



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th November, 2017

DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Monday 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks PTFA Film Night Tickets on Sale Public Drop In Session Re Proposed Expansion	2.30-6.30
Tuesday 14th November	PTFA Happy Bag Collection	
Thursday 16th November	Rabbits Trip to Weald and Downland Museum	9.00-3.00
Friday 17th November	Foxes Takeover Day at the Weald and Downland Museum Children in Need - 'Spotacular' - £1 donation PTFA Film Night	9.00-3.00 3.15-5.20
W/B Monday 20th November	Bikeability - Year 6 PTFA Christmas Fair Tickets Available	
Tuesday 21st November	Flu Immunisations - Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4	am
Wednesday 22nd November	Open Evening - For Parents of Reception September 2017	6.00-7.00
Thursday 23rd November	School Nurse Drop-in Session	8.40-9.30
Friday 24th November	Tops For Tombola Day - Non-Uniform in exchange for a gift Book Club	3.15-4.15

A Word from the Head

Dear Parents

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Sarah Parker-Phipps as the class teacher in Squirrels Class from January. Sarah is an experienced teacher who has taught previously in schools in Hampshire. She has considerable experience as a class teacher and a leader of KS1 and has also been involved in a number of initiatives in her schools which have included ICT and emotional well-being. We hope to organise an opportunity for parents of children in Year 2 to meet Sarah before the end of the term.

Parents may be aware that Mrs Sue Wakeford is currently not in school as she is recuperating after an operation. The staff and children wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back very soon.

Consultation on increasing the school's PAN

You should all by now have received information about the County's proposed increase of the school's pupil admission number (PAN) from 30 to 60 from September, 2019. This would be a significant change to the primary educational provision in the area and one which would be expected, over time, to increase the number of children at the school to over 400. School numbers of this size are familiar to those villagers who remember the days when Midhurst Intermediate School occupied the site. This is a public consultation and I do hope you will consider the proposal carefully, with all its implications, and take the opportunity to give your feedback by returning the forms which you can get from the school or online. Do remember that there is also a drop-in opportunity for members of the local community at the school after the weekend on Monday, from 2.30 to 6.30. If you have any questions about what exactly this proposal means, this would be a good opportunity to ask experts from County.

Poetry Festival

Last Friday, we were joined by Ann Marchand, Jo Lorimer-Green and Geoff Allnutt for our annual poetry recitation competition. There were over 100 entries which was really encouraging and the judges had to work non-stop to squeeze everybody into the morning and only just succeeded. The judges noted that the children were challenging themselves more this year, many choosing the more difficult poems to learn.

The winners are set out below. The overall winner was Tilly from Otters who recited 'A Whale Got On My Bus' by Michael Rosen. This was a poem which I had never heard before it was suggested by one of the judges for inclusion this year and it was my favourite of all of the poems. So I was particularly pleased that, although a challenging poem to learn, it was in fact chosen by several of the children, including the overall winner, Tilly. If you want to hear this wonderful poem, along with many others that the children learnt, come along to 'Pasties and Poetry' this week (Friday, 3.30-5.00). The pasty order has gone in so, if you haven't ordered one, you might like to bring a snack, but, whatever you eat, there is an hour and a half of free poetry to sit back and enjoy, including the poems of performance poet, Justin Coe. Furthermore, if you have a poem which you would like to recite or read, bring it along and we'll try to squeeze it in, just like the whale on the bus!

		Recitation	Written Poem
YR (Dragonflies)	Winner Runner-Up Highly Commended	Annabelle Oscar B Scarlett Coco	
Y1 (Hedgehogs)	Joint Winner Joint Winner Joint Winner Highly Commended Highly Commended Highly Commended	Billy Nellie Gemma Harrison Mehmet Ben	Nellie
Y2 (Squirrels)	Winner Runner-Up Highly Commended	Beatrice Emilia Scott	Jessica
Y3 (Rabbits)	Joint Winner Joint Winner Runner-Up	Ava Morgan Freddie	Thomas
Y4 (Badgers)	Winner Runner-Up Runner-Up Runner-Up	Roberta Sian Lucy William	Izzy
Y5 (Foxes)	Winner Runner-Up Runner-Up	Rana Ruby Leah	Thomas
Y6 (Otters)	Winner	Tilly Ned Ben	Amelia

