



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

## Dates for the next 2 weeks

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Service @ St. Mary's Church – KS1 and KS2 only Foxes Visit to Chichester Festival Theatre – The Butterfly Lion	<b>10.30</b> <b>am</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Hedgehogs Class Visit to Wizzbits Toyshop Year 6 Interfaith Morning	<b>am</b> <b>am</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children In Need Poetry Recitation Celebration Assembly PTFA Film Night	<b>2.30-3.15</b> <b>3.15-5.30</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Maths Mastery Experience for Parents – Hedgehogs and Squirrels Class	<b>9.00-10.30</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Maths Workshop for Parents – Dragonflies Class	<b>9.00-10.00</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Tops for Tombola (Non Uniform in exchange for a Tombola gift) Book Club (Years 4-6)	<b>3.15-4.15</b>

## A Word from the Head

Well done to our massive choir and their leader, Katie Stevens, at this week's Rotary Music Festival. Our children sang their hearts out with 'Higher and Higher' but it was their second song, 'Stereo Hearts,' that brought the house down. Great effort, everybody – can't wait to hear them again!



Fairies and Scaries might seem like a distant memory but does anybody remember seeing, amongst the many fabulous costumes on the night, these two shady looking characters?!

Yesterday, in our collective worship, Derek talked about saints and brought in a couple of living saints, Pam and Liz. Pam and Liz are local members of the congregation at St Mary's and, between them, had recently knitted almost 50 soft toys to be sold for charity. These were sold at Sunday's service and raised over £200. Pam and Liz have been asked whether they would be interested in running a knitting club after school next term and have not said no! So watch this space.



Today, we were visited by Andrew Melville and Ian Goodall from the Midhurst and Petworth Rotary. They came to see the eight Chromebooks in use that the Rotary Club has generously funded for the school. These machines will access the internet quickly, enabling

children to use search engines for reference and to access key programmes such as Accelerated Reader and Times Tables Rockstars, all without slowing down access for the children who are using the school's netbooks. They will be a very valuable addition to the school and we are very grateful to Rotary for their generosity.

### Staff News

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Annie Cafferty will be leaving the school at the end of this term. Originally, Annie came for a term, when we needed a SENCo at short notice, but was persuaded to stay for a further year! During that time, Annie has worked extremely hard to support teaching and learning at the school, especially for our children with learning needs and we will be very sorry to see her go. In January, we will welcome Gemma Ralph as our new SENCo.

### Poetry Recitation

This year, 113 children learnt a poem to recite – almost half of the children at the school and recitations went well into the lunch break because of the numbers. We welcomed new judge, Tessa, to join stalwarts, Jo and Geoff. This year, the staff had chosen some of the poems and this meant that there were some very challenging ones in the mix. It was good to see that some of our children rose to the challenge and chose demanding poems to learn.

		<b>Recitation</b>
<b>YR (Dragonflies)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-Up Highly Commended	<b>Abbey</b> Alfie W Olivia
<b>Y1 (Hedgehogs)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-Up Highly Commended	<b>Ethan</b> Luke Cobi
<b>Y2 (Squirrels)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-Up Highly Commended Highly Commended	<b>Poppy H</b> Dylan Alex Tula
<b>Y3 (Rabbits)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-Up Highly Commended	<b>Nellie</b> Harrison Alisha
<b>Y4 (Badgers)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-Up Highly Commended	<b>Elinor</b> Ruby Ollie
<b>Y5 (Foxes)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-Up	<b>Ava</b> Tabitha
<b>Y6 (Otters)</b>	<b>Winner</b> Runner-Up Highly Commended	<b>Izzy</b> Lucy Roberta

The overall KS1 Winner was Poppy H (Y2), the overall Lower KS2 Winner was Nellie and the Upper KS2 Winner was Izzy. The winner of the competition, overall, was Nellie. Congratulations to all who took part and our thanks to parents for supporting the learning at home.

Finally, this year, we plan to take our poetry recitation a stage further and I will be inviting KS2 children (Y3-6) from the winners, runners-up and those children who were highly commended above to enter the national 'Off by Heart' competition which has been opened up to younger children this year. I very much hope that some children will be up for this additional challenge. Our three judges hope to return to help to support the children with this.

