



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29th March 2019

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 1 st April	Fantastic Finish – Hedgehogs and Squirrels	2.00
Tuesday 2 nd April	Fantastic Finish – Foxes and Otters	1.45
Wednesday 3 rd April	Badgers visit to Iron Hill	9.00-3.00
Thursday 4 th April	Easter Service at St. Mary's Church (School only) PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	11.00
Friday 5 th April	Dragonflies Stay and Play Rabbits Class Ukulele Concert Last Day of Term	8.40-10.00 9.45
Tuesday 23 rd April	First Day of Term	

A Word from the Head Performance! Performance!

It has been a hectic time for performance at Easebourne. Our VIAM singers travelled to London to perform at Wembley, Rabbits and Badgers pulled off a tremendous run of performances of 'The Zany Zoo!' and our dancers performed at the Rother Valley Arts Festival at Midhurst Rother College. For any children involved in more than one of these, it has been a gruelling period and they have done very well to remain so focused at school. Thanks must go to the Yr 3/4 staffing team that pulled off such an enjoyable production. Spare a thought, though, for any member of staff involved in all three of these performances, especially if that member of staff has been absolutely key in their success! We really do owe Katie Stevens a huge debt of gratitude for her organisation, time, effort and positivity in ensuring that these events were such successes and so enjoyed by the children.

Easebourne Parish Design Statement

Earlier today, I met with a member of the committee co-ordinating the Easebourne Parish Design Statement which will be produced in the autumn. Encouragingly, this committee would very much like the school's involvement and below is a heads-up on the first two ways in which our children might be involved, starting right now.

- **Design a Logo!**

Firstly, the committee members very much want a strong logo for the initiative and are inviting our children to come up with circular designs from which they will choose one to use as their profile logo. This logo will be used in various ways to badge the initiative, including on its Instagram page so it needs to be clear, upbeat and easily understood. I suspect that a bold use of colour will also be important. We have been given until **3rd May** to collect children's designs and the committee members will hopefully find one that will be suitable to use. The successful artist will probably feature in a publicity photograph and will be able to see their art used in various ways. A template is attached to help children with their designs but the key thing to remember is that it needs to be circular! So get designing!!

- **Submit Photographs to their Instagram Page**

An Instagram page (#LoveEasebourne) has just been launched and the committee would love to see it fill up with positive images of Easebourne. It's so new that there was only one image on it when I was shown the page today but there are plans to change that very quickly. #LoveEasebourne wants our children (and parents, carers, grandparents, etc) to submit positive photographs of aspects of Easebourne so that this page can become a colourful and comprehensive record of what a special place Easebourne is.

Mindfulness Evaluation Form for Parents

As we near the end of a term's mindfulness input for Years 2 – 6 and a selection of staff, it would be very valuable to know parents' thoughts on this initiative. To this end, Sandrine has produced a short evaluation form (see attached). We would be very grateful if parents could take the time to respond and return their completed forms either by email or by a paper copy.

Staff News

Next term, we will welcome Richard Parr to the school as our new premises manager.

Parking

As you know we try to mention parking issues as they occur to encourage thoughtful driving behaviour.

Earlier this week, the drop-off zone was cordoned off to allow for a coach to park that was taking some of our children out on a trip. Unfortunately, though, some parents chose to park behind the cordoned off section which resulted in a row of parked cars backing up down the hill and parking across the zebra crossing, preventing pedestrians and children from crossing safely. As well as being extremely dangerous to our pupils and other road users, it is illegal to park on a zebra crossing.

Increasingly, some parents are also choosing to park in the staff car park across the staff cars preventing members of staff from getting out of the car park and sometimes blocking the access for our neighbours who live in the houses behind our car park.

Although our car park looks big enough, it simply isn't! With the fine weather, please could parents consider alternatives to parking on the school site? Parking off-site and walking, organizing car shares, and walking, scooting or cycling all help to reduce the congestion experienced in the car park.

TIGHT WRITE 03

Congratulations to all those children who entered Tight Write 03. This time round, there were 23 entries with some still to come in, which was fantastic, especially as I hope that all entries will be collected into a book which will be steadily updated and available both online and in the library. I simply couldn't whittle it down to five this time and, in the end, chose seven winners. I need to become more disciplined about this and have resolved to ensure that there will only be five from now on! I hope you will agree that the winning entries (reproduced below) are really entertaining and all very different indeed.



