



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29th April 2016

## Dates for the next two weeks

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday – School Closed	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class Photographs	<b>am</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 5 Fun Maths at MRC	<b>1.00-3.00pm</b>
<b>w/b Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	National Curriculum Tests Year 6	
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	PTFA Film Night	<b>3.30-5.30pm</b>

## A Word from the Head

### Staff News

Many parents may already be aware that, sadly, Ross Williams will be leaving us in two weeks to take up a teaching assistant position nearer to where he lives. Ross has been with us since 2013 and in that time has become a valued member of staff. As well as his teaching assistant role in Hedgehogs, Ross has trained to become a Forest School Leader and has run many after school clubs. I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success for the future.

### Community Week – are you available to help?

After our second INSET day this term (Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June), we will be busy enjoying Community Week. The week climaxes with the summer fete but there will be school activities running throughout the week and we would welcome anybody who has some time on their hands and would like to help out. Equally, if you have an idea for Community Week, do let us know and we will see whether we can make it happen.

### KIT Books – Reading Learning Ladders

This term, the KIT Books have evolved further. Now, in the centre pages, you should be able to find your child's Learning Ladders for reading. We all know just how important your child's reading is and we are very grateful when parents can find the time to sit down and hear their children read. Now, as well as understanding better where your child's reading is currently at, we hope you will also feel able to explore some of these key areas of reading development with your child and reflect this in your comments in the KIT Book.

### Monarchy Debate

Last week, we marked the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with an outdoor assembly led by David, our curate. During the assembly, David sketched out the Queen's life, helped by Sophie and Ethan from Otters. At the end of the assembly, we raised the Union Jack, kindly donated by churchwarden, Roger Sked.

On the Friday, we held a debate on whether the monarchy should be abolished! Ewan, Tom and Lily proposed the motion whilst Nathan, Poppy and Amelia defended the monarchy as an institution and all six speakers spoke well. We took a vote amongst the audience at the beginning and 3 supported the motion, 7 opposed it and 1 abstained.

Whatever they believed themselves, the debaters made strong arguments for their sides. For the motion, Tom explained that the monarchy costs the country £40,000,000 each year – "That's 65 p per person and that's 65p too much!" As Lily pointed out, "It depends on who your mum and dad are, not how good you are." Ewan, summing up, suggested that the money involved could go to the homeless, the poor and various charities.

Meanwhile, Poppy explained that England and Scotland have been ruled by a monarch since early mediaeval times and that the Queen has her finger on the pulse of the country, "Every day of every year, the Queen is kept fully briefed." Amelia told us just how important the monarchy is for tourism and how generous the Queen is to charities. Finally, Nathan gave us some "last minute facts" and made it very clear how lucky he felt we were to have a monarchy!

After the testing barrage of questions from the floor, we took a further vote and, whilst several people had shifted their position, the result remained the same. The motion was therefore defeated (a bit of a relief the day after the Queen's birthday!) and the teams were declared to have drawn.

Watch this space for details of the next debate when everybody will be welcome to come, listen and vote.

### **Class Photos**

Class photographs take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the morning. Please could you remember to send your child into school with a sweatshirt or cardigan and tidy hair. Any child who does not normally attend Early Days Nursery on a Thursday morning is welcome to come in at 9am to be included in the photo.

### **Nut Allergy**

Almost every school in the country has at least one pupil with a nut allergy and we have an above average number of sufferers. Although it is impossible to guarantee that we are a nut free school, we do ask that parents do not include nuts or products containing nuts in their child's packed lunch or as a snack. We thank you for your consideration.

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Jill Robinson-Wadey will be holding a second hand uniform sale on the last Friday of every month under the rear canopy.

### **Ernie Piper Memorial Cup**

Last Sunday, Easebourne won the U11 FA Cup Final for Midhurst and Easebourne, beating Midhurst 2-0. The team included six of our Y6 boys (William, Sam L, Jack, Charlie, Ethan and Alex - Callum was unfortunately not able to play because of illness). Our congratulations go to the team.



### **Parent Roadshow Event**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, from 10.00-12.00, the Rother Valley Schools Hub will be holding a Parent Roadshow at Midhurst Memorial Hall. This is a chance to meet with other parents and many organisations to have an informal chat on a wide range of issues – behaviour, sleep, dyslexia, ADHD, ASD etc.

## **House Update**

	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
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
Week 12 House Points	3	4	2	1
Reading Challenge	3	2	1	4
LibraryBook Character Competition	4	8	6	2
Week 13 House Points	2	4	4	3
Total	106	108	9	121

## **EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS**

Thank you to Charlotte Hall for organising the Smartie Tube Challenge, we hope the children enjoyed completing the chores for those 20p pieces and well done to all of you for raising £131.80. We would also like to thank Sarah Rout for organising the happy school bag collection which raised a massive £412.80. Finally, last Saturday saw the ABBA Tribute Night at Cowdray Park Golf Club, it was a fantastic evening and thank you to all that came along and danced the night away, we raised £213.50.

The PTFA have some big events coming up this term, please come along and support them if you can.

**Film Night** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 3.30-5.30pm. The film showing this time will be 'The Rise of The Guardians' PG. Details to follow.

**Annual Sponsored 'Walk, Jog, Run'** - This year the event will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. You should have received sponsorship forms this week. Thank you so much to everyone that generously supported this event last year and all the funds raised were a brilliant starting point to fund the 2 minibuses that we now have at school! This year all funds raised will help towards the transformation of a science room at school!

**Summer Fair** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2-5pm, The helpers list is now up in reception, please be generous with your help and support to make it a successful and fun day for our children.

**Next Meeting** – Apologies, the PTFA had to postpone Wednesday's meeting at short notice. We have rescheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome, do come along and share your ideas with us.