



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11th March 2016

## Dates for the next two weeks

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Rother Valley PE @ Camelsdale (4 children)	<b>9.00am-12.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Rother Valley Dance Festival @ MRC (Dance Club) Blue and Yellow House Charity Event – Funky Shoesday Rother Valley Football Match EPS v Harting – Home game	<b>9.00am-3.00pm</b>  <b>3.00 – 4.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 & 4 Matinee Performance	<b>2.00-3.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 & 4 Evening Performance	<b>6.00-7.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	House Charity Afternoon Book Club (Yrs 4-6) PTFA Pamper Evening	<b>3.15-4.15pm</b> <b>7.30-10.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt (during school day)	
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Easter Service @ St. Mary's Church (school only) Last day of term for children	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Inset Day	

## A Word from the Head

There has been, as you probably know, a good deal of sickness, with diarrhoea and vomiting featuring as symptoms. Could I remind all parents that we recommend children are kept off for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea in order to reduce the chance of infecting other children? This is especially important at the moment as we currently have a child with a dangerously low immune system and if he were to catch a sick bug it would mean an extended amount of time off school and a stay in hospital.

Thank you too all those parents who filled in the questionnaire from the governors. The feedback is very useful and helps to identify where we might need to rethink things. We often feel we would like to talk to those parents who have concerns to find out a little more about what is going wrong and this is obviously impossible if the questionnaires are returned anonymously. If you would like to discuss an issue you have raised but completed an anonymous return, please do consider contacting the school to arrange a chat.

At parent meetings, two parents offered to train up as drivers. This was very kind but I promptly forgot who made the offers! If you are one of those parents, please do drop your name in at Reception and accept my apologies. We would like to get a driving examiner over for a whole day (four 2-hour sessions); if there are any other potential drivers, please let us know and we can then begin to increase our pool of drivers.

We have been unable to take the hen project forward as we didn't have any volunteers for last Saturday's working party to complete the fencing. This will be added to the job list of our premises manager, Graham Stonard and we now hope to have it finished by the start of the summer term. If you feel you might be able to speed the process up by offering some time, please contact Graham.

## House Charity Afternoon – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Next Friday afternoon will be the focus of our House fundraising for the term. Please read the details below and support their fundraising efforts.

### Blue House

Blue House will be holding a sponsored silence (postponed from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>) to raise money for Naomi's House Children's Hospice. This is open to the whole school and will take place for two hours between 12.15 and 2.15pm next Friday for those children who have returned their forms. Sponsorship forms were handed out before half term but if you have lost yours, additional copies are available from the leaflet holders in the front foyer. All sponsorship money needs to be handed in to the school by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We are also sharing 'Funky Shoesday' with Yellow House which will take place

on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This is open to the whole school, you can wear a pair of funky shoes to school (not high heels or heelies) and donate 50p to our charity. Miles and Gwen, Blue House

### Green House

Green House are holding a Lego competition to raise money for their charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. The idea is to design the most creative futuristic Lego house, take a picture of it and send it into school along with a 50p donation. These will be judged next Friday afternoon. There will be a prize for the winner. Albert and Samantha, Green House

### Red House

The 'Bake Off' competition for Red House will be judged on the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. It costs £1 to enter and all proceeds go to Save The Children. Please bring cakes into school on Friday morning and some change if you wish to buy some cakes at the end of the school day. There will be a prize for the best cake. Sophie and Dominic, Red House

### Yellow House

Yellow House are raising money for Canine Partners. There are two competitions, the first competition is to design a comic strip and the second is to take an eye-catching picture. Entries cost 50p each and will be judged next Friday afternoon. There will be prizes for the winning entries. Yellow House is also sharing 'Funky Shoesday' with Blue House, which will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This is open to the whole school, you can wear a pair of funky shoes to school (not high heels or heelies) and donate 50p to our charity. Charles and Ethan, Yellow House

## Sumdog Ninjas – National Competition

Our Easebourne Ninjas have just finished a national Sumdog contest. They competed against another 917 qualifying classes nationwide, and came an astounding **7<sup>th</sup>** place! The whole team showed great enthusiasm and dedication throughout the competition - a fantastic effort all round. **Congratulations, Team Easebourne!**

### Sumdog House Competition:



Next week: **8am Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – 8pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**, Years 1-6 will be competing against other schools in a Sumdog West Sussex contest. Each child answering **100** questions or over in the contest, will receive a house point. To keep the contest fair for children with reduced access to computers, every student is limited to answering no more than 1,000 questions. Each house needs at least 10 children, playing for a minimum of one hour, for their house to appear on the leader board.

Following on from Easebourne's success last week in the national contest, we are keen to recruit some more **Sumdog Ninjas** to play in future competitions. Each child answering **1,000** questions in this week's competition, will earn Ninja status and be awarded a special agent card for their dedication.

Please be aware that if your child has not yet completed their diagnostic questions this academic year (to find their appropriate level), these will need to be answered before the competition questions.



Finally, please also note that *accuracy* is more important than the *quantity* of questions answered in each game.

**Your child's username and password can be found on the inside cover of their Kit Book.**

## Clubs

Clubs have now finished this term with the exception of Cricket and Battle Games next Wednesday and Marco will be running an additional Ukulele Club on Monday to make up for the session he missed through illness. Next week the club selection for the Summer term will be emailed to parents.

