



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Dates for the next two weeks

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Tea with Mr C	<b>2.30-3.15pm</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Senco Drop-in with Emma Austin-Diment Jnr Urgent Action Network	<b>8.40-9.30am</b> <b>3.15-4.15pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Hedgehogs Class to Midhurst Library	<b>am</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Football Tournament at EPS - Team from Yrs 5/6	<b>pm</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Yellow House Charity Cake Sale and Treasure Maps	<b>3.15 pm</b>

## A Word from the Head

Dear Parents

### Spelling Bee Update



You will remember that Yellow House won the House Challenge stage at the beginning of our first ever Spelling Bee. In the second round, two representatives from each class fought off their opposition to reach the final round. On Monday, we had the final round. In the morning, in front of all of their classmates, the two contenders from Hedgehogs (Beatrice and Jessica) went head to head with their counterparts from Squirrels. After a real tussle, Ava managed to nose ahead of Tabitha to win the KS1 Spelling Bee Cup. Well done, Ava!

In the afternoon, the eight KS2 finalists competed in front of the whole school in a tense showdown. There were spirited performances from William and Izzy (Rabbits), Theo W and Rana (Badgers), Tilly (Foxes) and James (Otters). The runner-up was Phoebe S (Otters) but the clear winner was Phoebe D (Foxes) who won the first School Spelling Bee Cup to be awarded. Congratulations, Phoebe!

And well done to all who competed in each round. Having talked with staff and pupils, it looks likely that the next spelling bee will take place next term – watch this space!

### Computing & the PTFA

Recently, Liz Evans and I visited the offices of JSPC, the company that provides much of the IT support for West Sussex schools. We discussed our next steps in terms of infrastructure and Liz then presented her vision to the PTFA at their meeting earlier this week. A key feature of this vision is to move from interactive whiteboards in classrooms to Clevertouch screens and it was agreed at the meeting that the PTFA would buy our first screen with existing funds. The key focus of the year's fundraising would then be to buy a further two screens so that KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 could all have one they could access. This is a really exciting development for the school and will significantly move our computing provision forward.

We are lucky enough to have a really committed group of parents who run a wide range of events. I hope that parents will feel inspired by this plan and do their best to support PTFA events over the coming year.

### Tea with Mr C

This is just a reminder that I will be sitting with a cup of tea and a biscuit on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2.30 and you are very welcome to join me. You might have an issue that you want to raise or some questions you would like to ask or, let's face it, you might just fancy a free cup of tea and a biscuit!

### Talk on Syria and the Refugee Crisis

On Friday, an expert on the conflict in Syria visited Otters Class and gave an illustrated talk on the Syrian conflict and the refugee crisis. The children learned about the history of the conflict and the geography of the region before finding out about how this conflict was part of the current refugee crisis in Europe. The routes that the

refugees were taking to Europe were explained, along with other triggers, apart from the Syrian conflict, that were causing people to move towards Europe. There was also some discussion of the different responses to refugees across Europe. The children were able to ask questions.

### Debate

Last Friday, after school, our debate club held its first debate of the term. The motion, suggested by Phoebe in Foxes, was that the general public in America should be banned from owning guns. Poppy and Nathan R-W spoke for the debate and Ewan and Josh spoke against. 17 people listened to the four speakers who put forward a range of arguments and answered many tricky questions from the floor. The voting at the outset and at the end revealed a shift of four votes towards the motion so Poppy and Nathan were declared the winners. The next debate is on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everybody is welcome and we aim to finish by 4 o'clock.

### Seven C's Update

Since the last newsletter, we have added **Craftsmanship** and **Commitment** to our growing list of important C's that help us with our learning.

### Staff News

I apologise for not mentioning this in an earlier newsletter but we are delighted to announce the engagement of Heidi Crew to her partner Lee. We send them our congratulations.

## 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
Total	121	134	113	131

### House Charity Days



Today Blue House and their hat day raised £115.87 for their charity Canine Partners. Thank you to all those who took part.

