



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th March 2017

Dates for the next two weeks

Monday 20th March	Consultation Evening – No Clubs with the exception of Tennis and Ukulele	3.30-7.30
Tuesday 21st March	Consultation Evening – Hedgehogs and Rabbits only	3.30-6.00
Wednesday 22nd March	Sing Up at Petworth – Badgers Class	12.30-3.00
Thursday 24th March	Consultation Evening – except Hedgehogs and Rabbits. No clubs with the exception of Pottery	3.30-6.00
Friday 24th March	Book Club (Yrs4-6) Clubs Finish	3.15-4.15
Tuesday 28th March	Matinee Performance – Badgers and Rabbits Please Note Change of Time	1.30
Wednesday 29th March	Evening Performance – Badgers and Rabbits	6.00
Thursday 30th March	Fantastic Finish – Hedgehogs and Squirrels Rother Valley Arts Festival at MRC (Dance Club)	pm 10.00
Friday 31st March	Junior Urgent Action Network	3.15-4.15

A Word from the Head

This week, we interviewed for the position of Year 5 teacher and I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed Tia Bedford. Parents will know that Tia is a parent at the school and played a significant role as PTFA Chair before moving to become a governor. Tia assumed the role of Chair of Governors which she will hold to the end of this academic year when she steps down. In both those roles, Tia has worked incredibly hard on the school's behalf and her role as Chair of Governors has given her an unusually clear understanding of the school's recent journey to Ofsted and beyond. What some parents will not know is that Tia has been training to become a teacher this year, through the School Direct scheme. Working at Camelsdale and Hollycombe, both Rother Valley schools, Tia has further increased her understanding of the locality and we look forward to welcoming her aboard in this new role in September.

Meanwhile, Easebourne will be taking the plunge in September by taking on its first School Direct student when we welcome Georgette Bicknell. This is an exciting initiative for us and apart from a short placement in a second school, Georgette will spend the year here.

Lego, as every parent knows, is a classic and families tend to hang on to their Lego but the school has been very lucky recently because one of our volunteers, Rita Drage, has kindly donated a suitcase full of Lego which will be much appreciated by the children. Thank you, Rita!

Debate

It's official - driverless cars should be banned! On Wednesday, our team of Phoebe (Captain), Molly and Amelia represented the school at the annual Rotary Rother Valley Debate Competition in which ten local primary schools took part. Our team spoke against a ban on driverless cars; their opposition was Camelsdale.

The girls prepared well. Through a recent in-house debate, they had an opportunity to practise. I had asked three children from Otters whether they would put this year's team through their paces and Nathan, Freddie and Poppy stepped masterfully up to the challenge. With just a few days to prepare, they took on our team of Phoebe, Molly and Amelia. Both teams were impressive, speaking well and using various devices in their speeches. They also showed just how much they had grown in their debating skills through the way they responded to answers from the floor. In the end, the proposing team (Nathan, Freddie and Poppy) swung more of the audience to their side so won on the day.

Back to this Wednesday's locality competition and our team spoke well, swinging opinion in their favour – before the debate, 10 agreed with them whilst 23 agreed afterwards. They also whittled the opposition votes from 38 to 19. In the end, the audience voted with them, 23 to 19, not to ban driverless cars. More importantly, the five adjudicators gave them 147 points, just behind Hollycombe, the winners, with 150. The photograph shows them in action with Phoebe, our captain, letting rip! This is the second year that we have been runners-up; well done, girls!



The standard of debate at both the in-house debate and the locality competition was so impressive that we are considering holding an in-house debate competition in the summer term, organised just like the Rother Valley competition so watch this space!

Consultation Evenings – Years 1-6

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, we have arranged two consultation evenings when you can discuss issues related to your child's progress with his/her class teacher. They will be on:
Monday 20th March – 3.30pm-7.30pm and Thursday 23rd March – 3.30pm-6.00pm.

Both Miss Sykes and Miss Crew are unavailable on Thursday 23rd March therefore they will hold their second consultation evening on Tuesday 21st March from 3.30pm-6.00pm.

Mrs. Austin-Diment, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, will also be available and if you would normally meet with her, you can request a joint meeting with Mrs. Austin-Diment and your child's teacher. She will be available on:
Monday 20th March – 5.30pm-7.30pm and Thursday 23rd March – 3.30pm-6.00pm.

You should have received a link to your mobile phone or email address which takes you to our online booking system to select a time convenient to you. If you did not receive this and still require an appointment, please contact the office.

Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day is on Friday 24th March. We are currently selling Red Noses at Reception before and after school for £1 each. We have several boxes but not a limitless supply. This year, there's nine to find plus an ultra-rare silver one and they're starring in their own online comic adventure with some very famous voices. Selling just one box of Red Noses could help four children who have been orphaned by Ebola in Sierra Leone to go back to school by paying for a month's worth of catch-up classes. Children are welcome to wear their noses to school on Red Nose Day.

Clubs

Please note that clubs finish for this term on Friday 24th March with the exception of Straw Art that will continue for one extra week for those who wish to finish their project. The new clubs list will be emailed to parents on Friday 24th March. If any parents, grandparents, volunteers, governors or friends of Easebourne would be able to run or assist with a club, please let the office know. We do have bags of lace/sequins/material samples/buttons and ribbons if anyone would like to do a design/fashion/craft club.

