



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8th June 2018

Dates

w/b Monday 11th June	Sex and Relationship Education Week (SRE)	
Monday 11th June	Squirrels Class visit to St. Mary's Church	pm
Thursday 14th June	Year 4 Cricket Coaching Experience at Arundel Castle (Team)	9.00-3.00
Friday 15th June	Year 6 Cricket Coaching Experience at Arundel Castle (Team) PTFA Fashion Show	9.00-3.00 Cancelled
Tuesday 19th June	No Swimming for Badgers Class JK Summer Football Tournament at Fernhurst (Team) Meeting for new Reception Parents September 18	pm 6.00
Wednesday 20th June	No Archery Club Foxes Class – 5 Ways to Wellbeing Tea with Mr C	2.30-3.15
Thursday 21st June	Badgers Class visit to Marwell Zoo	
Friday 22nd June	Additional Archery Club Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral Book Fair	am 3.15-4.15

A Word from the Head

Pond Platform

Over half-term, thanks to a successful application to the Sustainable Communities Fund at the SDNP that provided half of the cost and the PTFA who provided the balance, our new pond-dipping platform was built, along with a gate from the pond into our woodland area. The bid also financed a stock of pond-dipping equipment and we very much hope that this initiative will ensure that the pond is used regularly by the children as a wildlife resource. Appropriately, the platform was christened by Dragonflies this week, as part of STEAM Week – more about that later in the newsletter.



On Wednesday, Dragonflies learnt about the life cycle of the caddis fly larva with Jonathan Dean, SDNP Education Officer. As part of this, they went pond-dipping in the school pond, using the new platform. They caught and looked at lots of creatures, including, thankfully, many empty caddis fly larva cases (and some still occupied) and, appropriately, some hulking dragonfly larvae! They also found mayfly larvae, damselfly larvae, stonefly larvae, midge larvae, smooth newts, a whirligig beetle and a ramshorn snail. Our thanks go to Jonathan for his time.

STEAM Week

This week saw our first ever STEAM Week. Events included the mobile planetarium from Winchester Science Centre, a demonstration on wave lengths and pulse, talks about two fascinating cars, app designing, pond-dipping, a felting workshop to produce pictures of cells, a trip for Otters to the Cass Sculpture Park, sponsored by Young Arts Midhurst, a workshop on music with ICT, a talk on steam engines, an energy workshop led by an SSE graduate trainee and, of course, the STEAM Fair today. We hope your children have found something to excite them in the week's events and would very

much welcome any feedback or suggestions. Our thanks go to all those who supported the week: Stephen Prior, Anthony Knight, Rob Todd, Anton Saayman, Gareth Arnold, Joe Payne, Grace Simms, Vicky Way, Sophie Granlund, Brett Gibson, Young Arts Midhurst and, in particular, Jacky Clipston and Sarah Parker-Phipps, for masterminding the event.

STEAM in Dragonflies – During half term the children were asked to design a boat and bring in materials to use in class to make their boat. Once built, the children enjoyed testing them to see if they would float or sink. On Wednesday, For STEAM week Mr Prior brought in his Austin 7 Top Hat car. He told the children lots of interesting facts about the car. It is 89 years old and called Lucy. It has the power of 7 horses and was called The Top Hat as it looks like one. The children then enjoyed lots of discussions about how older cars are different to cars we have today. Jonathan from The National Trust came in to talk to the children about pond life. Once back in class the children then coloured in a picture of a Carris Fly and then using natural materials made a cocoon for them.

