

# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24th January 2020

#### Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Badgers Class Trip to Mary Rose Museum, Portsmouth	8.40-3.00
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Running Competition at St. Ives (Team from Year 2)	tbc
Friday 31st January	Cross Country at MRC (Team from KS2)	2.00-3.30
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Box Theatre Performance for Whole School Debate Club (KS2)	3.15-4.15

#### A word from the Head

#### **Staff News**

Parents may remember that Tanya Payne is due to go off shortly on maternity leave. We are very pleased to announce that Lee McGarrigal will be the new teacher in Rabbits Class for the rest of the year. Lee has recently returned with his family from teaching in the Middle East; before that, he taught in London. We look forward to working with him. Parents in Rabbits Class will have an opportunity to meet Lee shortly after he joins the school.

We are pleased to welcome Rachael Wildman to Dragonflies Class. Rachael started today and is covering for Lizzie Mayhew's absence.

**It's a boy!!** Many congratulations to Mr. Taylor and his partner, Chloe, on the arrival, last Friday, of Archie James 7llb 2oz. All are doing well..



#### PTFA Volunteer Sweepstake

The PTFA held their AGM earlier this week. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated PTFA core who work hard on behalf of all of the children in the school. Their fundraising provides key equipment and opportunities for the children. Recently, Tia Bedford, Computing Lead, has been able to purchase a classroom set of micro:bits equipment to support the

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children's opportunities to learn the whole school will benefit from a early February. Neither would have

However, to run the range of Committee relies on support from valuable this support is, they are Volunteer Sweepstake. Every time more about control technology and performance by Openbox Theatre in been possible without the PTFA.

events that they do, the PTFA other parents. To recognise how launching a new initiative, the PTFA parent or carer volunteers support a

PTFA-run event, their names will be put into a sweepstake. There will be a draw from these names at the Summer Fair and the winning person will win £100. The PTFA hope to repeat this in the autumn term with a second draw at the Christmas Fair. The aim is to recognise just how crucial this parent support on the ground is and to secure even stronger support from the parent body and so spread the workload more evenly.

We will also be holding the next PTFA Meeting at the same time as the Film Night on Friday, 6th March at 4.00 pm. We hope that this gives those of you who find it difficult to come along to evening meetings the opportunity to attend. See the PTFA information for further details.

#### SENDCo Drop-In

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Special Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo) at Easebourne CE Primary.

I would like to extend to you an invitation to meet me at a <u>SEN Drop-In at school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup></u> February from 8.50am.

There will be refreshments and an opportunity to chat to me and a member of the SEN support team. Additionally, this will be a chance to build relationships with other parents. If there is sufficient interest, I hope to make this a regular feature of the school calendar, and look to invite relevant professionals of interest to the sessions.

Besides getting to know your children, I believe in working closely with parents and welcome feedback and collaboration.

If you do wish to contact me, please do so through school. I currently work all day on Monday and Thursday and half a day on Wednesdays.

I very much look forward to meeting you.

Gemma Ralph - SENDCo

#### Scarlet Fever and Shingles

We have had a couple of confirmed cases of both Shingles and Scarlet Fever. Further information issued by Public Health England has been emailed to parents today.

#### **House Fundraising**

The House Captains have been thinking about the fundraising events they would like to organise for their chosen charities. The first of these will be run by Blue House, this will be a Film Night to be held on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February after school and is open to all pupils in Year R-Year 6. Please see the poster below for further information. Look out for a letter next week which will have an order form attached.

# Blue House Film Night

When the Queens favourite dog, Rex, becomes lost, he must make new friends and embrace new adventures in order to find his way back to the palace. Rated PG

Friday 7th February 2020 After school - 17:30

Tickets £2 (includes Popcorn/drink)

Don't miss out!

**Fundraising for** 





We will let you know what the other Houses have planned as soon as we have the details.

#### **Bottle Tops**

Many thanks to everyone who contributes towards our bottle top collection. These tops are sorted and taken to the St. Pauls Church, Chichester collection point for recycling. Could we please just mention that they only accept standard milk bottle lids in green, red etc. They do not accept larger lids from coffee tins or small drinks bottle lids.

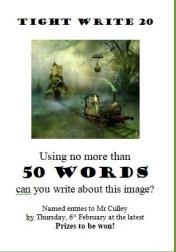
#### **Knitting Club**

Parents of children in Year 2-Year 6 should have received a letter home this week about a new Knitting Club on Thursdays starting on 30<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is £1.50 per session in line with our other clubs. We already have 2 applicants but will need another 4 to make this a viable proposition. Please see the foyer notice board for further information.

#### TIGHT WRITE 19

Congratulations to Emmy (Y1), Igor (Y2), Tiana (Y2), Jessica (Y4), Harley (Y5), Cecily (Y5) and Roberta (Y6) for their winning entries for Tight Write 19.

Meanwhile, we hope that children will enjoy the picture that comes with Tight Write 20; a poster with a larger image should be included as an attachment alongside this newsletter.



## **House Update**

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Total from Autumn Term	173	138	161	143
Week 1 House Points	4	2	4	1
Week 2 House Points	4	2	1	4
Week 3 House Points	4	1	3	2
Total	185	143	169	150

### **EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS**

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Firstly, 'Happy 2020' to you all. We hope you have all settled back into the weekly school routines and are looking forward to the next break which is swiftly approaching!

#### **AGM Update**

Our annual AGM took place on Wednesday night and although we had a great planning session for events for 2020, attendance was lower than we had hoped. As the main issue for many of you seems to be childcare, we have come up with a cunning plan that we hope will help you out and mean that those of you who are willing and able will join in the fun next time. More about that in a moment... Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Christmas Fair. We are pleased to announce that we raised £3,000, which is 25% more than 2018! Well done everyone, what a superb effort!

#### Our cunning plan!

We are planning on running the next meeting on the same night as the next film night, which will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Film night will start at its usual time of 3.30 p.m. and we will start the PTFA meeting once the children have settled down at 4p.m. We will ensure the meeting is wrapped up in time for you to collect your children at the end of the movie. We really hope that this means more of you will be able to join us!

#### The 100 Club

Not only that, but we are also launching an incentive to become more actively involved in the PTFA, it is called the 100 Club and it works like this...

Every time you attend a PTFA meeting or help out at a PTFA organised event, your name will be put into a hat for a prize draw to win £100. The first prize draw period will run from January – July with the initial draw being held at the Summer Fair on Saturday  $27^{th}$  June. The second prize draw period will run September – December and this prize draw will take place at the Christmas Fair. The more times you help the more chance you have of winning! You've got to be in it to win it!

# Working Parties for the Summer Fair

To help share the load for the Summer Fair which is one of our biggest annual events and fundraisers, we are looking for volunteers to join our working parties. Some of the working parties will lead the organisation of external stalls, internal stalls, catering & bar, children's entertainment and marketing. More on this and how to get involved in the next Newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Friday 6 March 3.30
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Thursday 2 April
Wednesday 13 May tbc
Friday 15 May 3.30
Friday 5 June
Saturday 27 June

PTFA Film night
PTFA meeting with childcare!
Easter Egg Hunt
PTFA Meeting
Film night
Tops for Tombola
Summer Fair

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

