



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th July 2018

A Word from the Head

It's been an extremely busy year with all sorts of projects and visits across the school. I hope your child has enjoyed the year and has highlights that will stay with them for a long time. None of this would be possible without colleagues who show such tremendous commitment to the children in their care; thank you to you all. Then there is the regular support we receive from our remarkable army of volunteers, including our governors and PTFA who give up their time and energy so generously – thank you so much. And, finally, I need to acknowledge the crucial part played by the last jigsaw piece of each child's landscape: you the parents and carers. Thank you for supporting your child and their learning and your support of the school this year. We look forward to working closely with you again in September.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Natalie and Tom Lane on the birth of their son Austin, who was born yesterday. Warmest congratulations, in advance, also go to Heidi Crew on her forthcoming wedding and we wish her and Lee a very happy future together.

On a sadder note, we have two more staff departures to announce. Nichaela Boxall will be leaving to join the RSPB Centre at Pulborough. Nichaela has a background in zoology and will be in her element in this new role and we wish her well. Aliska Elliott has relocated to Worthing with her children and dogs and we wish her well in her new life.

We also say goodbye to Georgie Bicknell. Georgie has been working with Badgers Class over the course of the year as a Schools Direct student, mentored by Malcolm Meaby. This is the first time we have worked with the Schools Direct system and it has been a pleasure to have Georgie on the staff.

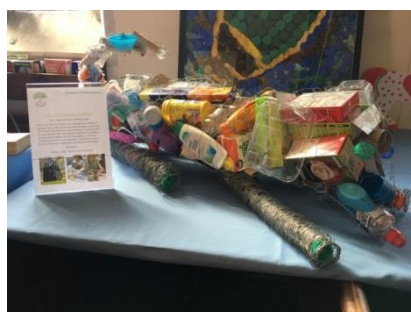
Next year, we will have another Schools Direct student, Theresa Daley, also working with Badgers Class. Theresa has been spending a lot of time in school this term, becoming familiar with how the school works and helping out in various areas. In particular, Theresa has used her background in art to work with Otters Class. Following their visit to the CASS Sculpture Park, Otters created three sculptural pieces and Theresa went to install them at the Petworth Pop-up Exhibition yesterday. I do recommend this exhibition, at Petworth's United Reformed Church, as it contains a wide range of art from a large number of local schools.

Opening hours:

**2.00pm-6.00pm on Wednesday 18 July. Philip Jackson opens exhibition at 4.30pm
12noon-5.30pm on Thursday 19, Friday 20 and Saturday 21 July**



Below are some examples of the work we are exhibiting.





This year's **Summer Reading Challenge** is Mischief Makers, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic, Beano. Your child can help Dennis, Gnasher and friends explore Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure – with tons of fun along the way! It's totally free and to get started all your child has to do is sign up at the library where they will be given a collector poster to keep a record of their Summer Reading Challenge journey. As they read their books, each child will receive special stickers to complete their poster. Once they have collected all the stickers they will be able to find the buried treasure and become top mischief makers! Every child who comes back into school with

their certificate and medal next term will earn a house point to kick start next house competition. Certificates will go up on display in the hall until half-term so do please encourage your child to take part.

The school's **book club** is losing the long-serving core of its members as Year 6 leave and I am looking to recruit new members from next terms Foxes and Otters. Each half-term, we meet after school on a Friday, with squash and biscuits, to discuss a book that we have all read. All you need to join is the ability and determination to read a book each half-term. The first meeting will be on Friday, 7th September when we will simply share any books that we have read over the summer and choose the first book of the year. Do put this date in the diary if you think your child might be interested.

As in previous years, we are sending a **Summer Activity Journal** home with your child, for them to use over the holiday and bring back at the beginning of next term. As usual, any child returning their booklet early on next term, will be awarded a house point. This year, there is an A-Z quiz of some of my favourite children's characters to identify; some are harder than others, and children may well need to pick the brains of their family members to work out some of the less obvious characters! Each child coming top of their class in the quiz, will be awarded a certificate and earn 5 points for their house!