STEAM in Hedgehogs – Thank you to all the parents that have spent time working with their child over the holidays on their experiments, they were great! On Monday we had a visit from the planetarium and we learnt that stars really do twinkle! There are stories in the sky and we wrote a story for our own constellation. We also spent some time outside exploring nature and doing leaf and bark rubbings. On Tuesday we looked at some old cars and then did a water painting of them. We had a blast trying to build various buildings out of our construction materials – drawing the blueprints was quite a challenge! Wednesday we were spoilt for choice with some fantastic science experiments, we learnt a lot and wrote about our favourite one. On Thursday morning Mr Todd came in to do a music and ICT session and we made telephones with Mr Gibson from paper cups and string. Thursday afternoon was art, we used iron shavings to make a picture, did some creative painting using our home made pendulum and built sculptures out of straws, toothpicks and playdough. We made a robotic hand that showed us how our fingers move as well as some Batik paintings. Friday was maths day and we looked at programing our Beebots using half, quarter, full turns and using the life cycle of a plant combining science, technology and maths! What an awesome week!!

STEAM in Squirrels – Squirrels class have had an exciting week with a great variety of activities and visitors. On Monday, we were transported to outer space (with the assistance of the mobile planetarium) and learnt interesting facts about the planets and the constellations. We continued this learning in class with pupils doing their own research about the planets. In the afternoon, we turned our attention to thinking about lifecycles. We have been lucky enough to have some butterfly larvae in class and have enjoyed watching these grow and form chrysalises. During half term the butterflies emerged and after studying them carefully, we released them on the school field. On Tuesday there was great excitement as the class experienced engineering first-hand as Mr. Prior brought in his beautiful vintage car for us to see. Inspired by this visit, the class designed their own cars with an array of unusual features! Following this, class members presented their STEAM week experiments to their peers - a most enjoyable and informative afternoon. On Wednesday we focussed on art; drawing self-portraits, comparing fingerprints and doing some felting inspired by plant cells. This was a fascinating process which produced some lovely pieces of art and was very much enjoyed by all. On Thursday we used a range of materials and building blocks to construct towers and bridges, one model even combining the two to make Tower Bridge! Through trial and error, pupils learnt the importance of having a stable foundation for their construction. Finally, we have been looking at measure in maths. Measuring and comparing height, foot length and hair length. We look forward to using data gathered to learn more about statistics next week. Many thanks to the parents who gave up their time to make STEAM week such a success in Squirrels class.

STEAM in Rabbits – We have had a very exciting week. Winchester science planetarium was great, we learnt a fun fact that Uranus used to be called George. Also, that stars twinkle but planets don't. Additionally, we saw Mr Knight's Caterham and Prior's Austin 7 and learnt about the car engine. On Thursday we met an engineer, called Grace. We learnt about power and built some towers with just a bunch of raw spaghetti, 12 marshmallows, 4 pieces of sticky tape and a piece of string. It was difficult, but we learnt a lot about teamwork. By Tabitha, Daisy, Kacie-Jo and Harriet.

STEAM in Badgers – This week it has been STEAM week and we have been doing lots of activities. On Monday we visited a big blow up planetarium in the school hall. We learnt about different planets and that 4 are gas planets. On Tuesday, we saw a vintage car, an Austin 7 called Lucy. We also brought experiments to show which were presented on Wednesday. On Thursday we made bridges out of newspaper, straws, spaghetti, card, paper, blue tack and sellotape. They all had to hold the weight of a plastic toy animal. Some people were chosen to present their experiments in the STEAM Fair on Friday. By Megan

STEAM in Foxes – Foxes kick started STEAM week with a talk on red light and the eyes colour receptors and wave lengths by Mr Saayman. This was hotly followed by an amazing experience in the mobile planetarium from the Winchester Science Centre. During this Foxes learnt, amongst other things, how to identify the North Star; that The Plough is just a small part of a bigger constellation called Ursus Major; and how to tell a planet from a star in the night sky. On Tuesday, Foxes had a talk from Stephen Prior about his Austin 7 'Top Hat' called Lucy. The class were shown the inside of her engine and the original cylinder block, but they particularly enjoyed trying to turn the starting handle and pressing the horn. Thursday brought steam enthusiast Joe Payne to the classroom. Here, Foxes stood enraptured by demonstrations of how steam pumps worked, replica steam boats and trains and a steam turbine demonstration that was able to power an electric drill. Several of the students had performed experiments at home that they chose to share with the class. These included waterproofing fabric with melted wax; cleaning copper coins with salt and vinegar; creating bouncy eggs; watermelon volcanoes and colour changing flowers. In class children explored nets - how many different ways you could make the same shape and how many different shapes you could make using just rectangles and triangles.

