



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd September, 2016

DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th September	Foxes and Otters Residential Trip to Little Canada	
Tuesday 27th September	Phonics Introduction for Parents - KS1	3.30pm & 6.30pm
Thursday 29th September	Maths Workshop for Children and Parents - Rabbits and Badgers	8.50am - 10.00am
Wednesday 5th October	Maths Introduction for Parents - Whole School	3.30pm & 6.30pm
Thursday 6th October	Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church	11.00am

A Word from the Head

Dear Parents

House News

Our House Captains have now been elected by their housemates in Otters Class. Following on from last year's discussions about the possibility of giving the houses names on an annual or permanent basis, the house captains have met and agreed names and logos, as below:

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| o Green Dragons | Nathan (Captain) | Lillianne (Vice-Captain) |
| o Yellow Cheetahs | Poppy (Captain) | Sam (Vice-Captain) |
| o Red Pandas | Phoebe (Captain) | Ewan (Vice-Captain) |
| o Blue Wolves | Freddie (Captain) | Josh (Vice-Captain) |

Stonepillow Sleepout

Last week, we welcomed Jenny Dwyer-Ward, a volunteer for Stonepillow. Jenny Dwyer-Ward talked to the children about the work that the charity does for the homeless in Chichester and Bognor Regis and told them about the charity's Big Sleepout coming up in October. We took part in this two years ago and some of our older pupils from Foxes and Otters have expressed an interest in taking part this year, sleeping outside Chichester Cathedral.



The event is well organised, with a great community spirit, but it was dry two years ago so I can't talk with any experience of what it is like as a wet weather event!! It takes place on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October, kicking off in the afternoon. There is a £10 registration fee and an expectation that each participant will raise a little money beyond that for this worthy cause.

Meanwhile, two girls from Otters, Phoebe and Kelcie, are revamping our shopping trolley, kindly lent by Budgen's, for the collection of food and household goods for the charity's hostels. You can find out more about the sleepout at their website: <http://stonepillow.org.uk/stonepillow-big-sleepout-2016/>.

If your child would like to take part and/or you have any questions, please let me know by 3rd October and I will submit a joint registration. Parents/siblings are also welcome and will help ensure that our party has good supervision.

Union Jack?

You might have noticed that the Union Jack donated to the school by Roger Sked, one of the churchwardens at St Mary's, has not been flying this term. Sadly, it has ripped around one of the eyelets and is no longer usable. However, before we buy another and knowing that families

sometimes have old flags in the loft or in the garage, I wonder whether anybody has a Union Jack for which they would like to find a home.

Playground Designs

The Parish Council are keen to see what ideas the children have had for the playground project planned for the Parish Field. If you have not already done so, please can you bring in any designs by Monday at the latest. We would also like your Summer activity books back for a display.

Summer Reading Challenge

This is the last call for any certificates and/or medals for the Summer Reading Challenge. We have invited Kate Pontin, our local librarian, back into school to award the house trophy for the competition and children have a week left to help their house – every certificate wins a house point.

Sumdog

We hope that parents have started to discover the new range of activities opened up by the school's purchase of Sumdog subscriptions for children in Hedgehogs and upwards. Why not have a look? Your child's password should be the same as their Moodle password which can be found in the KIT Book.

Parent Governor Elections

Due to the resignation of one of our parent governors at the end of last term, we currently have a vacancy to fill. The governor's role is challenging but interesting and is critical to the continued growth and development of a school. Easebourne CofE Primary school is at a crucial juncture with an OFSTED inspection looming large. The governing body is a dedicated and friendly group representing a wide cross section of our local community. If you are interested and think you have the skills and experience to contribute to our role of holding the head teacher to account; setting the strategic vision and aims of the school; and maintaining oversight of the school's finances and resources then feel free to contact the office for my contact details to discuss the role further. A letter documenting the process and associated timescales for electing a parent governor along with a nomination form has been sent to you today by email. Paper copies are available from the school office. Tia Bedford, Chair of Governors

Contact Details, Educational Visit Forms and Permission Forms

You should have received these forms home two weeks ago in a large brown envelope. We are still waiting for a number of forms to be returned to school. It is important to update information on an annual basis in order that in an emergency our records are up to date. If you have not already done so, please return any paperwork by Monday.

Scholastic Book Club

This month's Scholastic Book Club is up and running and your child should bring home the latest catalogue today. For every £1 you spend on books, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. The deadline for orders is Monday 10th October.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Thursday 6th October at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church. If you would like to join us for the service, we will be very pleased to see you. Please make sure your child has a coat in school as we will be walking to the church.

