



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th April 2016

## Dates for the next two weeks

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Clubs Start Africa Day – Rabbits and Badgers Meet the Teacher - Rabbits	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Meet the Teacher – Squirrels Last day for PTFA Happy Bag Collection	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Meet the Teacher - Hedgehogs	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Meet the Teacher - Dragonflies	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	PTFA Abba Tribute Night at Cowdray Golf Club	

## A Word from the Head

We have been welcomed back after the Easter break with some real summer weather and it is good to see everybody again. May I take this opportunity to remind you that as the weather improves children will need to come to school with sunscreen applied and a sunhat.

We welcome Charlotte Berry to our staff. The children already know Charlotte who worked in the Chartwells kitchen and now joins us as a lunch time supervisor.

The new drop-off and pick-up arrangements have been running for several days now. Though we tried to anticipate all eventualities, I know that there have been a few small issues but hope that parents generally feel that the new system is workable. Please do let us know if you have experienced a problem that we need to address.

There is one key issue that I would like parents to note. Whilst the school is open for some breakfast clubs from 08:00, the school is not technically open until 08:40 for all other children. We have noticed, however, that some children have arrived at school as early as 08:10. Whilst the automatic doors might give the impression of the children having been handed into our care, there is actually no provision for a member of staff to look after them. I would therefore ask parents of children not involved in early morning clubs to try to ensure that their children arrive from 8.40am. That said, we do recognise that some children walking to school or being dropped off may arrive a little earlier because of unpredictable factors such as traffic. For these children, we will try to ensure that any unaccompanied children walking to school or being dropped in the drop-off zone from 08:30 will be supervised in the reception area until the inner doors open at 08:40.

Our KS2 classes were lucky enough to enjoy a golf taster session on Wednesday, thanks to Cowdray Director of Golf and parent, Tim Allen, Assistant Professional, Matt Watson and talented Cowdray junior member, Harry Callow. Matt will be offering Junior after school group sessions from May. Our thanks go to Tim, Matt and Harry.



## **SRE Discussion Group**

Last year, parents may remember that we extended our Sex & Relationships Education (SRE) provision down the school from Year 6 with the intention of covering this curriculum in a specific week each year. Parents were also given the opportunity to view episodes from the video series which we used. At the time, we promised to form a working party with the view of reviewing the school's provision. The time and date set for this group to meet is 5.30 on Monday, 25th April. If you would like to join, please let the office know. Our SRE Week is set for the week after half-term, i.e. the week beginning 6th June. Please note that we intend to ensure that parents will again have the opportunity to view episodes from the 'Living & Growing' video series that we use and we will publicise timings nearer the time.

## **Clubs**

The Clubs' List is now displayed in the foyer and in the window at the KS1 collection point. Please note that Sumdog Club was hugely over-subscribed and in order to be fair to all those who applied we have had to split the club in to two groups. Each group will have five weeks. The first group will start next week and finish on 19<sup>th</sup> May, the second group will begin on 26<sup>th</sup> May and continue until 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Please could we also remind parents to send in any club payments that are outstanding. Thank you.

## **Debate – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 3.15-4.15pm**

Next Friday, there will be an after school debate to coincide with the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the motion will be 'This house believes that the monarchy should be abolished'. Our existing debate team will fight this contentious issue out and we are asking the children and parents of Foxes and Otters to make up the audience and put forward questions to either side. If your child would like to attend but you are unable to come please let Mr Meaby or the office know. Come along and take part as we will be looking for further candidates to make up debate teams in the future.

## **Africa Day**

On Monday, Years 3 and 4 will experience an African cultural day. Kristian Bediako, who is originally from Ghana, will give a talk on Africa in the morning and, in the afternoon, will deliver a drumming workshop. This should be an informative and entertaining day for all the children involved.

## **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

We have started collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Vouchers are available in-store and on-line from 27<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. Last year we used the vouchers to purchase PE equipment, an outdoor giant chess set and a fridge. Every voucher counts, so please remind family and friends to collect for you. Collection boxes are situated in the front foyer.