Work on **Easebourne Park** has been continual and everything is on target for the grand opening on Saturday, 1st September from 1.00-4.00 pm. There will be free cold drinks and cake and free ice cream from an ice cream van together with goody bags for the children! The Parish Council have also organised live music and face painting. In this last connection, given that they understandably anticipate a large crowd, they would like to hear from any parents who would like to help with the face painting – they will provide the paints. If you could help out on the day, please contact Mike Noble (mike@easebourne.org) or Ian Milne (ian@easebourne.org). Families are encouraged to bring a picnic on the day.

Finally, the Easebourne Garden and Allotment Society are holding their produce show on Saturday, 4th August. There are **two competitions** open to children – a miniature garden and a funny creature using only fruit and/or vegetables. The two categories for children can be entered by all boys and girls who live in Easebourne or go to school in the village and who are under 12 on the day of the show. The first prize in each category is £3, and every other entrant will receive a small prize. You may enter both categories if you want, and you must do all the work yourself. You can find more details in the flyer which will be sent out by e-mail.

It's been a busy year, right to the end, and I wish you all a very happy and restful summer. I look forward to seeing you again in September.

Inset Days for 2018/2019

The following are our Inset Days for the next academic year:

Monday	3 rd September 2018
Friday	19 th October 2018
Monday	29 th October 2018
Monday	22 nd July 2019
Tuesday	23 rd July 2019

Clubs

Thank you for returning your completed club forms. Club membership will be displayed during the first week of the autumn term in the office window and by the rear canopy doors. **Please note that cheques for paid clubs will not be banked until September.**

Day Year 4 Camp Out

On Friday 6th July, Badgers Class had a camp-out on the school field. That morning we assembled the tents and put all our things in them. When I went in the tent it was so hot that when I came out I was

sweating. After our camp had started we played games which were 'Capture the Flag' and 'Tug of War'. After that we were allowed to do some coaching if we wished. If we didn't want to we could practise for the talent show. For the movie we watched 'Over the Hedge' and had hot chocolate and biscuits. I had great fun. By Roberta, Badgers Class

Sports Day

Tuesday 10th July was our annual sports day. There were a variety of races that we all had the opportunity to take part in. The races included sprint, long distance, relay, skipping, long jump and other team races such as team tunnel ball. Everybody put lots of effort in and tried their best. Some races were challenging and really pushed some children, others



found some of the races a little less challenging. Sports Day encouraged lots of competition between children in the same class and house, it was great fun! The last event was for Year 6 who did the tug of war. All teams made a great effort but red team just managed to beat everyone to win the trophy. By Morgan, Freya and Scarlett, Rabbits Class

Goblin

On Sunday 8th July, we all met up at Dunsfold Park (Top Gear) track very, very early to race both our Goblin cars – 'SNAPBATS' Sharky and 'Meals on Wheels'. We took part in five events: chicane sprint, pit-stop challenge, slalom, drag and lap of champions. Mr T and Mrs A also took part in the last race of the day, which was for teachers and leaders. It was an extremely hot day, but we were really proud to come



away with two awards out of 85 teams! We came third for our dinner tray portfolio and held last year's position for the pit-stop challenge, coming second in a time of 27 seconds! What a great day!



A **BIG THANK YOU** to our sponsors: Home Counties Land Management, Seaspaces, All Groundwork Services, Ryarsh Cars, Henry Adams, SGL Forestry, West and Sons, BMW, Midhurst Engineering and Gill Cross, and our helpers throughout the year, most especially Anthony, Adam, Robyn

and Vikki. By Maddie, Otters Class

Year 6 Stedham Camp

On Wednesday 11th July, an excited Otters Class drove to Stedham campsite. When we got there, we unloaded all our kit and toured the site. It was bigger than we thought, with beautiful views of the Downs. We started by putting up



our tents. Some people found this easier than others, but eventually, thanks to Miss Boxall, we all had a tent to sleep in!