## Rother Valley Debate Competition

On Wednesday, we took a debating team of Year 5 pupils (Poppy, Freddie and Tom) to the Rother Valley Debate Competition at MRC. The adjudicators comprised Eileen Lintill, District Councillor for

Petworth, Chris Wigley, Youth Activities, Midhurst & Petworth Rotary, Robin Kemp, a teacher in the MRC English Department, and a team of Year 8 students. The adjudicators were looking for content, presentation and the teams' ability to respond to their opposition and the questions from the floor. There were five debates and our team had to argue against Duncton School for a ban on cosmetic surgery. Duncton were well prepared and we did very well to beat them by a narrow margin. In the end, the Midhurst team were outstanding and won the cup. The Midhurst & Petworth Rotary Club sponsor the event and their President, Nigel Goodenough, presented the cup. Our own team of Year 5's came second overall, bringing back the runner-up trophy, no mean feat when the majority of the speakers were Year 6 pupils. Well done to captain, Poppy, and her two teammates, Freddie and Tom!



## Write Path

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March a group of children from Years 4-6 came into school VERY early to take part in an international writing competition. Each pair were given a story starter by authors and we wrote the first paragraph. Our stories went to all sorts of schools and they continued writing it. If you are interested it is on Moodle under Whole School and if you are feeling brave you can carry on our stories. By Phoebe and Tilly, Badgers Class

## World Book Day

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, teachers and pupils dressed up as a character from their favourite book for World Book Day. There were lots of fantastic characters with some amazing costumes including fairies, witches, animals, Mr Men and lots of other awesome characters.

We then wrote a book review about our favourite book and the character we were dressed up as. We had to write what the book was about, how the character felt and gave it a star rating; mine got 6 stars and my book was Robyn the Christmas Party Fairy.

All the teachers read one of their most loved stories, there were a lot of different stories to listen to. It was a really lovely and amazing day sharing our love of books and stories.

By Harriet, Hedgehogs Class

## Squirrels and Hedgehogs Visit – The Weald and Downland Museum

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March Squirrels went to the Weald and Downland Museum. We travelled there on the school minibuses. A man called Brian showed us a medieval house and a Tudor house. We saw a trolley bed. It's a bed that has wheels and you can slide it underneath the main bed. Instead of a nice comfy mattress it has ropes. We saw a more modern house that had a water pump because there were no taps inside. The house had only two bedrooms, but ten children and their Mum and Dad used to live there. We saw a church and it had a cross on the top, it was made of metal. We went in the flour mill and we ground some wheat into flour. We also saw the pit wheel. It is called a pit wheel because it was so big that it had to go in a pit to help it spin properly. My favourite part was seeing the trolley bed and the water pump. By William, Squirrels Class



## Offers and Foxes Visit – Fishbourne Roman Palace

At Fishbourne Roman Palace we looked at a lot of extraordinary things like this big mosaic.

It was amazing! After, we looked at all the remains such as an old furnace, coins, vases and skeletons. We did some activities, my favourite was acting as a slave, cooking. In the Roman times it was hard work, but it was fun. We had a tour and we watched a movie which showed what the building would of looked like and what life would have been like to live in it and how the building was destroyed. We had a great time and were all given a token to let us in for free for our next visit. By Sam M, Offers Class



## House Update

	Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
Total Last Term	55	58	49	64
Christmas Reading Challenge	2	1	3	4
Week 1 House Points	2	2	4	4
Week 2 House Points	4	1	3	2
Week 3 House Points	2	2	3	4
Week 4 House Points	2	1	3	4
Week 5 House Points	2	3	1	4
Week 6 House Points	3	1	2	4
Week 7 House Points	1	4	2	3
Week 8 House Points	1	4	2	3
Week 9 House Points	2	3	1	4
Total	76	80	73	100

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

We have some amazing events coming up and we would love everyone to help support these in anyway they can. We understand that it's not always possible as we are all hard working parents but from a small donation to managing a stall we appreciate any help we receive. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, money raised by the PTFA this year will be used to help fund the personalisation of the class group rooms, this will enable the children to learn Science, Languages and Art in visual & vibrant surroundings.

Thank you to everyone who donated books for the second hand book stall. Your efforts so far total £35, which will be added to our fundraising for the year. The book stall will be situated near the library until the end of term, so if you haven't yet been able to look through, please pop by and have a flick through the books, any additional donations will be really appreciated.

Future events are:

Pamper Evening – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7pm-10.30pm. Tickets are still on sale for £5 to include entry & a glass of wine, beer or soft drink. 'Cook' will be providing the nibbles & there are lots of treatments and meditation sessions planned, it should be a fabulous evening and all mini treatments are £5!! There will also be a raffle, and tickets for this will be on sale a couple of days prior to the event & on the night at £1 per ticket or £4 a strip. Prizes include a hamper, mini treatments and other goodies, a full list of prizes will be put on the PTFA board in reception.

PTFA Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Each year group will take part in the Egg Hunt during school hours. We have started receiving donations of individually wrapped small eggs ie from Cadburys Creme Egg size downwards if possible. Please can we keep sending in the eggs, so we can give all the children an Easter gift at the end of the school day. There will be an alternative Easter gift if there are any children in the school with an allergy to chocolate.

Smartie Tubes & Lent Sheet. On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the last day of term the children will be coming home with a full tube of smarties & a list of chores for Lent. The idea is for the children to enjoy eating the smarties and then during the Easter Holidays partake in chores for parents, grandparents, friends etc....from the Lent sheet and get paid 20p per chore. 20p pieces fit into the tube perfectly and we would be grateful if filled tubes could be brought into school at the beginning of next term. There will be a prize for the child who raises the most amount of money.



### Easter Holiday at Easebourne Owls

We will be running a holiday club on

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

8.30am-4.30pm

£14.00 per am/pm session or £28 per child, per day.

Children aged from 2-10 years

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