The Floating House

An old house floats like a kite in the sky, instead of a ribbon, washing flutters in the wind. The windows are tired, the doors are broken. A house with a story to tell, the clouds are grey and fluffy. The house sits high in the sky with happy thoughts.

By Max, Year 1



The Magical Window

If you open the magical window you can fly out into the sky. You can see the clouds crying and the sun is hot. The adults sweep away the cobwebs so the children can sleep in the attic. Twenty boys are holding the string. The tiniest piece of wind dries the magical clothes.

By Oscar BdH, Year 1



One day I looked out of my bedroom window and there was a flying house outside. It had some washing underneath it! There was a rope hanging down its side. There was also washing over the windows! The house had a giant oval window. Suddenly, I saw eyes peering out.

By Henry, Year 3



I saw the flying building, with all its peculiar shaped windows, hovering above my head. Suddenly, as if by magic, a giraffe poked his head out of a small window. Then an elephant thrust his trunk out of the largest window. The house was an enormous, flying animal hotel!

By Tabitha, Year 4



Circus School

This is my floating house, tethered to the highest point of the Circus School big top below. I regularly practise my tightrope skills whilst hanging out the washing. My most thrilling activity is my journey to school as I drop from the front doorstep onto a trampoline fifteen metres below...

By Roberta, Year 5



The Haunted House

A blood-curdling scream echoed from the haunted house, as the witch was drawn into her enchanted mirror. For a million years the house was forgotten, hovering like a ghost.

Wandering too close to the house, a new girl from the village was sucked up and... whoosh, the witch was back...
By Phebe, Year 5



In the warm dawn air floats a house. The house, that looks like it hasn't been used in ages, has a massive, oval window which looks like an eye peeping out. Tops, jeans, shorts and skirts hang down like jagged teeth. Who do you think lives in that unconventional house?

By Toby, Year 6



TIGHT WRITE 04

This is the image for Tight Write 04. Remember, the challenge for your child is to write about the image **in no more than 50 words**. This is about quality over quantity - slowing down and taking the time to get it right. A separate image should be attached to this e-mail if you want to print it off. Children of all ages are welcome to enter their writing.

Named entries need to reach Mr Culley by Thursday, 25th April at the latest.

Fantastic Finish

Hedgehogs

The Fantastic Finish for Hedgehogs Class is on Monday 1st April. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite fairytale character. Parents are invited to join the classes at 2pm for a picnic and some games. Please bring a small picnic to share with your child.

Squirrels

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 1st April for our Fantastic Finish beginning at 2pm. Our theme this term has been 'The Titanic' so we would like you to support your child in making a fantastic, unsinkable boat. Please bring in the boat design and resources ie cartons, lolly sticks, straws etc. on the day as we will be testing their water capability!

Foxes and Otters

Foxes and Otters Classes are having their Fantastic Finish on Tuesday 2nd April at 1.45pm. It would help us considerably if you could send in any old newspapers on the day as the children will be taking part in a paper mache project.

Easter Service at St. Mary's Church (School only)

On Thursday 4th April the whole school will walk to St Mary's Church for our Easter Service. Please make sure your child has a coat in school. If any parents or grandparents are available to help escort the children down to church, please let the class teacher or office know.

Ukulele Concert

The Parents/Carers of children in Rabbits Class are invited to watch the pupils performing on Friday 5th April from 9.45 – 10.30 in the Music Suite. The children and their West Sussex Music Service teacher, Chris Eaton, are very much looking forward to showing you what they have achieved so far and hope that you are able to attend.

Dragonflies Stay and Play

Parents/Carers with children in Dragonflies Class are invited to a Stay and Play session on Friday 5th April from 8.40-10.00am.

Clubs

Thank you for returning your club forms. Please check club memberships, which will be displayed during the first week of the new term in the office window and by the rear canopy doors, as there will be a waiting list in operation for some clubs. Please note cheques will not be banked until **after** the Easter break.

Class Photographs

Class photographs take place on Thursday 2nd 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.

Year 5 Bikeability

During the week beginning Monday 13th May we will be trialling Bikeability for Year 5. Bikeability is designed to help give children the skills and confidence to ride on today's roads. Over the Easter break it may be a good idea to check the condition of your child's bike, including tyre pressure and brakes. Your child will also need a correctly fitting cycle helmet.

