



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd November, 2019

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Tuesday 26th November	Tea with Mr C	2.30-3.15
Friday 29th November	Fire Service to Visit Year R, 2 and 5 KS2 Debate Christmas Fair	am 3.15-4.15 5.30-8.00
Saturday 30th November	Choir to sing at Cowdray Tasting Day	
Tuesday 3rd December	Book Fair	2.45-3.30
Thursday 5th December	Year 5 to sing at Birch Tree Nursing Home Tree of Hope	pm 6.30
Friday 6th December	Reception Class Visit to Chichester Festival Theatre Clubs Finish Club Options for Spring 2020 emailed to Parents Choir to sing at Midhurst Street Party	9.30-12.00 6.40-7.00

A Word from the Head

With the pressure of shrinking budgets, we have been forced to reduce teaching assistant hours from January. This threatens to have a negative impact on the range of clubs that we can offer in the spring term and we are thinking of ways in which we might reduce this. Some clubs are so popular that we can never satisfy the demand particularly Cookery and Craft. If there are any parents out there who would like to be part of a team to run a club, perhaps working in pairs each week, we would be very pleased to hear from you and so would the children! Equally, if parents or grandparents can think of a club that they think they would be happy to offer, please do contact the school.

We said a fond farewell last Friday to Kim Ford who has stepped down from her role as lead midday meals supervisor to go on maternity leave. We wish her well. Her hours will be covered by colleagues while she is away.

Thanks to everyone's efforts, we raised £238 towards Children in Need this year and £166 for our Poppy Appeal.

Walking Home & Road Safety – Year 5 & Year 6

We have had a few parents voice their concerns over the lack of precaution taken by the older children when walking home. We do promote road safety, but if your child does walk home unescorted, please could you reinforce the need for vigilance and care when crossing the road.

TIGHT WRITE

Congratulations to Tilly (Y1), Rosa (Y3), Phoebe (Y3), Ruby L (Y4) Daisy (Y5), Harley (Y5) Louise (Y5) and Rhys (Y6) for their winning entries for Tight Write 16. Meanwhile, here's an atmospheric image for Tight Write 17. Entries must be in by Thursday 5th December at the latest.

TIGHT WRITE 17



Using no more than
50 WORDS
can you write about this image?

Named entries to Mr Culley
by Thursday, 5th December at the latest
Prizes to be won!

Tea with Mr. C

On Tuesday 26th November from 2.30-3.15, Mr. Culley will be available, if you would like to join him, for a cup of tea and an informal chat. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions why not come along and share them.

Sickness

We have had quite a few children off this week with a sickness bug. In order to reduce the spread of this type of illness, could we please remind parents that children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

KS2 Debate

Our first debate of this academic year will be on Friday 29th November at 3.15pm. The motion is, that this house believes that parents and carers should not allow children to be exposed to books, games or films that have age-ratings older than the children's ages. Parents, siblings and extended family are very welcome to come along as audience members to listen, ask questions and vote.

Clubs

The new clubs' list will be emailed to parents on Friday 6th 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.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Once again, we are taking part in the Reverse Advent Calendar initiative in aid of Stonepillow. Each day, on top of the shelves in the library, the next number will appear for each day in Advent up to the end of the term. We hope that children might bring in something that would be useful to Stonepillow, the Chichester-based charity for the homeless. This year is slightly different as we are asking for specific items to be donated each day. This is purely voluntary and we will be grateful for a single day's donation or you could choose to participate for a week.

We will then arrange for everything to be taken down to Stonepillow at the end of the term. I hope you will be able to help us build our own Stonepillow Supermarket Library. Thank You.

Volunteer Coffee Morning

We are very fortunate to have the support of so many members of the local community who give up their time to support the school. As a "Thank You" our volunteers are invited to attend a mince pie and coffee morning on Wednesday, 18th December at 10.30am. Please let the office know if you are able to attend.

Cowdray Farm Shop Tasting Day

Once again, Cowdray Farm Shop has asked the choir to sing Christmas carols during their 'Christmas Tasting Day' on Saturday 30th November, at 11.00am and again at 11.45am.

