



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7<sup>th</sup> July 2017

## Dates to the End of Term

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Music Fantastic Finish Summer Reading Challenge Assembly Extra Tennis Club	<b>am</b> <b>2.45pm</b> <b>3.15-4.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Archery Taster Session (Yrs 3-5)	<b>am</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reserve Sports Day Rabbits Ukulele Concert Rother Valley Rounders Tournament at Harting-School Team	<b>1.00pm</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>tbc</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Otters Camp at Stedham	
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Squirrels Loxwood Joust Medieval Workshop	<b>am</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year Celebration Service at St. Mary's Church (school only)	<b>am</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Assembly Leavers' BBQ	<b>2.00pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last Day of Term	

## A Word from the Head

### Another Questionnaire about Traffic!

Parents will know that they have recently been asked to contribute to a questionnaire about our lack of crossing patrol. However, the small group, drawn from the school and the Parish Council, that is looking at applying for traffic calming measures in Wheelbarrow Castle to make the road safer, would also very much welcome input from all stakeholders to support their application. This questionnaire should have come out in book bags yesterday and needs to be returned to school by the end of Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July. Copies are also being delivered to local households so you may well end up getting two. As long as they are completed by different adults, you are welcome to return them both! Please make sure you support this promising initiative.

## Gardening Recognition

The courtyard in the centre of the school, along with the bed at the front of the school that is maintained by Graham Stonard, were both entered into Midhurst in Bloom recently. Judges came to look round and were appreciative of both. The courtyard has been cared for by Fenix and Mrs Smithers, with a little help from Bradley and Reece from Otters Class. Fenix has worked very hard and had already won some sponsorship from Hillier's Garden Centre, buying plants for the courtyard including a clematis to train up each side of Beau's Arch. On the day, Fenix met the three judges and talked about the plants and the jobs he does to care for them. They were impressed by his dedication and we have recently been told that Fenix has won a certificate of commendation and a further £30 of plants. Well done, Fenix (and Mrs Smithers)!

## Staffing Update

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Carol Smithers who is moving up north in the autumn. She has been a great colleague and has always been very concerned to support the children in Badgers Class as well as she can. We wish her every happiness for the future.

## **Goblin Race**

This Sunday our Goblin team will be taking part in the grand Gathering of Goblins at Goodwood. Our team of six, facilitated by Andy Taylor and Anthony Knight, will be participating in slalom and other events before the final challenge of the Goodwood lap. We wish Alfie, Freddie, James, Josh, Nathan and Oaklie every success!

## **Enter a Free Draw to Win Books for the School Library**

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#>

The school prize draw from National Book Tokens is back for its fourth year. Enter now to win £5,000/€5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school—enough to buy hundreds of new books for the library. And just in case that warm, fuzzy feeling isn't enough, you'll also get £100/€100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself! You simply need to enter before the closing date of Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017. Why not get your friends and relatives to enter too.

## **Clubs**

Please note that Clubs have now finished for the term, with the exception of Tennis Club on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The new club's list will be emailed to parents on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July and in the interest of fairness no forms will be accepted until Monday morning. 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.

## **Chartwells Meals and Cool Milk**

Please remember when ordering milk or lunches for September to adjust your child's class name and year group.

Children currently in Year 2 moving up to Year 3 in September will no longer be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals but can order a hot meal for currently £2.30 a day from Chartwells. Please log onto [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk) for more information.

All meals must be paid for in advance unless your child qualifies for either Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) or Free School Meals (FSM).

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 you are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. You do not need to register and order through this website. The school will order these meals direct from us. This will include any promotional/festive special meals.

All meals must be ordered a full week in advance of the week that they are required.

Example: If a hot meal is required for any day during week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the order must be placed and pre-paid either on-line by midnight on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, or alternatively by telephone to the Chartwells office by 3pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Parents wishing to change their meal schedule after placing their order (e.g in the event of term time holiday, school trip dates, etc) must make on-line alterations prior to the cut-off point for the week in question, alternatively you can contact the Chartwells office via telephone or email, a credit will only be issued if we receive 5 full working days notice. Please see below separate conditions governing absence. In the event of sickness absence from school, meals may be cancelled provided Chartwells receive notification by 10.30am on each day of sickness.

Current Reception and Year 1 children will receive a letter before the end of term giving them the option to opt in or out of Universal Infant Free School Meals. This must be returned by the end of term.

Parents in receipt of state benefits which give entitlement to free school meals for their children should continue to register. This provides funding to the school not only to fund a free meal but to support eligible pupils with their learning and help towards the cost of school trips, buying educational equipment and with the purchasing of school uniforms.