Phonics Introduction for Parents – KS1

On Tuesday 27th September at 3.30pm and again at 6.30pm there will be a Phonics Introduction for the parents of children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels classes. The focus will be on how we teach phonics in Key Stage 1. We have produced a small handout explaining the basic operations and the strategies used in each year group. If you are unable to make the meeting a copy will be available from reception and on the school's Moodle.

Maths Workshops

Many thanks to those parents who attended the Maths Workshop this week, for Hedgehogs and Squirrels. I hope that you found the presentation of the new 'Calculation Policy' helpful and that you enjoyed working alongside your child. Please do not be afraid to ask any questions that arise when you are supporting your child at home. I look forward to sharing the new policy with parents of Rabbits and Badgers on 29th September and Foxes and Otters on 13th October. If you are unable to make these sessions there will be another chance on 5th October at 3.30pm and again at 6.30pm.

Roald Dahl Charity Day

On Tuesday 13th September 2016, Easebourne Primary School held a Roald Dahl Day. We raised just over £200.00 for the Roald Dahl Marvellous Charity by holding a raffle and a donating £1 for dressing up. We dressed up as characters from Roald Dahl books such as Danny the Champion of the World, Matilda, Charlie Bucket and The Enormous Crocodile. The winners of the raffle



were Lily (Rabbits), Florence (Dragonflies) and Fenix (Badgers).

Konflux Theatre

Last Friday Badgers Class enjoyed a visit from the Konflux Theatre Group. Victoria led the class in a 'play in a day'! The focus was a celebration of Roald Dahl and his famous stories. We loved the day and particularly enjoyed performing the play to the rest of the school - by Sophie, Badgers Class

Voice In A Million Workshop

On Tuesday 20th September the choir attended an after school workshop at a primary school in Cranleigh to help prepare for their performance in the 'Voice in a million' concert in November. They did lots of vocal warm up exercises and rehearsed some of the songs whilst performing actions. Some children were even brave enough to sing into the microphones on their own, in order to audition for a solo part in the concert. We are all really looking forward to taking part in the performance now!

House Update

	Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
Week 1 House Points	2	3	4	1
Week 2 House Points	3	2	4	1
Total	5	5	8	2

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year with a really positive vibe and a fabulous turnout at our first meeting, which was buzzing with thoughts and ideas. It was lovely to see new faces and we look forward to meeting more people who have shown a positive interest via social media or by word of mouth but were unable to attend on this occasion. The next PTFA meeting will be held in the Conference Room on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm.

We have some amazing events coming up this term, the first of which will be held next Friday.

COFFEE AFTERNOON

When: Friday 30th September - 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Where: In the Sports Hall (entrance to the rear of the school)

Why: An opportunity for us to welcome any new and existing parents to the school over a cup of coffee and a piece of cake! Everyone is welcome, including siblings and school children after pick up.

A small donation would be greatly received in aid of Macmillan.

Another way to raise money for the school, especially if you are a very busy person who can't help at events, is to raise money while shopping online. Please download this app - easyfundraising.org.uk and automatically donate to Easebourne Primary School everytime you make a purchase.

We need you to:-

1) Join

Head to [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) & download the app, search for us 'Easebourne Primary School' to start raising.

2) Shop

There are nearly 3000 retailer's on board, so pick the one you want and start shopping. ie Tesco, Sports Direct, Amazon etc...

3) Raise

After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to us at no extra cost whatsoever!

Join here: easyfundraising.org.uk

Upcoming Events:-

* Happy Bag Collection - Thursday 13th October 2016. Please return all filled bags to school before 11.00am on that day

* Fairies & Scaries Disco - Friday 14th October 2016, 5.30-8.00pm. Pumpkin carving competition, stalls and bar. Tickets will go on sale the first week of October.

* Children's Film Night - Friday 18th November, 3.30-5.30pm (film to be revealed nearer the time)

* Christmas Fair - Friday 9th December, 5.30-8.00pm. Various Stalls, Raffle, Silent Auction, Disco, Santa's Grotto, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies etc...

These events all need volunteers to help out beforehand, on the day and to clear up afterwards. We all want to help support our children and give them the best opportunities we can, so any help is really appreciated.

In the next newsletter the PTFA will be printing photographs of some of the amazing purchases that have been made by money raised so far this year. Watch this space!!



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Spooky Half Term at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a holiday club on
Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th October
8.30am-4.30pm

£15.00 per am/pm session or £30 per child per full day.

Children aged from 2-10 years

Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place

Tel. 01730 815046

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

A logo for 'Messy Harvest' featuring the words 'Messy' in white and 'Harvest' in yellow, both in a bold, sans-serif font, set against a background of orange splatters.

3.30 - 6.00pm

Monday 26th September

at St Mary's Church, Easebourne
for the parishes of Lodsworth, Selham & Easebourne

A relaxed and informal church
with a warm welcome for the whole family

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

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