Red House are raising money for The Elizabeth Foundation, which helps preschool deaf children and babies learn to listen and talk. They are running a funniest, cutest, most creative photo competition. To enter bring in your photo together with a £1 donation by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Yellow House are holding a cake sale on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February after school to raise money for The Cheetah Conservation Fund UK. Please support us by baking, buying or both. Running alongside this until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> will be 2 treasure maps with prizes to be won. Bring in a £1 for a cake and a go on the treasure map.

Details of Green House Charity event to follow.

### Hedgehogs Class Visit to the Chichester College Simulator

Hedgehog Class went to Chichester Airways to go on a mini flight. There were pretty, kind ladies that gave us tickets. We went in an aeroplane and the ladies showed us the safety instructions, then 5,4,3,2,1, we took off. It was fun because we got to go in an aeroplane and have a snack. By Scott and Jack, Yr 1



### Badgers and Rabbits Class Knight Workshop



We walked to the ruins at St. Anne's Hill to meet Paul Ullson, a historian, who was dressed up as a Knight. He showed us around the castle and explained the layout of the rooms and it's history. When we returned to school we took part in a workshop and learnt about heraldry and the life of a knight. We sketched 'Sir John' in his knight's costume and he explained about his coat of arms and what the pictures and colours represented. By Rana, Yr 4

### Squirrels Class "Explorer Experience"

We went to the hall to meet an explorer named Archie. He told us about three famous explorers, Christopher Columbus, Roald Amundsen and Neil Armstrong. Some of us dressed up as the explorers. We acted out the story of the explorers lives. Christopher Columbus discovered America. Roald Amundsen went to Antarctica, he got stuck in the ice and had to row with some men to get help. It took him a long time. Archie played music and he had a smoke machine which smelt stinky. He also had flashing lights to help us imagine what the rough sea was like. We had to pretend to row the boats. Charlie W and Joss dressed up as Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins. We all had to act like we were going into space. We shook as the music took us up into space. It was lots of fun. By Scarlett and Sam, Yr 2



### Dragonflies, Squirrels and Foxes visit from "Firewise"

We were visited on Thursday by Fire Officer Woodland from Bognor who came to talk to us about Fire Safety. He explained that the Fire Brigade do not only help people but also rescue animals. He explained that you should "Stop, Drop and Roll" if your clothes caught on fire, as rolling starves the fire of oxygen and this makes it go out. He also told us what to do if we were woken at home by our fire alarm, we should shout for help and only open the bedroom door if it was safe and you could tell this if you had a metal door handle and it felt cool to the touch, using the back of your hand. You should shout for help on the landing until the family is together, leave the house and ring for help. He also explained what to do if you could not leave your bedroom. It was all very important information that we needed to learn. By Barnaby, Yr 5

### Orchestra Day

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, Lillianne, Dominic, Phoebe S, Tom W, Barnaby, Ben A and I attended Orchestra Day at the Midhurst Rother College. We were joined by musicians from several other local primary schools and the MRC Orchestra. We had all practised pieces beforehand that we would not normally play like "A short ride in a fast machine" and "A night on the bare mountain" and spent the day playing together for a concert to parents in the afternoon. It felt really good being part of the whole performance because we sounded really great. I would really like to do this again. By James A, Yr 6



### Years 3 and 4 Football Tournament

Easebourne hosted a 7 aside Football Tournament yesterday. Midhurst, Petworth, Camelsdale, Fittleworth, Harting, and Coldwaltham Primaries all sent in teams. St. James', Coldwaltham sent a predominantly Year 3 side with only 6 players and they deserve a special mention as they had to work so hard but kept their spirits up through all the matches. Petworth, Midhurst and Easebourne scored equal



points but Petworth won on goal difference. It was an excellent competition and despite the cold all the teams remained upbeat. Special thanks to Martin May who provided all the goals for the competition and kindly refereed throughout the matches. Thanks also to the Easebourne mums for providing refreshments and photography.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers are available in-store and on-line between 25th January – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017. Every voucher counts, so please remind family and friends to collect them for you. Collection boxes are situated in the foyer. These vouchers do make a difference to the resources that we can provide, so thank you for your support.

