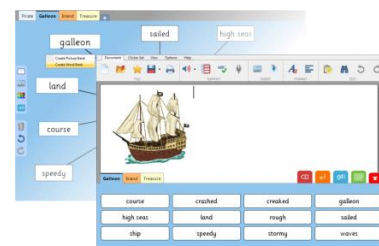
Parent Governor Election

Following the letter circulated at the end of September, only one nomination was received for the post of parent governor. This means that no ballot was required and Peter Bradley has been recruited to fill the vacancy. He was formally welcomed on to the governing body at the recent Full Governing Body meeting and we look forward to the positive contribution that he will make to the school's governance over the next 3 years.

Tia Bedford, Chair of Governors

Clicker 7 Training

Clicker7, the complete literacy tool, is here! We have invested in a Clicker7 site licence, meaning that this fantastic software will soon be able to be accessed from your home computer to support your child's learning at home. Work will be able to be emailed to their class teacher. We will be running a parent workshop for Clicker7 on **Wednesday 30th November 2.30-3.15pm**, followed by full training for all staff, to launch this exciting new resource.



What is Clicker7?

Clicker7 is for all children, from those who are just starting to write to budding authors. Writing with Clicker is a child-friendly experience from the start. The Sassoon font uses the same letter forms that children use for their handwriting, with long ascenders and descenders to aid letter and word recognition. When a full stop is entered, Clicker automatically reads out the completed sentence, so children hear what they've written and make corrections themselves. Clicker's word predictor is always there to help children to write independently. Extensively updated for Clicker 7, the predictor is highly context-sensitive, helping children to write coherent, grammatically correct text. Both the predictor and the customisable spell checker are speech supported, so that children can hear a word before they use it. Clicker 7 offers three great ways of adding pictures. First, there's the enhanced library of over 3500 curriculum-related pictures, with child-friendly searching. Secondly, you can take a webcam photo straight into your document. Last but not least, you can paint your own picture using the built-in painting tools, newly updated for Clicker 7. Children can manipulate and link any combination of words, pictures and sounds on their Clicker Board. Once a Clicker Board has been created, it can be

instantly transformed into a word or picture bank that will sit at the bottom of the document as children write, providing instant point-and-click access to key words, phrases and/or images. The bank will mimic the structure of your board, helping children to organise their paragraphs and transfer their ideas to the page in a logical order. It's so intuitive, they'll be able to get started straight away!

Individual School Photos

The photographer is due in school on Tuesday, 1st November to take individual photographs of all our children including those attending Early Days. Please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper/cardigan. If you would also like a family photograph with younger siblings, please see the office. These photographs are taken at the very beginning of the school day so it is essential you arrive promptly. Siblings within the school will automatically be photographed together.

Children In Need

Children in Need is on Friday 18th November. This year the theme is 'Spotacular'. For a donation of £1.00 the children will be able to come to school dressed in their spots.

Flu Vaccination

This year the flu vaccination program covers all children of school Years 1, 2 and 3. The vaccination is in the form of a nasal spray. A consent letter has been sent home to all parents of children in these years giving further details. Please can you return permission forms by Friday 4th November. Children will not be vaccinated without parental consent.

Coats

Please make sure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. Children will be going out to play even on very cold and damp days, it is therefore essential that they bring a coat. Children will also need a pair of wellington boots (named), which can be kept in school, if they wish to play on the field or are hen helpers.

PE Kit

It is essential that throughout the week your child has a P.E. kit in school. All children are expected to participate in P.E. activities unless they are unwell and the office or class teacher has been notified. Children should not wear items of their everyday school uniform during P.E. sessions. During this term, PE will still take place outside so please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms, an extra top and appropriate footwear in school.

Year 6 Bikability

Year 6 will take part in Bikability Cycle Training from 14th-18th November. Bikeability is designed to 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.

Year 5 Big Sing

On Tuesday morning our class walked to Midhurst Rother College where we joined at least six other local primary schools for a "Big Sing." The morning was led by Charlotte Wilkinson from West Sussex Music Service and Choir Lead at MRC. It was great to see Gwen, who used to be at Easebourne but is now in Year 7 as she was our choir assistant for the day. All the songs we learnt came from a CD called "Round the World" and some were quite complicated rounds. Our favourite songs were Last Night in a Dream, Hey Dumba and Can You Hear My Voice?

We sounded really good when we all sang together and we have already sung one of the songs to our school in assembly. Phoebe D, Amelia and Eden were chosen to sing with the MRC choir and had to go to the front. We all enjoyed the experience. By Maddie P, Phoebe and Eleanor, Foxes Class.



House Update

	Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
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
Total	48	44	53	40

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Fairies and Scaries

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the PTFA 'Fairies & Scaries' Disco and made it a huge success. The evening raised an amazing £1098.64 profit. It was lovely to see all the children smiling and having lots of fun and reinstating the bar was a huge hit with the parents too!! It was wonderful to see that some of the year 6 boys were keeping the tradition alive and dressing up as fairies, you looked so pretty!!



A huge thank you to all the volunteers for setting up beforehand, helping during the event with the running of stalls, the bar, car park duty and the chaperoning of the year 5 & 6 disco!!! The event sold out of sweets, glows, lucky dip and even cakes, not to mention white wine!! Also a big thank you to all you cake bakers, to all the children's hard work in carving those incredible pumpkins and those awesome homemade costumes. Another thank you to all the people who helped with the massive clean up operation. Our biggest thank you goes to Graham Stonard for doing the final sweep, hoover and wash and for reinstating the library back over the weekend. Without all the volunteers we wouldn't be able to hold these events and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We look forward to doing it again next year.

Thank you to Sarah Rout for organising the 'Happy Bag Collection' and to everyone that left bags at school, we received 225 bags and raised a fabulous £570.60!!

Dates To Remember:-

* Tops for Tombola day is on Friday 4th November, children may wear non-school uniform in return for bringing in a Bottle, Box of Chocolates or Smellies for the Christmas Fair Tombola.

* PTFA Film Night on Friday 18th November 3.30-5.30pm (film to be confirmed after half term) we will need volunteers to help out beforehand selling tickets/bagging up popcorn and supervising during the film. If you would like to help out in anyway, please leave your details at the school office or via The Easebourne PTFA Facebook Page.

The next PTFA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16th November at 7.45, everyone welcome.