## **Music Lessons**

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July the children will enjoy a performance from the instrumentalists that we currently have at Easebourne. In September we will be offering music lessons in woodwind, brass, strings, recorder, piano, ukulele, drums and guitar. If you are interested in your child having lessons please speak to the office for more details.

Guitar is offered by Jamie West who you can contact on [jwest73@me.com](mailto:jwest73@me.com). Drums are taught by Steve Thornley, for more information look at [drumnut.co.uk](http://drumnut.co.uk). Brass is offered by Alan Rodger who you can contact on [alanrodger.trumpet@gmail.com](mailto:alanrodger.trumpet@gmail.com). We also offer an after school Ukulele Club taught by Marco Frankland. For all other lessons please contact West Sussex Music Service.

## **Parent Request For Second Copies**

In the case of families where parents are separated or divorced it is the school policy to provide second copies of correspondence if requested by the parent. Please provide the school with an up to date address, email and telephone number and keep us informed of any changes to the information provided. We will send:

- a newsletter fortnightly by email

- a diary termly by email. Dates can also be found on the website
- an invitation to parents evenings in the Autumn and Spring Term
- a report, which will be posted at the end of the Summer Term

We will also email or post any other important letters or invitations but will not send second copies of general letters regarding trips, swimming, Forest School etc.

## **Parent Governor Elections**

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy to fill. The governor's role is challenging but interesting and is critical to the continued growth and development of our school. This week you should have received an email containing more details and a nomination form. Paper copies are available from the school office.

## **Medicines**

If we hold medication for your child in school, please make sure you collect it from the office on the last day of term. We will send medicines home with a new form to complete for the next academic year. Please ensure you check the expiry date on all medicines and wash out any pumps. We have arranged a number of days before the term starts when the office will be open, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 12-3, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 9-12 and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September all day. **Please can you ensure that you return any medication needed before the start of the new term.**

## **Library Books**

This year, with the pressure on the school's budget, we have reluctantly taken the decision to opt out of West Sussex Schools Library Service. We will be charged for any missing books currently on loan, so please could parents have a **really** good look for any library books that might be hiding at home as they need to go back to West Sussex by the end of term?

Not subscribing to the County's library service will, inevitably, have an impact on the stock of our own library and we plan to set about gradually building up our book stock, starting with spending the commission from the sales at the recent book sale and of 'We Are Writers!'. It would also make a real difference if parents could help their children to look after our school library books and use the Junior Librarian System appropriately (scanning out and back in).

In September, we will be introducing a new system to protect the stock in our library. We will monitor the Junior Librarian system closely and any child that has an overdue book for longer than half a term will receive a letter asking for the book to be replaced or the cost covered by their parent. We hope parents will understand the need for this tighter approach and will support us in this.

## **Reports and Open Evening – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Today you should have received home your child's report. This year for Years 1-6, the report includes your child's self-assessment against the 7C's at a midyear point and, again, at the end of the year. It also includes the class teacher's assessment of their relative strengths in these areas. Our work on the 7C's will continue next year and it is our hope that the children's understanding of these areas will steadily grow, along with their ability to reflect and self-evaluate.

We will be holding an Open Evening on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30-5.30pm. You will be able to see some of the children's work, meet their new class teacher and discuss your child's report with their current teacher. Parents will also have the chance to meet our new Year 1 and Year 5 teachers for September. Mrs Clipston will be here from 3.30pm and Mrs Bedford from 4.30pm.

## **Sport Day**

Our Sports Day will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, with reserve Sports Day being the following day. Parents and grandparents are invited to join us for the afternoon. The first race will start promptly at 1.00pm. Please make sure children come to school prepared with sunscreen applied and a sunhat. In the event of bad weather this event may be cancelled.

## **End of Year Celebration Service at St. Mary's Church**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July the whole school will walk to St. Mary's Church to take part in a service to celebrate the end of the school year. This is a school only event but classes will need volunteers to help walk with the children. Please let the office know if you are available.

## **Leavers' Assembly and Barbecue**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July is Leavers' Day. Year 6 parents and grandparents are invited to the Leavers Assembly at 2.00pm, where the children will be presented with a Yearbook. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this and to Louise Ashcroft, Emma Sharp and Sharon Bennington for compiling it. Year 6 parents and siblings will also receive an invitation to the Leavers' BBQ and games, which will be held in the evening from 6.00pm. Otters Class would also like to thank Debs Thomas for organizing the Leavers Hoodies.