### Stone Pillow

Thank you for your donations this month. We are now collecting squash, kitchen foil, coffee and gravy powder.

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

The PTFA Committee hopes that everyone who attended the quiz night last night at the Badgers in Petworth had an enjoyable evening. What a fabulous way to kick-start the PTFA events off for 2017. A big thank you to Charlotte Hall for organising this event and also Jules of the Badgers for hosting and supplying the meals. Our gratitude also goes to everyone who donated items towards the hamper for the winners of the Quiz.

The next Film Night for the children is currently scheduled for Friday 10th March, 3.15-5.30pm (film to be confirmed). We will be asking for volunteers very soon to help beforehand and on the day, if we don't have enough helpers this event will be cancelled.

The PTFA meeting will be held on Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm in the conference room at school. Everyone is welcome, please come along we would love to listen to your ideas in raising money for the school. There will be a newsletter coming out in the next week or so from Janet Lambert, (Chairperson of the PTFA) letting people know what our fundraising project is for this year.

Sarah Rout is trying to organise another 'Happy Bag' Collection for April time, so if everyone can sort collecting any unwanted items together that would be great.



### Early Days and Easebourne Owls



### Half Term Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club

We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
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***

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## Midhurst Rother College Community Day Saturday 6 May 2017



Would you like to:

- share your skills
- demonstrate your craft and/or
- advertise your business

The perfect opportunity to get involved with our local community

**Free** of charge stand and exhibition space available both inside and out

For more information email:  
[madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org)

or contact  
the College Office on:  
**01730 812451**

**10am-2pm**



**BE A PART OF THIS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND MUCH ANTICIPATED EVENT**



Every Monday and Thursday 5pm-6pm  
at Midhurst Rother College from  
26<sup>th</sup> January

£5 per session

**Your 1<sup>st</sup> session is free** so come and join  
in from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> or Monday 30<sup>th</sup>  
January!

Required – Sports kit, trainers, drink and  
a positive attitude.

## MULTI SPORTS

A MULTI SPORTS SESSION FOR CHILDREN  
AGED 8-12

**NO SPORTING ABILITY REQUIRED**


**YOUR 1<sup>st</sup> SESSION IS  
FREE SO WHY NOT  
COME ALONG AND  
TRY!**

Your child could improve their  
**CONFIDENCE / CORE SKILLS  
SOCIAL SKILLS / TEAMWORK**

Multi games and activities such as Benchball/  
Dodgeball/Danish longball and many more

Sessions will be run by Simon Hills, a current Director of Sport

Location: Midhurst Rother College | Midhurst 07714234842 | [simon.hills39@gmail.com](mailto:simon.hills39@gmail.com)



### Join the Dream Team for Tri-High's community cross-country

*Tri-High Multi-Sport Club are running community  
events for adults and children of all abilities.*

**Cross Country Race: 12th February 2017**  
Starting from 11 am ~ £7 Entry

Please arrive at least 30 minutes before your start time for both events

**Starting and finishing at Highfield School, Uphook, GU30, 7LQ**

**Register online: <http://bit.ly/2ikB2xx>**

Year 2 and below Boys & Girls 11.00 am 600 metres  
Year 3 & 4 Boys & Girls 11.05 am 1000 metres  
Year 5 & 6 Boys & Girls 11.10 am 2300 metres  
Year 7 & 8 Boys & Girls 11.20 am 2300 metres  
Year 9 & 10 Boys & Girls 11.30 am 4000 metres  
Year 11 & 12 Boys & Girls 11.45 am 4000 metres  
Junior Boys & Girls (18&19) Boys & Girls 12.00 am 6000 metres  
Seniors (20-39) Men & Women 12.15 pm 6000 metres  
Vets (40 - 49) Men & Women 12.15 pm 6000 metres  
Supervets (50-59) Men & Women 12.15 pm 6000 metres  
Vintage Vets (60+) Men & Women 12.15 pm 6000 metres

*Dreams Come True are a national charity based in Uphook that  
enables children and young people with serious and life-limiting  
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*Dreams can be anything from a family holiday, specialised equipment or even  
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**Tri-High Cross-Country**

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