

EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th October, 2019

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 21st October	Badgers Class to Petworth House	9.00-3.00
Tuesday 22 nd October	Individual Photos	am
Wednesday 23 rd October	Meet the Teacher and Tapestry Introduction for Parents – Dragonflies	2.30-3.00
Thursday 24 th October	Harvest Festival @ St. Mary's Church (school only)	11.00
Friday 25 th October	Inset Day	
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term	
Tuesday 5 th November	Foxes and Otters Classes Space Workshop	am
Wednesday 6 th November	Rotary Music Festival	7.00
Thursday 7 th November	Reading and Phonics Introduction for Parents – Dragonflies, Hedgehogs and Squirrels Classes Forest School starts for Foxes Class	3.30 am/pm
Friday 8th November	Poetry Recitation Competition with Celebration Assembly	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

A Word from the Head

Poetry Recitation

The poetry recitation competition will take place on the morning of Friday, 8th November. The poems have been sent out to parents but you can also find the poems on the website under Parent Information. Please do help your child by listening and prompting as they work to master their chosen poem - we hope that more children than ever will enter this year.

Mindfulness

Last Thursday, Easebourne Primary School participated in the #SchoolsSitTogether to celebrate World Mental Health Day. Sandrine Cranswick, our mindfulness teacher, led practices for 10 minutes with pupils from Years 3 to 6. The children practised:

- FOFBOC to bring the puppy mind back to the body and the present moment
- Noticing and naming how our body feels and how our mind feels non-judgmentally
- The Finger Breathing or Petal Practices, according to preference

#SchoolsSitTogether is a national event organised by MISP (Mindfulness in Schools Project). You can find out more at the Mindfulness in Schools website which mentions Sandrine's visit:

 $\underline{https://mindfulnessinschools.org/schools-sit-together-for-world-mental-health-day-2019/.}$

TIGHT WRITE

Congratulations to Dylan and Scarlett (Y2), Elizabeth (Y4), Seb (Y5) and Roberta and Eloise (Y6) on winning a tiny prize in Tight Write 14. Tight Write 15 is a departure; we are using a work of art by the artist Pieter Bruegel the Elder. The deadline is Thursday, 14th November.



Individual School Photos

The school photographer is due in school on Tuesday 22nd October to take individual photographs of all our children, including those attending Early Days Nursery. Please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper/cardigan. Siblings within the school will automatically be photographed together but if you would like a family photograph with younger siblings, please let the office know. These photographs are taken at the very beginning of the day, from 8.15am, so it is essential you arrive promptly.

Tapestry Meeting for Parents of Children in Dragonflies Class – Wednesday 23rd October 2.30pm

Please come to this important meeting where you will be able to collect your password which will enable you to view your child's own online learning journal. If you are unable to make this time, please let us know as passwords will expire.

Harvest Festival (School Service)

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Thursday 24th October at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church. Please make sure your child has a coat in school as we will be walking to the church. If any parents are available to help walk the children down to the service please let the class teacher or office know.

Reading and Phonics Introduction for Parents – Reception and KS1

On Thursday 7th November at 3.30pm parents of children in Dragonflies, Hedgehogs and Squirrels Classes are invited to an introduction to reading and phonics. Come along and find out how to assist your child at home.



Children In Need

Children in Need is on Friday 15^{th} 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 easrs for a donation of £1.00.

Starting Secondary School September 2020

A reminder that the deadline for applications for secondary school transfer is Thursday 31st October 2019.

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
Total	71	48	62	56



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Half Term at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st
October

8.30am-4.30pm

£16.00 per morning/afternoon, £32.00 per full 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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EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

PTFA Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came along to our last PTFA meeting. It was great to catch up and see some new faces, especially as we are now well into the new term. We discussed with Mr Culley about what the school would like us to help with and have agreed to provide Forest School with some brand new equipment and update some of the old equipment to support our Forest School Leader, Lucy. We will continue to fund one of the minibuses. We will also finance a performance by the Open Box Theatre Group to the whole school and a trip for Dragonflies to see 'The Gruffalo' in December at Chichester Festival Theatre.

The above, are just a few examples of what our fundraising efforts go towards and what facilities and events our children would miss out on if not for the support of the PTFA.

We would like to welcome Ruth James and Jo Purser as joint (co)chair, if you have any questions, queries or would like to chat to them, please email pta@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk. If anyone would like to be Secretary of the PTFA or would be keen to share the role, please email using the above address. The Secretary of the PTFA needs to be able to take minutes at the PTFA meetings, type them up and print out some copies for parents to read. You can use a computer at school and the photocopier if necessary. You would also need to write a piece for the school newsletter every other week and assist the Chairpersons/Treasurer when needed. Support will be provided.

MRC Fireworks

We have been invited by MRC Parents to have a stall at the MRC Fireworks Night on Friday 8th November, gates open at 6pm. We will be selling sweets, chocolate, crisps and some healthy alternatives too. All the money we raise will go towards our school. Please come and visit us on the night and purchase some treats to eat whilst watching the display. As we can never rely on the weather in our beautiful country, we will need to use a pop up gazebo. If anyone has one that we could borrow for the evening, that would be great, if it has a back and sides to it that would be even better, please let the school office know.

Christmas Fair

Dare I mention the word 'Christmas' and have people still talk to me!! I know it's only October but events like these take a lot of preparation. This year's Christmas Fair is on Friday 29th November from 5.30pm-8.00pm. There is a flier going out in bookbags today to give you a little insight into the evening's festivities. This event needs lots of volunteers to help it run smoothly, if you can lend a hand before, during or with the 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 require helpers, please write your name next to the appropriate stall if you can offer assistance.

Film Night

The next Film Night will be held on Friday 15th November 3.15pm-5.30pm. This event is for all children attending Easebourne Primary School in Reception Class through to Year 6. 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 be on sale from Monday 11th November at £2.50 per child, the price includes a bag of popcorn and a bottle of fruit drink or water. Please pop a signed form, along with the appropriate money, in a named envelope into the post box at the school office. Children are welcome to bring in pillows, blankets, beanbags etc....but bear in mind they need to be able to carry what they bring. As this events coincides with "Children in Need" day, our pupils should already be wearing comfortable home clothes, so please do not include a onesie as we advise against them as the hall gets very hot. The film on this occasion is 'Smallfoot' rated (U) Universal. With any event we will need volunteers to help beforehand, during the film and cleaning up afterwards. If you are able to help in any way 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. Many thanks for your continued support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