## **Snap Chat**

You may or may not be aware that Snapchat has introduced a new feature, the 'Snap Map' below is some advice for parents and children on how to use this app safely.

Liz Evans E-Safety Co-ordinator

**Advice from UK Safer Internet Centre on Snap Map**

This location based map allows users to see where in the country their Snapchat contacts are, as well as seeing location based photos and videos. The Snap Map shows a user's Bitmoji, their cartoon avatar within Snapchat, pinpointed on a world map. Users can then zoom into the map to see the exact location of their friends.

### **How to access Snap Maps**

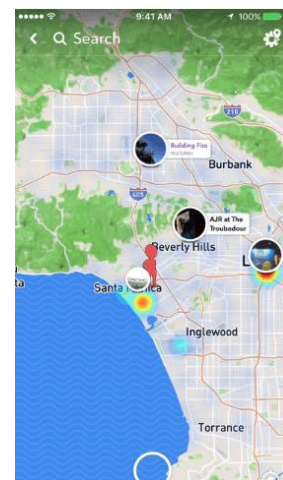
To access the Snap Map in the latest update of the Snapchat app, users need to go to their camera screen within Snapchat and zoom out using two fingers. This will then launch the Snap Maps screen and will allow a user to see their friend's locations.

### **Choose who can see your location**

It is important to be careful about who you share your location with, as it can allow people to build up a picture of where you live, go to school and spend your time. Given how specific this new feature is on Snapchat - giving your location to a precise pinpoint on a map - we would encourage users not to share their location, especially with people they don't know in person.

There are three settings for sharing your location on the map, these are; Ghost mode, My Friends, and Select Friends. But what do these settings mean?

- **Ghost Mode**  
Ghost Mode means that you are the only person who can see your location on the map.  
Within Ghost Mode you can still see the locations of your friends but they will be unable to see you. This setting will ensure that you have complete control over who knows your location.
- **My Friends**  
My Friends means that all of your contacts on Snapchat can see your location. If turning on this setting then it would be important for users to review their Snapchat contacts and also make sure that they never add someone they don't know in person onto Snapchat.
- **Select Friends**  
This setting allows users to look through their friend list and then decide which of their friends they want to be able to view their location. This setting gives users the opportunity to control who can view their location



### **Changing settings**

When first opening the Snap Map users get to make a decision as to who they want to be able to view their location. Once these settings are in place they can always be changed in Snapchat's settings. This can be done in two ways:

1. In the Snapchat settings  
In the Snapchat screen click on the Settings (cog) icon > click on 'see my location' > Choose the setting which suits you
2. On the Snap Map  
Click on the setting button in the top right of the map > choose the setting which suits you

### **Our top tips**

**Sharing location can be a risky thing to do. Our tips for location sharing are:**

- Only share your location with people you know in person. Never share your location with strangers.
- Don't add contacts to Snapchat if you don't know them in person.
- Regularly review your settings and take an active decision about whether you want people to know your location. Remember you can switch this off at any time. Think about where you are sharing your location. Location services such as Snap Maps can lead people to your house. Think about what times you are on the app and whether these are locations you want to share – if not, then turn this off within your settings.

For more information about Snap Maps visit: <https://support.snapchat.com/en-US/article/about-snap-map2>

### **Archery Taster Sessions**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Years 3-5 will take part in an Archery Taster Session run by Leaping Hart Archery. If there is sufficient interest, we will run a club in the Autumn Term. The club for Years 4-6, i.e. our current Years 3, 4 and 5 will cost £30 for the term, but it does rely on finding 12-16 children who would be interested. If your child is, please let the office know.



### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Every year, we encourage the children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and this forms the first house competition of the new academic year, every child who gains a certificate earning a point for his or her house. There will be an assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> July when we welcome back Midhurst Librarian, Louisa Cork to tell us all about this year's challenge, 'Animal Agents'. Most libraries in England will start the Challenge on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July**. You can find out much more about this year's exciting challenge at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/about-animal-agents>.



The website allows your child to log the books they have read during the summer – and beyond. They can also find new books to read, recommended by other children, watch exclusive author videos, take part in competitions and play games.