Fantastic Finish

Parents with children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels should have received a letter this week inviting them to join the classes for the afternoon on the 30th March. Year 1 and Year 2 will be working on experiments which will include elements of English, Maths, Design Technology and Science. Parents will be encouraged to get involved in the designing, making, testing and recording stages with the children. House points will be on offer for both children and adults!

Fantastic Finish for Foxes and Otters will be on Monday 3rd April in the afternoon, details to follow.

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 your child.

Charity Recycling

In previous years we have collected various used items which can be recycled in support of a charity. We have acquired two large candy jars which will be sited on the lost property cubes in the front foyer. One jar will be used to collect used stamps in support of the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. The other is for old eyeglasses (spectacles) which can be donated in support of Vision Aid Overseas.

Violin Assembly

I do hope that your child enjoyed the violin assembly on Friday 3rd March and the introduction to the violin, viola and electric violin. If you are interested in your child receiving lessons on the violin or viola, or have any queries regarding lessons, please contact me on alex.urquhart@westsussexmusic.co.uk. Alternatively, if you would like to secure your child's place for weekly lessons, please visit www.westsussexmusic.co.uk, go to 'Making Music' and then click 'Apply for Lessons'. Alexandra Urquhart, Visiting Music Teacher (Upper Strings)

Squirrels Class Visit Titanic Exhibition

I was very excited when I woke up as we were going to the Titanic Museum. When we got on the minibus we played I spy. It took us a long time to get there. When we got there I heard the fog horn from the Titanic going around the screen above us.

We went in to do some activities and we had to find out where some of the smells came from on the Titanic. Some of us dressed up as people that were on the Titanic.

Then we went around the Titanic display and saw how many people that there were on the Titanic and how many survived. We saw lots of things that would have been on the Titanic. There was a court room and a video of survivors talking about the sinking of the Titanic. The last thing we saw were pictures of the crew that got lost at sea and the survivors.

I really enjoyed the day because we found out lots of things about the Titanic. By Dara, Squirrels Class



Dragonflies Class Visit Pizza Express

On Tuesday 7th March Dragonflies Class visited Pizza Express in Midhurst. The children were able to make their own pizzas and they learnt about the ingredients needed to do this. At the end of the session

they used red, yellow and green cards to sort the foods into categories i.e. Healthy, Ok occasionally and Unhealthy. All of the children had a wonderful trip and best of all they got to take their pizzas home!



All of Dragonflies went to Pizza Express. We had to put an apron and a hat on. We made pizzas and used tomato sauce and mozzarella. My pizza was really yummy and I ate it all! By Ayla, Dragonflies Class

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
Total	135	150	129	147

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Many thanks to all the children who supported our film night last Friday. 'Storks' seemed to go down well with all the children from Dragonflies through to Otters and I thoroughly enjoyed receiving positive feedback from a few of the parents. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped beforehand, supervising during the film and cleaning up afterwards. I believe the film night as a whole was a vast improvement on the last one and I look forward to organising the next film night in May.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual PTFA Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled to take place throughout the day on Thursday 6th April throughout the school day. We are now starting to collect in Easter egg donations, if you have any chocolate eggs to donate to the hunt, please could you bring them into the school office. This event is not a fundraiser but is run solely for the children's enjoyment, it's a well loved occasion and always brings a smile to their faces. As always for this event to go ahead we will need some 'Easter Bunny' helpers throughout the day to help scatter the plastic eggs and hide the cuddly bunny for the classes to find. All the children will go home at the end of the school day with a chocolate egg you're your child has an allergy, could you please provide a small egg (crème egg size) that is safe your child or we will provide a haribo substitute which we would ask you to approve. Do let us know well in advance so we can make suitable arrangements.

Spinnaker Tower Abseil

The Spinnaker Tower Abseil is on Saturday 1st April at 10.30am. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come down to Gunwharf to support and encourage Mr Meaby and Miss Crew abseil down the Spinnaker Tower. They are doing this to support our school, PLEASE support them either by returning the sponsorship form sent home or online at:-

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/easebourne-primary-abseil/417170>

Happy Bag School Collection

Please fill black sacks with unwanted clothes, shoes, console games, souvenirs, handbags, belts, hats, accessories, bed linen and towels and leave your bags with the school reception. The last day to bring in your bags is Monday 8th May 2017. This event is a great way to raise money at no cos. The previous collection earnt the £570.60.

Easy Fundraising

Please remember you can raise money for your child's school by simply shopping online at:-

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/easebournepspta/> and join for free.

- 1) Join
- 2) Shop
- 3) Collect

There are 1,000's of shops to choose from, ie. Amazon, John Lewis, Thomson Holidays, EBay, Viking, Argos, Sainsburys, Sports Direct and many, many more.....

The next Summer Fair meeting is scheduled for Thursday 27th April at St. Mary's Church, Easebourne at 7pm



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.

Tel. 01730 815046

Email ect@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk



3.30pm – 6.00pm

Monday 27th March

at St Mary's Church, Easebourne

A relaxed and informal church
with a warm welcome for families in the parishes of
Lodsworth, Selham and Easebourne

*Crafts, songs, celebration, food and plenty of
opportunity to have fun and make a mess!*

More details from Alison Davis (01730 816642) or Lynne Todd (01798 861399)