### Poetry Recitation Celebration Assembly

Please note, winners of the Poetry Competition will have the opportunity to recite their poems at the Celebration Assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. Parents of the winners and runners up will be invited to join us for the assembly next week. Thank you to parents for helping your children learn a poem for today's recitation competition. If children are planning to recite their poems, they need to keep them ticking over between now and next Friday!

### Book People's Big Book Boost

We know there are lots of places to buy books but we also know that 'Book People' is a very popular online outlet which sells books at an affordable price. Now, Book People have introduced a way in which the school can gain from every online purchase made by a friend of the school at Book People. There are no catches – books you buy simply help us buy books for the school. It really is a WIN-WIN!

Please consider taking the time to sign up to this as this will help us keep our library stock topped up as well as provide class teachers with books to support teaching in class.



*Here's something worth reading for your school...*

Welcome to **Big Book Boost** – a brand new and really easy fundraising scheme for your school to earn money for your students to get their hands on, and heads into, even more great books.

Now every time one of your parents, their families, a friend of the school or even an ex-student places an online order with us over £10, **we'll donate £1 to YOUR school** to spend on books.

**Big Book Boost launches this September!** All you need to do is ensure your school has an account with us and is registered for Big Book Boost below, then spread the word with the help of our starter pack which we will send to you automatically.



## TIGHT WRITE 15

Congratulations to Marcus, Elizabeth, Scarlett F and Megan for their winning entries for Tight Write 15.



### Remembrance Service @ St. Mary's Church – KS1 and KS2

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the school, with the exception of Dragonflies Class and Foxes Class who are on a trip, will be walking to St.

Mary's Church to take part in a ceremony to honour and remember those who have died in service to their country since the end of the First World War. We will leave school at 10.15am to arrive for 10.30am and be back in time for lunch. Please make sure your child has a coat in school.

We would be very grateful for any help to walk the children to and from church. Those children who belong to the Guiding or Scouting family are welcome to wear their uniform to school.

### Anti-Bullying Week (wb 11<sup>th</sup> November)



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and we want to mark this by joining in with the Anti-Bullying Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. We are not treating this as a fundraiser, simply a graphic way for the children (and staff) to join together to show that bullying is not okay at Easebourne Primary School by wearing odd socks. It stands to reason that children might want to make this message clear by wearing eye-catching and possibly clashing socks!

### Children In Need

Children in Need is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This year the theme is 'Let's Do Good and Feel Good Together'. The children will be able to come to school wearing home clothes, preferably something spotty and their Pudsey ears for a donation of £1.00.



### Maths Mastery Experience for Parents – Hedgehogs and Squirrels Class

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November parents of children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels Classes are invited to come in after drop-off to join their child/children for a Maths Mastery lesson. This will give parents the opportunity to experience our new approach to teaching maths. There will be input from the class teacher, followed by an activity. The children will then go to assembly. This time is used for the teacher to assess which children have understood the concept and which children may need further support. When the children return they will continue with the lesson and additional input will be provided where necessary. We hope that this will give you some insight into how Maths Mastery works.

## TIGHT WRITE 16



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

Named entries to Mr Culley  
by Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at the latest  
**Prizes to be won!**

## Maths Workshop for Parents - Dragonflies Class

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November parents of children in Dragonflies Class are invited to stay after drop-off for a Maths workshop from 9.00-10.00am. This will give you the opportunity to understand how to support your child at home.

## KS2 Debate

Our first debate of this year will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Scholastic Book Club

This term's Scholastic Book Club is up and running and your child should bring home the latest catalogue today. For every £1 you spend on books, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards to purchase books for our school library. The deadline for orders is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## Christmas Lunch

Once again, the whole school will enjoy Christmas lunch together on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Chartwells will be supplying the meal and there will be no charge to parents as school will cover the cost and supply crackers.

If your child 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. You will still need to sign up even if you have a child in Year R-Year 2 who have Universal Infant Free School Meals or are entitled to Free School Meals. For those who order a meal through the Chartwells website this date should be blocked out. If you have any queries please speak to a member of the office staff.

## Chartwells New Menu

This week, children in KS1 should have brought home a new menu. Unfortunately, we were sent the wrong one and we will reissue when a replacement arrives. The correct menu can be found on our website under parent information.

