



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11th January 2019

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 14th January	Clubs Start Meet the Teacher - Hedgehogs	3.30-5.00
Tuesday 15th January	Hedgehogs C to Chichester College to see Alice in Wonderland Foxes to Chichester College to see Alice in Wonderland Meet the Teacher - Squirrels	9.30-12.30 12.30-3.30 3.30-5.00
Wednesday 16th January	Badgers to Chichester College to see Alice in Wonderland Meet the Teacher - Dragonflies	12.30-3.30 2.30-3.15
Friday 18th January	Hedgehogs P to Chichester College to see Alice in Wonderland Rabbits to Chichester College to see Alice in Wonderland Debate Club KS2	9.30-12.30 12.30-3.30 3.15-4.15
Monday 21st January	Squirrels to Chichester College to see Alice in Wonderland Offers to Chichester College to see Alice in Wonderland	9.30-12.30 12.30-3.30
Tuesday 22nd January	Tea with Mr C	2.30-3.15
Thursday 24th January	SendCo Drop In PTFA AGM	8.45-9.30 8.00pm

A Word from the Head

Staff News

Our congratulations go to Andy Taylor and his partner Chloe Hannah who became engaged over the Christmas break. We wish them both a long and happy future together.

Sue Wakeford was admitted to hospital again but is now out and making a gentle recovery at home. We hope to welcome her back later in the year.

Mindfulness

The first mindfulness sessions took place this week. Sandrine Cranswick worked with Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Class staff participated in each of the sessions which will run throughout the term. Tickets for the Midhurst & Petworth Rotary race night, which will hopefully raise the remainder of the funding for this initiative, will be available soon.

Meet the Teacher

The class "Meet the Teacher" power point presentations will be sent to you via the Teachers2Parents communication system and will also be loaded on the relevant class pages on Moodle.

Gardening SOS

Easebourne Primary School has an up and coming garden space. Our fundamental ethos is to garden organically using a holistic approach which gives children learning opportunities which inspire them to learn where our food comes from and how it is grown, and also to taste many different varieties of fruit and vegetables.

Last year was a wonderful success and it was a joy to watch the garden start to develop, but in order for it to continue to grow, we need your help. I am asking if anyone would like to get involved as a volunteer, donating any time you have, no matter how big or small. Anyone who has knowledge, skills and experience in gardening that they wish to share are all warmly welcomed. However you don't need to be Alan Titchmarsh or Monty Don. We are looking for people from any gardening background or with none at all. Physical constraints needn't be a barrier either as we can cater for your individual needs. There will be a mixture of light gardening sessions which involve helping to supervise the children in small group sessions, as they learn how to sow seed, plant, water and harvest as well as the more physically demanding sessions which involve a small amount of soil preparation, care and maintenance of our garden composter and making small growing props and general weeding and upkeep etc. This year I would like to introduce fun and humour into my sessions by decorating our own plant pots and planting labels.

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved with then please get in touch with me at Easebourne Primary School or you can speak to the churchwardens at Easebourne Parish Church - both Alison and Rodger will be able to help.

Many thanks

Karen Bellamy
Easebourne School Garden Volunteer

Clubs

Clubs for this term start Monday, 14th January. A list of clubs is displayed in the window of the front office. Some clubs are oversubscribed and a waiting list will be in operation. If your child fails to attend a club on a regular basis, their place will be offered to a child on the waiting-list. Please send in any outstanding fees next week before clubs start.

How Clubs Are Allocated

We understand that there has been some upset, especially in KS1, over the allocation of clubs this term. We would like to reassure you that we spend a lot of time and make every effort to provide as many club options as possible. Not all members of staff can be expected to run a club on top of their other responsibilities and we think that we do offer more clubs than most other schools. There is no charge for staff-run clubs. We have to charge for clubs where external providers are used but even this is sometimes subsidised.

We also try to be as fair as possible when allocating clubs. In previous years, we allocated places on a first come, first served basis. Currently, we number each request as it is received and then on the closing date we go through each one, allocating first options as far as possible. If we run out of places, we then ensure that the second options are met. Having run through all the requests once, we then start at the beginning and repeat the process.

Of course, some clubs are extremely popular and fill up quickly, especially if there are limited places. These are normally very hands-on clubs such as cooking and craft where a lot of supervision is required. Cookery is also limited by the size of the kitchen and the equipment available. For other clubs we do, as you know, put out requests for parental help but this is often unsuccessful.

Next term, we will endeavour to allocate cookery slots to those children who are on this term's waiting list and who put this down again as their first option. As already noted on the forms, it is imperative that you list options in order of preference.

If you can think of a better system to ensure fairness, please let us know.