### **Offers and Foxes Perform 'Let Loose'**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Offers and Foxes performed LET LOOSE! It is all about 8 children from Easebourne Primary School going on a 5 day residential trip to Slippery Slopes Activity Centre. In the play all the children were really looking forward to the trip but from day one nothing went well in any way shape or form. Their teachers, 'Mr Taylor and Mrs Rashleigh', tried to stay in control, but it seemed impossible! When we had rehearsed and knew the actual play we couldn't wait to have an audience. The actual play performances went very well. Everyone enjoyed it, especially the people watching! By Ewan and Will, Year 6



## House Update

	Blue Wolves	Green Dragons	Red Pandas	Yellow Cheetahs
Totals brought forward	158	177	164	170
Week 1 House Points	2	4	3	1
Easter Reading Challenge	20	22	21	30
Week 2 House Points	2	4	3	2
Week 3 House Points	2	3	4	2
Week 4 House Points	4	1	3	2
Spelling Bee	10	7	4	1
Week 5 House Points	4	3	3	1
First News Ihub		1	1	
Week 6 House Points	4	3	2	1
Week 7 House Points	4	2	3	1
Half Term Reading Challenge	20	16	15	23
Week 8 House Points	4	2	3	1
Week 9 House Points	4	2	1	4
Week 10 House Points	3	2	4	1
Total	241	249	234	240

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

As the current school year 2016/2017 is coming to an end, we are focusing on the fantastic events we have lined up for the Autumn term 2017/2018. We will be looking to fundraise for another 3 clever touch screens, we currently have one in each of Years 2, 3 & 6 and therefore would like the other 3 classes to benefit from them as well. There is an Open Evening on Monday at school when you will be able to see the clever touch screens in use. We would also like to fund the purchase of 16 laptops to replace the netbooks that are beyond repair. As you can imagine, this will cost a significant amount. Please bear in mind, all the events we put on are not only for our children's enjoyment but also to raise valuable funds to enhance resources to enrich their learning and time at Easebourne Primary School.

Alongside this, we want to help support the Reception class as they have 45 children starting in September, rather than the normal 30. Therefore, additional resources are required. Dragonflies Class have not had any funding from the PTFA in 8 years, so now, here is a perfect opportunity.

### Upcoming Events

\* Sunday 17th September, Car Boot Sale, 9am-12pm at Easebourne Primary School. Set up from 8am, you can pre order a pitch for £8 and a hire a table for £2.

\* Friday 22nd September, Film Night, 3.15pm-5.30pm (times may change slightly) £2 a ticket. Price includes a bag of popcorn and a drink in a bottle (film to be confirmed after the holidays).

\* Friday 29th September, MacMillan Coffee afternoon 2.15pm-3.45pm, everybody welcome. Drop in for a drink and a cake to raise money in aid of MacMillan Cancer Charity and to welcome new parents, carers of Dragonflies to our school.

\* Friday 13th October, Faires & Scaries Disco, 6.00pm-8.00pm (details to follow).

\* Friday 3rd or 10th November, Kids on the Catwalk Fashion Show. (Times & dates subject to change) (details to follow).

\* Friday 17th November, Film Night, 3.15pm-5.30pm, (times may change slightly) (film to be confirmed).

\* Friday 8th December, School Christmas Fair, 5.30pm-8.00pm. (Dates may change, currently depending on Midhurst Street Xmas Party).



## Nursey Visit Alice Holt

Children from Bumble Bees have visited Alice Holt Forest this week.....in search of the Gruffalo! They found the mouse, the fox, the owl & the snake (Mandy even kissed the snake!!) & the trail led to the Gruffalo himself. We had a lovely time, a picnic, play in the park & an ice lolly too! Thanks to Graham for driving the minibus for us.



## Early Days and Easebourne Owls Easter Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a Summer Holiday Club  
on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of  
w/c 31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> Aug, 14<sup>th</sup> Aug, 21<sup>st</sup> Aug

£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](mailto:ect@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk)**

# WALK: FOR ALFIE

SATURDAY  
15 JULY  
2017



## ON THE DAY

**10k walk**  
Participants to arrive from 1.30pm to collect their walk pack, the walk will commence at 2pm from the school.

**5k walk**  
Participants to arrive from 2.30pm to collect their walk pack, the walk will commence at 3pm from the school.

Mrs Clare Vedde (nee Carter) was an inspirational teacher and well loved member of the Camelsdale Primary School community. Last July she tragically lost her battle with breast cancer.

To honour her memory, Camelsdale Primary School has set up an 'Educational Trust' for Alfie, her son, who was only 15 months old when she passed away.

The school will be holding a charity walk over 5km or 10km of Marley Common, to help raise funds for Alfie's Trust.

**Entry fee:**  
£10 per adult  
£5 per child  
£25 per family



Registered charity no  
1027028



For more info: [www.camelsdale.w-sussex.sch.uk/welcome-to-our-school/pta/](http://www.camelsdale.w-sussex.sch.uk/welcome-to-our-school/pta/)