



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2018

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Tuesday 27th November	Tea with Mr C	2.30
Friday 30th November	Clubs Finish	am
	Firewise – Fire Service Talk to Yrs R, 2 & 5	am
	Christmas Fair	5.30-8.00
	School Book Fair	5.30-8.00
Saturday 1st December	Choir to perform at the Cowdray Café Tasting Day	10.30
Tuesday 4th December	School Book Fair	2.45-3.45
Wednesday 5th December	Year 6 to perform at Cowdray Pensioners Christmas Lunch	1.45pm
	Small group of Year 5's to perform at the Friendship Tea	2.30pm
Thursday 6th December	Choir to perform at the Tree of Hope	6.30
Friday 7th December	Choir to perform at the Midhurst Street Party	6.00

A Word from the Head

Last week, we held our Remembrance Service down at St Mary's, gathered round the war memorial. Children who did well in the recent poetry competition learnt World War I poems to read at the beginning of the service. Afterwards, we walked back through the church so that we could see all of the beautifully displayed poppies that Alison Davis had organised the community to make.

We also planted lots of Woodland Trust trees in the labyrinth and spring bulbs along the bank. We celebrated Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week and finished on Friday with a great PTFA Film Night, enjoyed by the children in their nightwear and raising £235 for Children in Need and money for the PTFA in the process!



This week, Year 1 classes have been to Wizzbits in Midhurst and Year 5 have visited Tangmere Aviation Museum. Busy times!

Next week, I would like to draw parents' attention to four dates.

- **Tea with Mr. C** – Tuesday, 27th November, 14:30-15:15
This is simply a termly opportunity to have a free cup of tea and a biscuit in a comfy chair whilst chewing the cud, asking questions, sharing concerns, making suggestions, etc. with me on Tuesday, before pick-up.
- **Mindfulness Talk** – Thursday, 29th November @ 18:00
Parents may well have noticed that children's mental health and well-being is a key educational issue across the country at present. So much so, that it was the focus of a whole day's Rother Valley Conference before half-term where the teaching staff from all the primary schools in the locality came together to hear from experts drawn from various fields.

One of those experts was Sandrine Cranswick who has been teaching mindfulness for a number of years and I am delighted that Sandrine will be delivering a mindfulness course over the spring term to each of the classes from Squirrels to Otters. Sandrine will be at the school on Thursday to talk to parents about mindfulness and I will join her to set out my concerns about the pressures on children's well-being that have prompted me to introduce this initiative to Easebourne. I do hope that you will be able to join us to hear more about mindfulness and how your children will benefit.

- **Parent Governor Nominations** – Deadline 3.30 Friday 30th November
If you are interested in standing for election as a Parent Governor please ensure your nomination form is received by the above deadline.
- **Cowdray Café Tasting Day** – Saturday, 1st December 10:00-15:00 – see further details below under Christmas Arrangements.

Clubs

The new clubs' list will be emailed to parents on Friday 7th December and in the interest of fairness no forms will be accepted until Monday morning. If any parents, grandparents, volunteers, governors or friends of Easebourne are able to run or assist with a club, please let the office know.

House Charity Fundraising

Our House Captains have been busy planning various fundraising initiatives for their chosen charities. Blue House has already had a very successful Bake Off and Cake Sale raising in excess of £150.00 for Macmillan Cancer Research and Red House has a Pop Up Café planned for Friday 7th December during morning break for their charity The Seahorse Trust. Yellow House will be fundraising for The Dogs Trust and Green House for Canine Partners. Events will continue into the Spring Term so please support your House Captains.

Christmas Arrangements

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas activities begin with our Christmas Fair on Friday 30th December from 5.30-8.00pm. Please see more details of what's on offer and how to purchase tickets in the PTFA section of this newsletter.

Offers Class Plea

Offers Class will be running a teddy tombola at the Christmas Fair and would very much appreciate donations of any unwanted soft toys.

School Book Fair

At the Christmas Fair on Friday 30th November and from 2.45pm on Tuesday 4th December, the office staff will be running a book fair selling books from Scholastics. There will be a large selection of fantastic books at half price starting from £1.49, ideal as stocking fillers or presents. The school will earn commission in free books for our library, so please come along and see what's on offer.