Inset Days

Please note the remaining Inset Days for this academic year are:

Thursday, 29th March 2018

Monday, 23rd July 2018

Tuesday, 24th July 2018

Anti-Bullying Week (wb 13th November)



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and we want to mark this by joining in with the Anti-Bullying Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November. We are not treating this as a fundraiser, simply a graphic way for the children (and staff) to join together to show that bullying is not okay at Easebourne Primary School by wearing odd socks. It stands to reason that children might want to make this message clear by wearing eye-catching and possibly clashing socks!

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday, 17th November. This year's theme is 'Spoctacular'. For a donation of £1 the children will be able to come to school dressed in their spots and Pudsey ears.



Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 will take part in Bikeability Cycle Training the week beginning Monday 20th November. Bikeability is designed to help give children the skills and confidence to ride on today's roads. Children will need a roadworthy bike that is in good working order and of the correct size. Both front and rear brakes must be in full working order, the tyres must be in good condition and pumped up and your child will also need a correctly fitting cycle helmet. Please speak to Mr Taylor or the office if your child does not have a suitable bike.

School Nurse Drop-in Session

On Thursday, 23rd November, 8.40-9.30am, our school nurse, Sophie King, will be available to any parents who may wish to talk with her. She can discuss a variety of issues such as sleep, toileting, bedwetting, behaviour, anxiety, fussy eating, healthy eating, exercise or any other aspect of physical or emotional health.

Flu Immunisations – Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4

Just a reminder that flu immunisations for the above classes are on 21st November. For those of you who have requested a vaccination for your child please ensure you read the following:-

Eligibility assessment on day of vaccination

- Has the parent reported the child being wheezy over the past three days
- If the child has asthma, has the parent reported any reason why vaccination should be postponed? eg. Use of oral steroids or, an increase in inhaled steroids in the past 14 days?
- Does the child have any contraindications today for the Nasal Flu Vaccination

If any of the above statements apply on the day, please hand a note containing any relevant information for the nurses into the office, so that we can pass it on to the nurses.

Maths Competition

The Primary Maths Challenge is upon us again and selected children from Year 5 & 6 will be taking part in this National Competition. We hope they enjoy this exciting opportunity and will perform to the best of their ability. We attempted a previous year's paper today and marked it together. If your child took part, they will be bringing home the paper which hopefully they can revisit over the weekend and work on areas they found more complex. We wish all participants the best of luck for the actual event towards the end of next week.

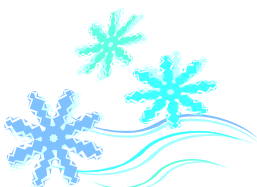
Sumdog Ninja Competition

Calling all Easebourne Sumdog Ninjas...

From Friday 17th (8am) to Thursday 23rd November (8pm), you will be competing in the national contest representing the school. Please try hard to answer your allocated 1000 questions over the course of the week, but make sure you answer accurately, as this will help our final Ninja leaderboard position. Good Luck, Team Easebourne!



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.

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.



Xmas Meal – This year the whole school will enjoy Christmas lunch together on Friday 15th December. A Christmas meal will be supplied by Chartwells.

There will be no charge to any parent as the school will pay and supply crackers. If your child has special dietary requirements, or would prefer sandwiches, they may still bring in a packed lunch from home. Class lists are on display in the front foyer, 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.

Chartwells - National School Meals Week - (13th till 26th November) is fast approaching and that means it's the perfect time to get feedback from parents on how we're doing with the provision of the children's school meals. It is a requirement of West Sussex County Council that we carry out annual surveys of the school meal service and the data we collect is used to further improve what we offer.

Our 'We're All Ears' parent survey will be running between **Monday 13th November – Sunday 26th November 2016**. The link will only be live from Monday 13th November.

