



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16th December 2016



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
From the Staff & Pupils of
Easebourne C.E. Primary School



A word from the Head

It's been a hectic end to the term.

I would like to thank everybody who has supported the school this term from volunteers to governors to parents. I would particularly like to thank the school staff who work so hard for your children. I wish you all a restful Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in January

It would take too long to mention everything that has happened in 2016; but do you remember:

- The School performances of 'The Lucky Viking', 'Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'Hey Ewe'
- The PTFA's Easter Egg Hunt, Leavers' Barbecue, Book Fair, Pamper Evening, Summer Fair, Film Nights, Fairies and Scaries and Christmas Fair.
- The Early Years Foundation Stage Open Morning
- Community Week, Poetry Challenge and Environment Day
- House Challenges and Charity Days
- Dressing up for World Book Day and Children in Need
- Roald Dahl Day, Konflux Theatre, Luke Temple Author Visit and Positively Mad Workshop
- Visits from Bible Explorers, the Midhurst Nuns and Hamza Berat
- The choir singing at Voice In A Million, the Rotary Music Festival, Midhurst Street Party and the Tree of Hope.
- The whole school enjoying singing at the Easter Service, Harvest Festival and the Carol Service
- The Remembrance Service
- The arrival of the minibuses
- The arrival of our 5 bantams and later our 5 ex-battery hens
- Year 3 recording for Spirit FM
- Reception Class visit from The Animal Man
- Years 1 and 2 trip to the Weald and Downland Museum
- Years 2 Pond Dipping at South Pond
- Years 3 and 4 Africa Day and their visits to The Sustainability Centre and Butser Ancient Farm
- Years 3 visits to Enable me Sports Day and Cowdray Home Farm
- Years 5 and 6 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace and Residential to Little Canada
- Stonepillow Sleepout
- Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral, Leavers' Assembly and Barbecue
- Year 3 Ukulele Concerts
- Year 6 'Bikeability' course
- Years 5 and 6 Rother Valley Rounders and Football Tournaments

- Year 5 Big Sing and Year 2 Little Big Sing at MRC
- Rother Valley Orchestra Day, Dance Festival and Debate Competition
- Year 5 Fun Maths and Workshops at Midhurst Rother College
- Christmas lunch, parties and 'Easebourne's Got Talent'

And, finally, we were officially rated GOOD by Ofsted.

What a year!

Charities

In 2016 we supported:-

- Children In Need
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- The Poppy Appeal
- Stonepillow
- As part of the Spring Charity Term, our Houses supported Canine Partners, Barnardo's, Kangaroos and the Red Cross



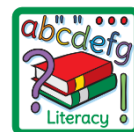
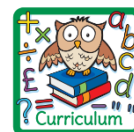
Spelling Bee

Our Spelling Beekeepers from Otters have now visited the six classes from Hedgehogs upwards to explain how the competition will work. The first stage, the House Challenge, will take place on Monday, 9th January. Your child should have come home with the words for their class.

These will be organised in three groups and, if they decide to enter, they need to choose which group of words they will learn. If they reach the target number for their class, they will go through to the second stage, the Individual Challenge. We should end up with a winner and runner-up from each class and, at the end of the competition, a winner and runner-up for the whole school.



The words are also available on the Moodle. Go to **Curriculum**, then **Literacy** and then **TR@SH: Spelling**. As well as the words, you will find the rules and some tips on different activities that your child might consider using to tackle their chosen spelling list.



On behalf of everybody at the school, I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Easebourne's Got Talent!

This was our last event of the term and included some remarkable performances which comprised dance, comedy and singing acts and even a puppet that sounded incredibly similar to Mr. Meaby and sang just as badly!

The runners-up in the competition, judged by Miss Crew, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Stevens, were Mini Mixers but the overall winner was Nathan T in Otters, who sang a very moving rendition of "Life of the Party" by Shawn Mendes.

Home for a Penguin

Representatives from Henry Adams Estate Agents joined our assembly on Thursday to present prizes to the winners of their Design a Home for a Penguin Competition. The overall winner from Years R, 1 and 2 was Tabitha and the overall winner from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 was Theo W. Many congratulations to them.

Sumdog Ninjas

We welcome four more Ninjas to our Sumdog squad. Well done, Harriet, Anna, Madison and Tharshigan.

House Update

	Blue Wolves	Green Dragons	Red Pandas	Yellow Cheetahs
Week 1 House Points	2	3	4	1
Week 2 House Points	3	2	4	1
Roald Dahl Models	2	2	3	3
Parish Council Playground Designs	3	3	4	7
Summer Reading Challenge	15	16	19	14
Week 3 House Points	2	3	4	2
Week 4 House Points	3	1	4	2
Pumpkin Challenge	14	9	6	7
Week 5 and 6 House Points	3	4	2	1
Celebrate Our Writing	1	1	3	2
Week 7 House Points	4	3	2	1
Reading Diaries	22	19	10	25
Poetry Recitation	20	18	18	21
Week 8 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 9 House Points	2	1	3	4
Week 10 House Points	2	1	3	4
Week 11 House Points	2	3	1	4
Week 12 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 13 House Points	2	4	3	1
Christmas Sumdog	4	4	6	5
Total	110	115	105	107



*Have a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
We return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.*