We then had our lunch and started our activities: den building (with a magical water 'storm') and song writing about camping or football! After this we had free time, during which some kind parents came and cooked our dinner – spaghetti



bolognaise and garlic bread followed by choc ices. Once we had finished our meal, we jumped into the minibuses and headed back to school to watch the football on the big screen in the hall (England versus Croatia). Those who were less interested in the game were allowed on the computers or could play in the sports hall. At half-time we had a great surprise! We went out on the field and were given our special leavers' hoodies. We took some fun and very colourful photos! When the football game had finished we went back to the campsite and were met by Fiona from the National Trust. Some of us went on a walk up to Older Hill, where we heard nightjars. Meanwhile, the rest of us had free time and played games. We eventually all went to bed very late!



On Thursday after breakfast, we had more activities which lasted all morning: fire-lighting, a photo challenge and identifying leaves. Then, after lunch, we all had a huge water fight! Everyone got extremely soaked, including all the teachers, but it was really good fun! Then after some more free time, more parents kindly came to prepare our evening meal: burgers, sausages, salad and lollies. We had a fun evening playing lots of silly games, such as: the foil present game, the paddle game, man hunt and capture the flag. After a few knocks and bumps, including an injury to Mr Culley, we ran out of ice packs, so had to use frozen loaves of bread instead! We were all very tired and slept well!

On Friday, we had breakfast and took down the tents. The rest of the morning was spent playing games in the play area. We finally arrived back at school just before home time, happy but very tired.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff that made this experience such a great one. A special mention must go to Mrs Payne, for coming to the rescue and standing in for Mr Culley by driving us back to school. By Amy, Otters Class

End of Year Service

On Wednesday 18th July, the whole school walked to the church for the end of year celebration service. We sang songs accompanied by Derek and Lynne on guitar. We gave thanks for all the staff who have helped us during this year at school. Our class crosses are staying in the church over the summer to reflect our strong link with the church.



Leavers Assembly and Barbecue

On Thursday 19th July, Otters Class had a very emotional day. We invited past teachers and family to join us for our very last assembly at Easebourne. Wearing our multi-coloured leavers' hoodies, we talked about our favourite memories, sang songs and even danced together as a class to the song 'This is Me'. There were lots of tears, but also many laughs. We were all given a special leavers' yearbook to remember all the happy times. We would especially like to thank Mrs Sharp, Mrs Bennington, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Pilcher for putting this

together for us. Thank you also to Miss Boxall for our amazing morph video.



Later that day, we had an amazing time together with our family and lots of Easebourne staff at our leavers' barbecue, where we ate, danced, played and got absolutely soaking wet!

We will miss everyone that has helped us during our time at Easebourne, and will come back to visit!