We (Chartwells) will send the survey link directly to parents, who order directly from us and we therefore have on our e-mail database. However, most of Reception and KS1 parents are not registered with us and as Universal Free School Meals is the largest part of our business here in West Sussex, we hope this will prompt you to complete the survey.

WE'RE ALL EARS 2017

LOVE
SCHOOL
– Meals –
WE'RE
ALL EARS

HAVE YOUR SAY
13th November – 24th November 2017

COMPLETE OUR SURVEY
For your chance to win
FANTASTIC PRIZES

GO TO WESTSUSSEX.MEALSELECTOR.CO.UK/NSMW
TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Chartwells is the catering partner chosen to provide tasty and nutritious meals in your child's school and to coincide with National School Meals Week; we'd really love to know what you think of our school meals. Last year thousands of you completed our survey and it provided us with really valuable feedback. It helped us to understand what you like and what you think needs improving and we've been able to use the information to make changes and build plans around our food for the future.

Complete our survey for a chance to win some fantastic prizes!

Rotary Music Festival

On Wednesday evening the school choir went to MRC to sing. We sang 'Can't Stop The Feeling', which was my favourite because of the actions. The audience really liked it. We also sang 'Feel The Light' which was quite powerful. The evening was fun and I enjoyed watching other schools sing and the orchestra play. It was the first time I've taken part and I would like to again. By Isla, Foxes Class.



Remembrance Service

On Thursday 9th November 2017 Easebourne Primary School went to St Mary's Church for our Remembrance Day service. Everybody from the Guide and Scouting movement wore their uniform to school.



We all stood around the memorial while Derek was reading out the names of the people who had died during the First and Second World War. The children in Year 5 and 6 lined up around the monument to show how many people had died in WWI and WWII, it was shocking to see how many. Mr Culley read a poem then we had a minutes silence and said the Lord's Prayer. Then Sam and Molly laid our school wreath on the monument. By Lily and Charlie, Foxes Class



House Update

	Green Turtles	Yellow Meerkats	Blue Dolphins	Red Eagles
Week 1-3 House Points	1	3	4	2
Summer Reading Challenge	17	11	12	14
Summer Kit Book Challenge	18	17	14	17
Sumdog Challenge	10	9	4	9
Week 4 House Points	1	4	4	2
Week 5 House Points	1	3	4	3
Week 6 House Points	2	3	4	2
Pumpkin Carving Competition	18	12	12	9
Week 7 House Points	1	2	4	3
Week 8 House Points	4	1	2	4
Poetry Recitation Competition	25	27	28	26
Autumn Half Term Reading	16	23	23	21
Week 9 House Points	2	1	3	4
Total	116	116	118	116

EASEBOURNE GOVERNING BODY

Your governors would like parents to be more aware of what they do. I think our job can be best described as:

'Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school'.

We have two main sub committees - Teaching and Learning, and Finance and Resources - which meet each term; the full governing body of about 12 people meets twice a term.

Four of your governors are parents of children in the school:

Sheila Cooper
Vickie Hampshire
Peter Bradley and
Sarah Nyam.

They would be very pleased to hear from you if you have any suggestions or concerns regarding your child's education.

Ian Goodall (Co-Chair of Governors)

Easebourne Primary School

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

6pm — 7pm

**For parents of children
starting school in
September 2018**

**Meet the Head and teachers
and take a tour of the school**

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Film Night

The PTFA Film Night will be held on Friday 17th November 3.15pm-5.20pm. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 13th November at £2 per child, price includes a bag of popcorn, a bottle of fruit drink or water and as this is our Christmas film, we will also be including gingerbread biscuits and candy canes. Please let us know if your child is allergic to any of these items. For all new parents of children that started this year, the PTFA run a film night for the children at Easebourne from Dragonflies through to Year 6, normally 4 times per academic year on a Friday afternoon. We had our first showing back in September. Films normally run from after school till around 5.30pm (times may vary depending on the length of the film). Children are more than welcome to bring their pyjamas or change of clothes. They love to bring onesie's but we advise against this as the hall gets very hot. They can also bring pillows, duvets, blankets and teddies. The film this time is 'Arthur Christmas' which is rated Universal. As with every event we will need volunteers to help beforehand, during the film and cleaning up afterwards. If you are able to help in anyway please contact the school office, the PTFA facebook page

'Easebourne Primary School PTFA' or Jo Purser (Joint Secretary of the PTFA and a mum of children in Ladybirds, Dragonflies, and Otters).