We have also been asked to help shoppers with their packing whilst collecting funds for the school. The children who did this last year very much enjoyed the experience and I hope we can field a full team again this year. We have two hours of bag-packing opportunities on the day, with four half-hour shifts starting at 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 and 11:30. With four tills in the shop, we can therefore take up to 16 children, though if any child would like to do an hour, which would be great. If your child is interested, please contact the office, indicating how many shifts your child would like to do and which timings they could manage – the more flexibility the better. Thank you!

There is also a raffle with the chance to win a Cowdray Hamper worth £100.00. Tickets for the Hamper, currently on display in the front foyer, are now available from the school office 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.



Christmas Arrangements

Christmas Fair

Our festive activities begin with our Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November from 5.30pm-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 29th November and from 2.45-3.30pm on Tuesday 3rd December, the office staff will be running a book fair selling books from The Book People. There will be a large selection of fantastic books, 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.

Easebourne School Choir

Our choir will be very busy in the lead up to Christmas with the following performances:



Cowdray Farm Shop Tasting Day - The choir will sing Christmas carols during the Cowdray Farm Shop 'Christmas Tasting Day' on Saturday 30th November. Children should meet Mrs. Stevens at 10.45am outside the Cowdray Cafe. They will sing at 11am and again at approximately 11.45am. Parents are welcome to stay and watch or return to collect them at 12.15pm. Children do not need to be dressed in school uniform, just a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Pick-up is from behind the stage after the performance.

Birch Tree Nursing Home – On the afternoon of Thursday 5th December, a contingent of Year 5 pupils will sing carols to the residents at Birch Tree Nursing Home.



Tree of Hope - Our choristers will be performing at the Tree of Hope at St. Mary's Church on Thursday 5th December in aid of Midhurst Macmillan Cancer Support. The choir should arrive at the church by 6.15pm dressed in school uniform. If parents are not staying, children should be collected at 7pm by the rear door to the church.

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 6th December. The choir should meet Mrs. Stevens in the Market Square at 6.15pm to perform from 6.40pm-7.00pm. Children do not need to be dressed in school uniform, just a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Pick up is from behind the stage after the performance.

Cowdray Pensioners Christmas Lunch - On Tuesday 10th December, Year 6 are invited to the Cowdray Golf Club to perform at the Pensioners Christmas lunch. The whole class will walk to the club after lunch and return in time for the end of the school day.

Friendship Tea - A small group of Year 6 children will sing at the Christmas Friendship Tea at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 11th December at 2.30pm. The children will walk to the Refectory and will then need to be collected from there at 3.30pm.

Vine House – On the afternoon of Thursday 12th December, some of Year 5 will sing carols to the residents at Vine House.

Spirit FM

Our Year 5 children have recorded "13 sleeps to go" as part of Spirit FM's Schools 'Sleeps till Santa -2019.' This will be broadcast on Spirit FM at 7.40am, 8.40am and 4.40pm on Thursday 12th December and on demand at spiritfm.net.



Christmas Performance

Year 1 and 2 will be performing 'Superstar' on Tuesday 10th December at 2.00pm and Wednesday 11th 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.



Carol Service and Reception Class Tableau

Our Carol Service is at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 17th 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. Children should be collected from the church. Those attending Easebourne Owls after school club will be escorted back to school.

Christmas Lunch and Parties

The whole school will enjoy Christmas lunch together on Thursday 19th December. Chartwells will be supplying the lunch but there will be no charge to parents as school will pay and supply crackers. Children who have chosen not to have a cooked meal may bring in a packed lunch. Parties and Easebourne's Got Talent, will follow, so children will be permitted to change into home clothes just before lunch.

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 much fun.

Going Mad

Bailey has been 'Making a Difference'. He has been making tea for his Grandmother and she has been giving him small amounts of money towards his collection for Stonepillow. He has raised £20.10 for this worthy cause.



Chartwells 'We're All Ears' Survey

It is a requirement of West Sussex County Council that Chartwells carry out annual surveys of the school meal service and the data collected is used to further improve their service.