## Procedures in the event of school closure due to inclement weather



The decision to close the school in the event of inclement weather is not taken lightly and is based on the safety of both pupils and staff, some of whom have to travel quite a considerable distance.

Should we have to close at any point during the winter months, we will endeavour to make a decision by 7.30am and the closure will be posted on the school's website at: <http://www.easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk> Closures will also be posted on the West Sussex County Council website at: <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk> we will also send a text message to parents.

There may be circumstances when the decision is taken to close during the school day due to rapidly changing weather conditions. In these cases parents will be sent a text message. A member of staff will remain at the school with the children until the last child has been collected.

Given that information about school closure is communicated by text please ensure that you inform the school office of any changes to your number. If the school is open and your child is unable to get in, please notify the office by 9.00am leaving a message on the absence line. After-school clubs will be cancelled if the weather conditions are poor. Children should wear appropriate clothing for the conditions, including waterproof footwear to go out to play i.e. wellington or snow boots and a change of footwear for class. A coat, hat, a pair of gloves and a change of socks would also be advisable.

# House Update

## Yellow House

The charity Yellow House will be supporting this year is the RSPCA. They rescue animals from bad situations and provide vets to nurse them back to health. Usually, when the animals are well again you can then adopt them from different centres.

Our new house name is Yellow Marshmallow's which is such a coincidence as our chant on sports days is 'yellows, yellows eat marshmallows' By Ellie - Yellow House Captain and Jacob – Vice-House Captain

## Blue House

Blue House have decided that their charity this year is Macmillan. They help people with cancer by supporting them through their long-term care.

Our house name is the Blue Bears because we held a vote and members of Blue House chose it over blue penguins and blue panthers. By Martha – Blue House Captain

## Green House

This year's Green House Captain is William and the Vice-Captain is Ryan. We have chosen our house name, which is Green Geckos. Our house charity is 'The Blue Cross' which helps pets in need.

## Red House

Red House have been named (by vote) The Red Dragons! Another vote was held a few days later to decide our new charity: the Elizabeth Foundation! If you don't know what they do, read on!

They provide a wide range of services to offer deaf children the best possible start in life from birth to five years.

They help young deaf children learn to listen and talk.

They are the UK's largest single provider of education services for babies and preschool children with hearing loss.

They provide Ofsted 'Outstanding' nursery services at their Family Centre in Hampshire and online support through their innovative Let's Listen and Talk programme.

By House Captain Phebe and Vice-Captain Rhys

	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
Total	77	54	67	60

# EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

## Fairies and Scaries Update

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped out at this event. We raised an amazing profit of £1,566 for our school. This money will be spent on Forest School, books and additional equipment to enhance our school facilities and children's learning.

From Ruth and Lynn

## Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 5.30pm-8.00pm. This event needs lots of volunteers to help run it, so if you can help beforehand, during or cleaning up afterwards please let Ruth James, Jo Purser or the lovely ladies in the office know asap. A list will go up in reception of stalls that need helpers. If you can help please write your name next to a stall. **We are looking for a group of people to run Santa's Grotto, if anyone is interested please let us know asap. If we can't get enough volunteers then we won't be able to run the grotto this year.**

## Film Night

Film Night is next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 3.15pm-5.30pm. The film this time is 'Smallfoot' rated (U) Universal. This event is for all children at Easebourne Primary School, Reception Class through to Year 6 only. Unfortunately, we do not have the adult-child ratio to include children from nursery, however if you would like to help on the day and have a younger sibling they are more than welcome to come with you but they will be your responsibility throughout.

Tickets will go on sale next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November costing £2.50 per child, the price includes a bag of popcorn and a bottle of fruit drink or water. **Please note tickets will not be on sale after 4.15pm on Thursday, this is so we have a more accurate idea of how many children we have and have the correct adult child ratio for supervision.** Please pop a signed form along with the money in a named envelope and post in the box located in the school reception. Children will already be in home clothes due to Children In Need but they can still bring in pillows, blankets, beanbags etc... but bear in mind they need to be able to carry what they bring.

As with all events, we need volunteers for it to go ahead. If you are able to help beforehand, during the film and cleaning up afterwards, please contact the school office on 01730 813266, on Facebook 'Easebourne Primary School PTFA' or Ruth James or Jo Purser by email on [pta@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk).

Many thanks for your continued support.

Jo