Second Cookery Club Possibility

In the meantime, we could try to offer more cookery slots each term, using another day when the kitchen is not in use. If we could gather a 'cookery team' of parents/carers together, then they could, between them staff each week with a pair of volunteers. If there was a good response, we could ensure that all volunteers were DBS-checked in time to offer an additional cookery club for next term. If you think you might be interested, please contact the office staff.

Tea with Mr C

Mr Culley will be available, if you would like to join him, on Tuesday, 22nd January from 2.30-3.15pm, for an informal chat and a cup of tea. There will probably also be biscuits!

Debate Club

On Friday, 18th January, we will be holding our first Debate Club of this term for KS2. This will run after school from 3.15-4.15pm. The motion will be debated by older KS2 children. Debate thrives on an audience and we would very much welcome any adults and children who would like to watch, listen and vote. Questions from the floor are also very helpful in giving the children a sense of what a debate can be like. You can see what the children will be debating from the motions below.

- **18th January** **This House believes that every child should have a pet.**
- **1st February** **This House believes that books are better than television.**
- **15th March** **This House believes that it is better to live in the countryside.**

Parent Consultation Evening

We have arranged two consultation evenings where you can discuss your child's progress with his/her class teacher. They will be on:

Monday, 4th February – 2.45-6.30pm and Thursday, 7th February - 2.45-6.00pm.

We are continuing to trial an earlier start time so consultations will start when the children attend assembly with their T/A's.

Mrs Cafferty, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, will also be available on the Thursday and if you would normally meet with her you can request a joint meeting with Mrs Cafferty and your child's class teacher by adding a note to your booking.

On Tuesday, 22nd January, you should receive a link to your mobile phone or email address which takes you to our online booking system to select a time convenient to you. If you did not receive this, or need help booking an appointment, please contact the school office.

Amendments to Diary Dates

There will be two SendCo Drop-in sessions on Thursday 24th January and Thursday 7th March from 8.45-9.30am. Parents are invited to come in to talk with our SendCo, Annie Cafferty, if they have any concerns.

The date for the Year 3 Rother Valley "All Sing" has changed from 26th February to Tuesday 12th February in the morning.

Catch-up Flu Clinics

If your child missed their flu nasal vaccination and you would still like them to receive it, then please see the list of available clinics offering this opportunity displayed on the foyer noticeboard.

House Charity Fundraising

Yellow House presents "Dancemania" in support of the Dogs Trust. Don't miss the best gig in Easebourne, party to some of the greatest tunes and have fun learning some of the latest dances. Friday, 8th February, 3.15 – 4.30pm. Tickets costing £1.50 must be bought in advance and include a glow band. Please ensure your child brings their water bottle. **Closing date - Wednesday 6th February.**

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Total From Autumn Term	162	177	166	139
Christmas Reading Challenge	26	25	24	23
Week 1 and 2 House Points	1	3	2	4
Total	189	205	192	166

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Happy New Year from everyone on the PTFA Committee.

We'd like to invite all Parents, Carers, Teachers, TA's, School Staff and family members to the PTFA's Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Thursday 24th January at 8pm in the School Conference Room. The AGM will be followed by our first PTFA Meeting of the year at around 8.30pm. Wine and nibbles will be available!! At the AGM we will review last year's events, look at the treasurer's report and elect key committee members for the year.

It would be great to see as many of you as possible. As a Parent, Carer, Teacher, TA or friend of the school, you are all members of the PTFA. This is your opportunity to see what we do, and if you wish, get involved in fundraising for our amazing school. New ideas are always welcome and the more volunteers we have the more funding we can raise.

Dates for your Diary

- * Thursday 24th January AGM & normal PTFA Meeting, 8pm in the Conference Room at Easebourne.
- * Friday 8th March, Children's Film Night, 3.15pm-5.30pm (exact times to be confirmed)
- * Friday 22nd March from 7pm, Race Night in aid of the Easebourne Primary School Mindfulness Project at the Midhurst Memorial Hall (more details to follow soon)
- * Thursday April 4th, Easter Egg Hunt to take place during the school day.

COMMUNITY NEWS



EASEBOURNE
Parish Council

Easebourne Park - We want your views.

We would appreciate your feedback on the new park and your thoughts about what you would like to see added in the next development phase. Please fill in the form available from the school Reception or the one delivered to your door and drop it in to one of the Parish Council boxes

in the village shop, the village schools or St Mary's Church. Alternatively, complete the questionnaire electronically via www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/23YK8NJ. The survey is open until 31 January. Please do complete a survey form, paper or electronically, and help the Parish Council reflect what you believe the next stage of development of the park should look like.



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