STEAM in Otters – Otters Class have been fortunate enough to have had a range of experts visit and work with us. On Monday, Mr Saayman explained how light travels and the amazing impact it has on our lives. In the afternoon we experienced the amazing pop-up planetarium. Tuesday, we were joined by Mr Arnold who showed us how to design an app. We also met two car enthusiasts in the afternoon. We were amazed at the differences between the Austin and Caterham. Thursday was an incredible adventure to the Cass Sculpture Foundation Park; we toured the woodland park observing and sketching unique and imaginative artwork.

Parking

Apologies for the disruption to parking on Thursday but it was in a good cause as the first delivery for the new Easebourne Park was made.

On the subject of parking, I have received a couple of complaints this week. One was about a Kia Picanto car that regularly parks between the visitor parking spaces and the staff car park during school pick-up. As the e-mail points out, this obstructs the view and the clear route for the departure of cars leaving the school and approaching the zebra crossing. The second concern was about a parent driving into school, focused on a telephone conversation on a handheld mobile; use of handheld phones whilst driving not only divides the driver's attention but is also illegal.

You will have noticed the new banner encouraging safe parking. Every parent needs to be responsible in their use of the car park if we are to keep our children safe. Please could parents park as safely as possible, maintaining good visibility of small children and remaining alert at all times?

Plea From Otters Class

We are doing a teddy tombola stall for the Summer Fair on Saturday 30th June. We would really appreciate it if you would donate any unwanted teddies that we could use on our stall. The latest date for the teddy donations is the morning of Friday 29th June.

Dragonflies – Animal Man Visit

On Wednesday 23rd May, Dragonflies Class has a visit from 'The Animal Man.' Here is what they had to say:

"The animal man came. We looked at lots of animals. I liked the skunk because it was cute" – By Coco

"The animal man came to see us. I liked the owl because it flapped" – By Lunar-Mai

"The animal man came to visit. He brought lots of animals. I liked the armadillo because the armadillo is cute" – By Scarlett



Goblin Club – Racing at Seaford College



On Saturday 2nd June, the Goblin teams (both Engineers and Creatives) met at Seaford College to race both Goblin cars. We were extremely excited, as we were finally able to drive our new car, 'Meals on Wheels', for the very first time, alongside our car from last year, 'SNAPBATS' the shark. The bodywork

for our new car has been made from plastic, school dinner trays, which usually get thrown away after lunch.

There were 27 competing teams and 3 different races during the day: drag, slalom and sprint. Over the day, not only did Toby D get into our first ever semi-final of the sprint race, but we were extremely excited when Phoebe won our first race of the season, coming first in the slalom (out of a massive 162 timed attempts). We

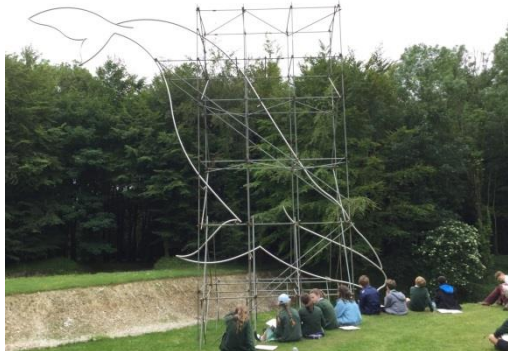


we were also thrilled to be awarded 'The Spirit of Greenpower' yet again, for being the most polite and united team. As you can imagine, this made our day!