French Links

We are very excited to be developing a link between Easebourne Primary School and a French school in a village called Yvias, in Brittany. Mrs Sue Barrett who lives in Easebourne has a house in Yvias and she has been helping the school children to learn English over the last year. Offers Class have already written to the school children and have received letters back. Next term we would like to involve the rest of the school in a project called 'I spy...'. We would like children and parents to take a photograph or two over the Easter holidays of something typical of Easebourne, Sussex or England. It could be a post-box, a road sign, a shop front or an English pub! Alternatively, it could be a typical English meal or a stile in the local Sussex countryside..... You can choose your subject, but it must be a photo that you are happy to be included in a small booklet and sent to France. Digital photographs would be preferred so that we don't lose resolution when they are scanned but do send your child back in with a printed copy after the holidays if you can, as we will work on writing captions in our French classes. We hope this will give the French children an idea about our lives in West Sussex. Meanwhile, Mrs Barrett will be playing 'I spy..' with her camera in Yvias, so that the children in our school can learn more about life in France.

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
Week 3 House Points	1	4	2	3
Week 4 House Points	3	1	3	4
Week 5 House Points	1	2	3	4
Week 6 House Points	1	3	2	4
Week 7 House Points	2	4	1	3
Week 8 House Points	2	4	1	4
Spring Half Term Reading	31	33	32	33
Week 9 House Points	2	2	3	4
Week 10 House Points	4	4	1	4
Week 11 House Points	1	2	3	4
Week 12 House Points	1	2	4	3
Fair Trade House Competition	12	14	21	18
Total	250	280	268	254

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual PTFA Easter Egg Hunt is next Thursday 4th April throughout the school day. Thank you to everyone who has donated Easter Eggs so far for the children. If you haven't had a chance to bring some eggs in, don't panic, you can drop them into the school office by the end of the day on Monday 1st April. The Easter Egg Hunt is prepared & run for each year group from Year R right through to Year 6. I would be really grateful for any help during the day even if it's for just part of the day, it really needs at least 3 adults, as we need to turn each class around quickly. If you would like to help please let the school office know.

All the children will go home at the end of the school day with a chocolate egg. Any children with allergies that the school are aware of will receive an alternative Easter Gift. If you have a child that is not able to eat chocolate and the school doesn't know about it, please could you let us know, so we have enough alternative gifts to go around.

Quiz Night - Last year's quiz was great fun, therefore we are repeating it again this year (although Mr Culley won't be setting the questions this time around!!!) so get your team-mates together for an evening of quizzing, eating and liquid refreshment. Friday 3rd May at 7pm. Maximum of 8 people per team, £15 per team or £2 per person if you'd like to come along and join a team on the night. This is a bring your own food and drink adult social event which we anticipate to be finished by 10pm. There will be a raffle, so be sure to bring a few extra £s. Team forms will be available in due course.

Happy School Bag Collection - Will be on Friday 17th June, so plenty of time to start collecting your old clothes, shoes, bags, belts, DVD's, bed linen (NOT duvets, pillows, cushions), soft toys etc. over the Easter holidays and May half term. Collection bags will be sent home nearer the time and your donations can be dropped off at school **AFTER** May half term please.

Summer Fair - Will be on Saturday 29th June, 1pm - 4pm. We are inviting outside stall holders, so anyone wishing to have a stall, please let Janet Lambert know either via the school office or PTFA facebook page. £12 per table.

Dates for your Diary

- * Easter Egg Hunt, Thursday 4th April to take place during the school day
- * PTFA Meeting Friday 3rd May at 3.30pm in the conference room
- * Quiz Night, Friday 3rd May at Easebourne Primary School from 7pm
- * Children's Film Night, Friday 17th May at 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- * Sponsored WalkJogRun, Friday 7th June (times tbc)
- * Happy School Bag Collection, Friday 17th June
- * Summer Fair, Saturday 29th June
- * Fairies & Scaries, Friday 18th October
- * Christmas Fair, Friday 29th November



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Easter at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th and
Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th April

8.30am-4.30pm

£16.00 per half day

Children aged from 2-11 years

Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place

Please note if you wish to book your child into a breakfast club or after school provision this must be booked in advance in order to ensure we can adhere to the correct child/staff ratio.

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Midhurst Rother College Community Day Saturday 27 April 2019

**Come and join
the Fun:**

Molly Moocow

Climbing Wall

Runabouts

Petworth Town Band

Giant Creepy Crawlies

Lifestyle & Fitness Activities

Delicious Food & Drink

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Exciting stalls
and activities
for all the family...



10am-2pm



FREE ENTRY - THERE MAY BE A SMALL CHARGE FOR SOME ACTIVITIES