Happy Bag School Collection

The happy bag school collection will be on Tuesday 14th November, please can we have all filled bags into school by the end of the day on Monday 13th November.

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair promises fun and entertainment for the whole family and is open to all children and siblings of the school as well as their parents and grandparents. We are utilising a large section of the school to include stalls, games, refreshments and a disco. We will also have Santa's Grotto a chance for the children to meet Father Christmas and receive a small gift. A Christmas Fair letter will go out at the beginning of next week with more detail of the event and raffle tickets will go out in book bags at the end of next week. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 20th November at £1 per person.

Dates for your Diary

* PTFA Film Night, Friday 17th November, 3.15pm - 5.20pm. Tickets go on sale on Monday 13th November.

* Tops for Tombola, Friday 24th November, children to come dressed in non school uniform in exchange for a gift for the bottle tombola

* Christmas Fair, 5.30pm-8pm, fun and entertainment for all the family, tickets to go on sale Monday 20th November at £1 per person



Are you a parent? Could you offer a local family your practical and emotional support? Home-Start Chichester and District is a voluntary organisation that supports families with young children. You would be trained and supported to offer valuable personalised support to families, enabling them to give their children the best start in life.

Volunteers Needed

Our next volunteer training course will start on
11th January 2018

Training sessions will be on Thursdays for 8 weeks
9.30-2.30 at the Chichester Children & Family Centre &
Nursery School

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A festive poster for the Grittenham Barn Christmas Market. The background is dark green with white stars and snowflakes. At the top, there's a banner for 'November 17th - 18th' from '11am - 4pm'. The title 'GRITTENHAM BARN CHRISTMAS MARKET' is in large, white, serif capital letters. Below the title, it says '£2 entrance fee in aid of the Sussex Snowdrop Trust'. The poster features illustrations of two reindeer, a Christmas tree, a snowman, and a boot. Text on the poster includes: 'Wear wellies if wet', 'Soak up the magic of the festive season at our wonderful warm & welcoming barn!', 'CHOOSE FROM A FANTASTIC ARRAY OF ORIGINAL AND BEAUTIFUL GIFTS INCLUDING: JEWELLERY FOR ALL TASTES, KNITWEAR, HOME AND INTERIORS, FOOD GIFTS & HAMPERS, CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND TEXTILES, FRAMED & MOUNTED PRINTS, WOODEN BOWLS AND HAND CRAFTED ITEMS, CARDS, CHOCOLATE CONFECTIONERY, CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES, CANDLES AND HOME FRAGRANCES, SKIN CARE, BATH & BODY PRODUCTS, SHEEPSKIN, CASHMERE, SILK JACKETS, BAGS, SCARVES, TRAVEL ACCESSORIES, BOOKS, CHILDREN'S TOYS, WILDLIFE INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP.', 'COME AND BUY YOUR BEAUTIFUL FRESH FLOWERS FROM ANGEL LIKE FLOWERS. ENJOY COFFEE, TEA, HOMEMADE CAKES AND BISCUITS FROM TARA AT THE TEA LEAVES AND COFFEE HORSEBOX. THE PIZZA OVEN GIRLS WILL BE MAKING FRESH WOOD FIRED PIZZAS AND EAT THE STREET. THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE RISING SUN MILLAND & THE ROYAL OAK LAVINGTON WILL ALSO BE HAVING A FOOD STALL OFFERING LUNCH FOR BOTH DAYS.', 'Bring your friends and family!', and 'SIGN POSTED JUST OFF THE A272 PETWORTH TO MIDHURST ROAD, WEST OF TILLINGTON. WWW.GRITTENHAMBARN.COM'.