Our 'We're All Ears' parent & pupil survey is running from **Monday 18th November – Saturday 30th November 2019.**

The link is live and available on their website at <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk>

Survey Links

Parent Survey: <https://bit.ly/2OhSZK2>

Child Survey: <https://bit.ly/2KrrRHp>

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Week 1 House Points	4	1	3	2
Week 2 and 3 House Points	4	1	4	4
Summer Reading Challenge	26	14	14	20
A-Z Space Challenge	3	5	9	6
Week 4 House Points	4	2	1	3
Week 5 House Points	3	1	4	3
Week 6 House Points	4	4	1	2

House Pumpkin Challenge	19	18	22	15
Week 7 House Points	4	2	4	1
Week 8 House Points	3	2	4	1
Week 9 House Points	3	4	1	3
Week 10 House Points	4	2	1	3
Half Term Reading Challenge	30	32	28	28
Poetry Competition	28	25	32	28
Week 11 House Points	2	4	3	1
Total	141	117	131	120

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Christmas Fair

Our School Christmas Fair is next Friday 29th November between 5.30pm-8pm. Tickets are on sale at £2 per person, if you haven't got a form for tickets at home then there are some spare forms and envelopes by the post box in Reception.

Please can I ask all families and local residents who intend on coming to our fair to walk up to school where possible. Please consider using the parking at Cowdray Park and along our local roads sensibly and legally if the school car park is full.

There will be Santa's Grotto, various outside stall holders, class gifts, PTFA mini hampers, Year 6 pocket money stalls, a bar, cakes, sweets, books, a raffle and a disco for the children and more. "Oggies" wood fired pizza van will also be here and providing a special 6" margherita pizza for the children at £4.50 and there will be other options available too. This is one of our biggest events and one of the children's favourites, so if you would like to help before, on the day or afterwards please contact us via our Facebook page 'Easebourne Primary School PTFA', through the school office or email Jo Purser at madjopad@yahoo.co.uk. There is also a list up in reception, if you are able to help on the evening please could you write your name on the list by the stall you would like to help on.

Pint pot bags were due in to school today, if you still have one to drop in, please could you hand it in to the office by the end of school on Monday. These could be filled with sweets, pencils, small party bag toys etc....

Finally, raffle tickets are still on sale, they are priced at £2.50 per book or 50p a ticket. Any unsold tickets need to be returned to school by Wednesday 27th November as do all sold ticket stubs and money. We will put a list of some of the raffle prizes up in reception at the beginning of next week before the fair. Thank you for your continued support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Easebourne Park is the People's Choice!

We're delighted to confirm that Easebourne Park has been announced as winner of the People's Choice Award at the South Downs National Park Design Awards.

This is wonderful recognition of our much loved public space and we'd like to thank everyone who voted for it.

If you want to find out more about the awards you can look online at www.southdowns.gov.uk/celebration.

Next proposed big development for the Park is the construction of a community multi-use covered shelter that we are planning for the first half of 2020, thanks to funding from the Community Lottery



Fund and Chichester District Council and materials for the chestnut wood structure donated by Cowdray Estate.

In a further boost, the Parish Council has received £80,000 from the local authority's Community Investment Levy (CIL), a charge that is set on new developments to allow investment in local infrastructure, facilities and services. The funding will allow us to continue to develop the Park, adding facilities and enhancing the environment.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the park what it is.

Midhurst Green Volunteers come to Easebourne - looking for more willing helpers

Midhurst Green Volunteers have been helping to keep greenery at bay around the town for some while now. They will start to extend their work into Easebourne from December but need more volunteers to help around our town and village.

First Easebourne project is to tidy up High Path. The group will meet at 8.30am on Saturday 7 December at the bottom of High Path by the entrance to Riverbank Medical Centre. If you can lend a hand for a couple of hours or would like to help with future projects please contact us at

parishclerk@easebourne.org



The poster is decorated with festive illustrations including snowflakes, a snowman, a penguin, a teddy bear in a Santa hat, and a stylized Christmas tree. The word 'Christmas' is written in a large, pink, cursive font at the top. The title 'Christmas Stories at Bedtime' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The event details are in red and black text, and the West Sussex County Council logo is at the bottom left.

Christmas

Christmas Stories at Bedtime

Come and share our Christmas stories.
Wear your pyjamas and bring your torch
and your teddy!

Tuesday 10th December
4.00pm – 4.30pm

Suitable for children under 7 years

Tickets are free but please reserve your place
to avoid disappointment

Parents and carers are asked to
remain with their child during
this activity

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