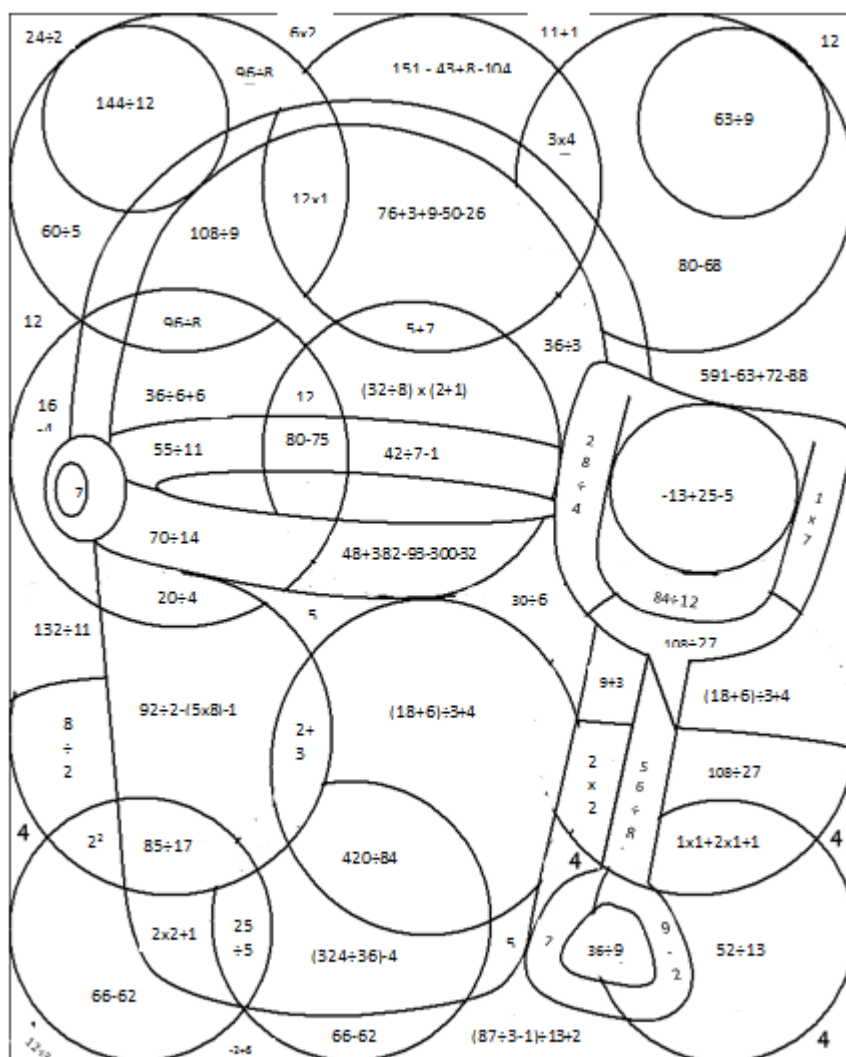
By Anna and Ellie, Otters Class

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Sam and Ava in Rabbits Class who once again completed the challenge and gained a house point for their respective teams.

Your summer challenge is 'Colour by Maths'. Solve the sums to colour the picture.

Hand your completed challenge to Mr Meaby to gain a house point.



5 = red 7 = yellow 4 = light brown 12 = blue

House Update

	Green Turtles	Yellow Meerkats	Blue Dolphins	Red Eagles
Total from last term	193	197	218	222
Ihub House Points				1
Week 1 House Points	1	2	4	3
Week 2 House Points	2	1	3	4
Week 3 House Points	2	3	4	1
Spelling Bee	4	10	1	7
Maths Challenge	2		2	1

Week 4 House Points	4	3	3	1
Week 5 House Points	2	1	4	3
Maths Challenge			2	
Week 6 House Points	1	3	4	2
Maths Challenge	1		1	
Week 7 House Points	3	1	4	2
Week 8 House Points	4	3	3	1
Maths Challenge	1		1	
Week 9 House Points	2	1	4	4
Week 10 House Points	3	1	4	2
Week 11 House Points	2	4	3	2
Maths Challenge	1		1	
Week 12 House Points	3	3	4	1
Sports Day	4	8	6	10
Maths Challenge	1		1	
100% Attendance		2		2
Total	236	243	277	269



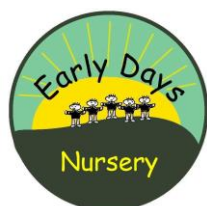
Congratulations to Blue House and their captains, Toby S and Madison, on winning this year's House Challenge Trophy.

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

You may already be aware, but Mr Taylor and Miss Crew have both signed up to run the NUTS Challenge on 1st September. This is a 7km mud run with over 100 obstacles. Some parents have also agreed to join them. We are hoping to raise £500 for Forest School enhancement. If you are able to support them via sponsorship, please go to our My Donate page -

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/easebournegonuts>

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have spent this school year helping the PTFA raise valuable funds for our school, and wish everyone a very happy, safe and fun summer holiday.