Cowdray Café Tasting Day

Last year, our choir sang at Cowdray Café's tasting day and their singing was enjoyed by shoppers and parents. This year, we have been invited to perform again; starting at 10.30 and also to help shoppers with their packing whilst collecting funds for the school. So we need 'mustard keen' KS2 bag packers who can be charming (for at least half an hour!), pack reasonably sensibly, avoiding breakages, and bring a smile to visitors' faces on Saturday. If your child would enjoy this challenge and could manage one or more half-hour sessions, please sign them up with Reception. It would be great if we could find four children for each half-hour, i.e. 20 children giving up half an hour of their time. We also need one adult just to hover in the background to make sure all goes well so if that role appeals to you, let us know

Members of the PTFA will be running a stall and competition in the Courtyard and there will also be a raffle with the chance to win a Cowdray Hamper worth £100.00. Tickets for the Hamper will be available from the school office from Monday 19th December at £1.00 a ticket and prior to the event in the shop and café. All proceeds will be donated to the school. We do hope everyone's efforts are well supported.

Could we also mention that the Farm Shop is a finalist in the Sussex Food and Drink Awards 2019. There are 10 finalists in the category and these will be whittled down to five Grand Finalists to be announced in March 2019 (those with the most votes go through). The team would be absolutely delighted if as many people as possible would register a vote for them and you can do this by following the link <http://www.sussexfoodawards.biz/vote/> Voting closes on 17th January 2019.

Tree of Hope

Our choristers will be performing at the Tree of Hope at St. Mary's Church on Thursday 6th December in aid of Midhurst Macmillan Cancer Support. The choir should arrive at the church by 6.15pm dressed in school uniform.



Cowdray Pensioners Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 5th December Year 6 are invited to the Cowdray Golf Club to perform at the Pensioners Christmas lunch. The whole class will walk to Cowdray after lunch and return in time for the end of the school day.

Friendship Tea

A small group of Year 5 children will sing at the Christmas Friendship Tea at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 5th December at 2.30pm. The children will walk to the Refectory and will then need to be collected from there at 3.30pm.



Midhurst Christmas Street Party

The Midhurst Town Council has invited the local primary schools to perform on the stage in the Market Square before the switch-on of the Christmas tree lights at the Midhurst Street Party on Friday 7th December. The choir will perform from 6.00-6.30pm.

Christmas Performance

Year 1 and 2 will be performing 'Christmas with the Aliens' on Tuesday 11th December at 2.00pm and Wednesday 12th December at 6.00pm. We will not be issuing tickets for these performances but please be sensible with numbers. Performers should arrive at 5.45pm for the evening performance in order to get ready.

Christmas Lunch and Parties

The whole school will enjoy Christmas lunch together on Friday 14th December. Chartwells will be supplying the lunch but there will be no charge to parents as school will pay and supply crackers.

If your child has a special dietary requirement, or would prefer sandwiches, they may still bring in a packed lunch from home. Class lists are on display in the front foyer; please select Christmas Meal, Vegetarian Option or Home Packed Lunch to ensure that we can order the correct number of meals. Orders for Christmas Lunch must be in by 9am on Friday 30th at the latest. Parties and Easebourne's Got Talent, will follow, so children will be permitted to change into home clothes just before lunch.

Carol Service and Reception Class Tableau

Our Carol Service is at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 18th December at 2.30pm. Dragonflies Class will lead the nativity tableau and children from Years 1 to 6 will be performing songs they have been learning alongside traditional Christmas carols. Parents are invited to join us and participate in the service.



Christmas Jumper/Hat Day – House Charity Day

On the last day of term children may come to school in a Christmas jumper or hat for a donation of £1.00. All money collected will go towards our House Charity Fundraising. Please don't feel you need to buy something new, a home decorated item could be just as fun.