## **Dance Festival**

On 15<sup>th</sup> March, Dance Club performed at the Rother Valley Dance Festival. Our dance was to celebrate the power of kindness and was inspired by the message in Disney's Cinderella 'Have courage and be kind'. We are very grateful to Carol Harkness for making the costumes which looked great on the night.



## **House Update**

### **Charity Term Results**

Well done to all the House Captains who worked hard to make the Charity afternoon run smoothly. There was an array of activities, from a sponsored silence to a bake-off. Blue House were the overall winners and raised nearly £300 for their charity.

## Sumdog House Competition – March 2016

Well done to all the children who competed in the West Sussex Sumdog Competition at the end of last term. The overall house positions in the contest were as follows: RED – 27<sup>th</sup>, BLUE – 34<sup>th</sup>, GREEN – 56<sup>th</sup> and YELLOW – 63<sup>rd</sup>. From this competition, we have also gained some new school Ninjas.

Congratulations to the following ten children: Robyn (Y6), Alfie D, Max and Adam (Y5), Maddie (Y4), Jasmine, Theo W and Bella (Y3) and Jacob and Eleanor (Y2). A tremendous result all round!

The appropriate house points, for each child answering 100+ questions, have now been added to the table.

	Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
Total Last Term	78	83	77	101
Charity Term	10	2	7	5
Sumdog House Competition	4	1	4	2
Week 11 House Points	2	4	1	3
Total	94	90	89	111

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter Holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Laura Uphill, Natalie Garnett, Vicky Curwood & Celia Jordan along with the teachers, TA's & Office Staff for all their help leading up to & on the day of the PTFA Easter Egg Hunt. I couldn't have done it without them and hope all the children enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to Zoe Irvine for organising the Pamper Evening, it was a huge success and made an amazing profit of £540 to go towards the group rooms project. Zoe would like to thank everyone who helped her set up during the day, on the night and clearing up afterwards. Thanks also to all the people who offered treatments and to everyone that came along to make the evening such a success.

Smartie tube challenge - We hope you and your children had fun with the chores over the holidays and managed to fill the tube. Quite a few containers have already been brought in. If you haven't returned yours, please could you bring them in on Monday, named and sealed in order to be entered into the prize draw.

Happy School Bags Collection - Please don't forget to bring in all your unwanted clothes, console games, etc....in bags to school before Wednesday 20th April 2016. Please make sure that they are in school by the end of the day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

ABBA tribute night - Saturday 23rd April 2016, this evening is now sold out.

Next PTFA meeting - Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 7.30pm, please come along and support, everyone welcome.

Summer Fair - This year's Summer Fair is on Saturday 18th June 2016 from 2-5pm and, as last year, this will be a joint event with St Mary's Church. We have lots of exciting stalls and activities together with an action packed entertainment schedule including children's races and performances from classes across the school. We are looking for lots of volunteers to help out on the day - lists will be going up in reception soon. Please pop in and have a look to see if there is anything that you would like to be involved with and any suggestions for new stalls will also be very welcome!!!

Tops for tombola - There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 10th June when the children can come to school in home clothes in exchange for a gift for the tombola. We would also be grateful for any donations of children's toys, raffle prizes, as well as pint pots in the 2 weeks before the Summer Fair. Plants, produce and cakes can be brought in to school on the day before the fair.

Jo Purser – PTFA Secretary



## Community Events



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### Midhurst Rother College in the Community Day Saturday 23 April 2016

#### Featuring:

Climbing Wall  
Meet the Animals  
Supersized Planetarium  
Southampton FC Coaching  
Army Assault Course  
Archery for All  
Delicious Food  
& Health Wellbeing  
Fitness Advice and Activities

#### GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Plus lots of fun  
and exciting stalls  
and activities  
for all the family...



10am-2pm



**FREE ENTRY** - THERE MAYBE A SMALL CHARGE FOR SOME ACTIVITIES

### The Big Bluebell Walk



**Where** Holywell Estate, Swanmore, Hants, SO32 2QE

**When** Saturday 16 April 2016 - registration from 9.30am

**Contact** [hollyb@caninepartners.org.uk](mailto:hollyb@caninepartners.org.uk) / 01730 716013

Register online at:  
[caninepartners.org.uk/bigbluebellwalks](http://caninepartners.org.uk/bigbluebellwalks)



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