Early Days and Easebourne Owls



Early Days Nursery are pleased to welcome two new Assistant Childcare Practitioners to the team, Emma Allen and Gemma Chamberlain. Both Emma and Gemma will take on their new roles from September, working four mornings a week.

Summer Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club

We will be running a holiday club on
Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th July
Tuesday 31st July, Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd August
Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th August
Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th August
Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd August

8.30am-4.30pm

£15.50 per am/pm session or £31.00 per full day session.

Children aged from 2-10 years

Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place

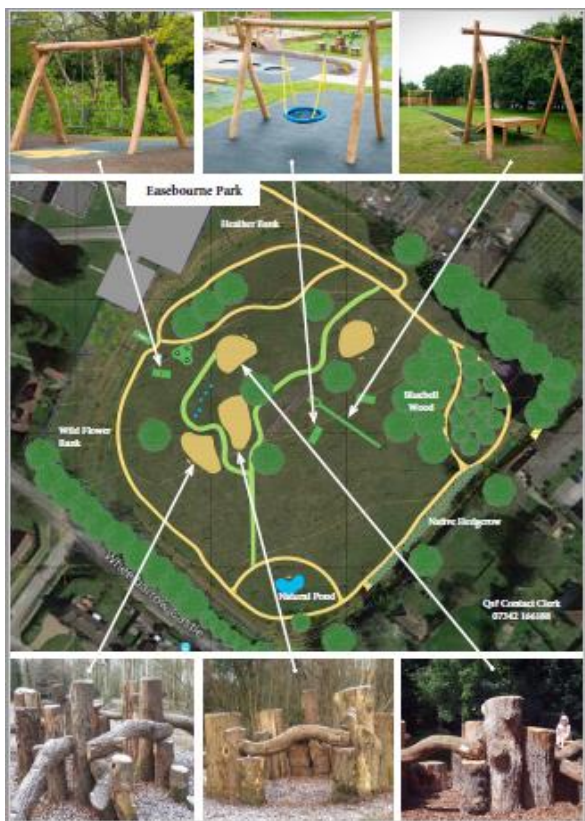
Please note if you wish to book your child into a breakfast club or after school provision this must be booked in advance in order to ensure we can adhere to the correct child/staff ratio.

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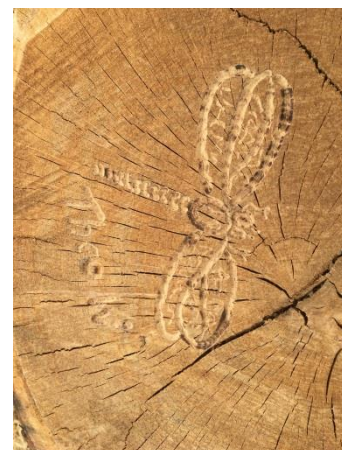
COMMUNITY NEWS

Progress on all sides with Easebourne Park, with Phase 1 (the large oak dens and trails) completed and the Phase 2 contractor, Playsafe Playgrounds (conventional swings, trampolines, slide and zip wire) on-site and starting work.



I remind you of what the completed park will look like. Phase 2 is installing the items at the top of the plan.

In Phase 1 the Parish Council asked that the children submit drawings that were to be translated into carvings on the oak structures - well that has happened. A couple of the 11 completed carvings are below. I will leave you to find “yours” when the park opens on 1 September.



Finally, please do come to the opening ceremony - lots of free stuff!



JOG – CHI (Mayor of Chichester Charities Bike Ride)

Mr Meaby is taking part in a ten bike ride, cycling 750 miles, from John O'Groats to Chichester at the end of August. He is raising money for the homeless charity 'Stonepillow' and Oxmarket Gallery'. If you would like to sponsor make a donation to:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JohnOgroatsToChichesterCharityBikeRide>

We wish him every success.



Finally have a lovely Summer break and we will see you all back on Tuesday 4th September refreshed and ready for the new academic year.