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Summer Reading Challenge	17	14	9	15
Who Am I? (100% Correct)	0	4	3	3
Who Am I? (House Totals)	1	10	4	7
Week 1 House Points	4	2	1	3
Maths Challenge	1			
Week 2 House Points	2	4	3	2
Week 3 House Points	1	4	3	3
Week 4 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 5 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 6 House Points	3	2	4	1
Pumpkin Carving Competition	19	11	21	11
Week 7 House Points	2	4	2	3
Week 8 House Points	4	3	3	1
Week 9 House Points	1	4	3	1
Half Term Reading Challenge	17	20	24	15
Poetry Competition	26	23	29	22
Week 10 House Points	2	4	3	2
Week 11 House Points	1	4	3	3
Total	105	121	121	94

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Dragonflies and Foxes have now had installed their brand new CleverTouch Interactive whiteboards. These come at a price of £1300 each and it's thanks to the PTFA and your fundraising support that we have been able to install 6 for the school so far. We have just two more to go for both Yr 1 classes, so please do continue to support the PTFA fundraising events in whatever way you can.

Cowdray Christmas Tasting day, Saturday 1st December - Volunteers needed to help run PTFA stall from 10.30am - 3pm.

Happy School Bag Collection, 7th December - This is possibly the easiest way to raise funds AND helps to clear the cupboards at home. Please bring your filled bags into school by Thursday 6th December ready for collection on the 7th. The more bags we donate, the more money we receive. Clean cloths, bed linen (not pillows/duvets), paired shoes, coats, towels, belts, handbags, teddies are all accepted. Please do not donate bric-a-brac though. If anyone can spare an hour on the 7th to help move the bags from the cupboard out to the lorry it would be appreciated.

Easyfundraising - With Christmas coming, please don't forget to shop via easyfundraising. It's a great website where you can help raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/easebournepspta/>

Christmas Fair - Our School Christmas Fair is next Friday 30th November between 5.30pm-8pm. Entry tickets are on sale at £1 per person. If you haven't received a form to order tickets, further copies are available in the school foyer. Please complete, place in an envelope with payment and place in the post box provided.

Please can I ask all local families and residents who intend to come to the fair to walk, if possible, up to school. The Caravan Club are staying on our premises over the weekend therefore we are unable to open up the playground for additional parking. Please could I also suggest parking at Cowdray Park/The Priory or down the local roads both sensibly and legally, if the school car park is full.

There will be a Santa's Grotto, various stalls from class gifts to mini hampers; Year 6 pocket money stalls, a bar, cakes & sausage rolls, a raffle, tombola and a disco for the children. This is one of our biggest events and one of the children's favourite. We are always in need of help so if you would like to help before, on the day or after the event, please contact us via our Facebook page 'Easebourne Primary School PTFA', through the school office or email Jo Purser at madiopad@yahoo.co.uk. There is now a list up in Reception, if you are able to assist on the evening, please could you write your name by the stall you would like to help run.

Additionally, filled pint pot bags containing, stationery items, sweets, small party bag toys etc. are due back in school by this Friday, 23rd November. Many thanks.

Finally, raffle tickets are still available, they are priced at £2.50 per book or 50p a ticket. Any unsold books need to be returned to school by Wednesday 28th November as do all sold ticket stubs and money. I will put a list of our super raffle prizes up in Reception at the beginning of next week, before the fair.

Dates for your Diary 2018

* Friday 30th November, School Christmas Fair 5.30pm - 8pm.

* Friday 7th December, Happy School Bag Collection. Please make sure all bags are in school before Thursday 6th December.



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



Easebourne Owls After-School Club will only be open until 4.15pm on Friday 30th November, due to the school Christmas Fair.

COMMUNITY NEWS



We are delighted to have invited all the children at school to take part in our Christmas Competition 2018. Henry, the gorgeous black Labrador, would love a Christmas Hat and who better to ask to design him one than all the talented children.

We have introduced the competition in assembly and every child has been given an entry form with instructions on how to take part. Children may bring their completed form back to our local Henry Adams office for a sweet treat or to school.

The closing date is **Monday 3rd December** and all the winners will be announced and presented with prizes during a school assembly in the weeks that follow.

Henry looks forward to seeing all your fabulous designs!



3.30 - 6.00pm

Monday 3rd December

at St Mary's Church, Easebourne
for the parishes of Lodsworth, Selham & Easebourne

**A relaxed and informal church
with a warm welcome for the whole family**

*Crafts, Songs, celebration, food and plenty of
opportunity to have fun and make a mess!*

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