We are now focusing on our final event of the year, which takes place at Dunsfold Park (racing on the Top Gear track) on Sunday 8th July. We will be practising a lot before then to try and speed up our race times, as well as getting our portfolios finished and presented well. By Maddie and Romilly – Goblin Club

Offers Visit Cass Sculpture Foundation



('Picnic Grove' by David Brooks) with lovely views all the way across to Butlins!

Yesterday, Offers' class visited the Cass Sculpture Foundation at Goodwood. Most of the sculptures were either really expensive or not for sale. One, made by Lynn Chadwick, called 'Diamond' and made from bronze, cost about £3,000,000!

When we got there, we divided into two groups. One group went with a lady called Lottie and looked at the miniature sculptures and designs in the archive, while the other group were given a tour around the park by Steve. Then we swapped over. We ate our lunch on some benches which were part of the exhibit



After lunch we split up into smaller groups and sketched our favourite sculptures. Our group decided to sketch 'Clouds' by Olaf Breuning, which was harder than it looked! We all had a great day and are really looking forward to doing our own sculptures. By Ellie and Eloise, Offers Class

Inter School Debate

On Thursday, we held our first inter-school debate session after school. The opposition was supplied by Rogate School. There were two motions.

The first motion was that 'This House believes that men and women can never be equal in society'. This was argued by Tilly (Captain), Rana and Teddy. Arguments put forward hinged on biological differences, including childbirth and breastfeeding. Data about the gender pay gap was put forward by both sides and the statistics showing that women currently shoulder more of the demands of childcare and care for the elderly. The distinction between equality and equality of opportunity was also explored. Whilst both sides agreed that men and women were less unequal than 200 years ago and that equality was desirable, it was Easebourne's argument that equality would never be possible because of the inherent physical differences between the genders that persuaded audience members and produced a swing to their side.

In the second debate, 'This house believes that wild animals should not be kept in captivity', Anna, Ben and Lucy argued against the motion. They talked about the need to protect endangered species with breeding programmes and described the improving provision of zoos, with increasing awareness and provision of an appropriate environment for the animals. They also talked about the high level of expertise in zoo vets and how that meant captive animals received the very best treatment when they were ill. Rogate argued for the welfare of the individual animal and made the point that extinction is, and always has been, part of the natural way of things. They also cited research that showed that

many captive animals tend to have a shorter life expectancy than those in the wild. In the end, Easebourne, again, managed to persuade more of the audience to their way of thinking and narrowly won.

Congratulations to all six Easebourne debaters on two very spirited debates.

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Scarlett and Ava in Rabbits who completed the last challenge and gained a house point for their respective teams.

This week's challenge is 'Off to Market'

As she strolled to market with nothing but an empty basket, Mrs Tyler met seven farmers.

Each Farmer had three pigs.

Three of the farmers had two sheep each.

And one farmer had 15 geese.

How many feet were walking to the market?

Don't guess – use logic!

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

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
Total	215	221	250	247

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Walk Jog Run

Thank you to everybody who volunteered, came, supported and ran with the children. It was an incredible Friday afternoon and all the children were amazing and all looked like they were having fun. After a very cloudy morning, we were finally blessed with the sun about 50 minutes before the start. It was a big event to organise and I would like to thank the team for all their hardwork, with a special shout out to Mr Stonard, Mr Meaby and Mr Taylor.

Also, thank you to everyone who sponsored this event. The money will be counted next week and the total raised will be announced in an assembly during the week commencing 25th June, when all the prizes will be presented.

Summer Fair - three weeks to go.

Thank you to those who have donated this week towards the bottle tombola.

The stall rota list is in reception (to the left of doors). Classes have been allocated stalls to run. All the prep work will be done for you, but we do need volunteers to please sign up for an hour slot.

Gazebos/Sun Shades - hopefully it will be a nice sunny afternoon, in which case we will need as many gazebos and sun shades as possible. If you have one we could borrow, please join the set up team from 10am - noon on Saturday 30th to put it up. We will also need a team of people to help put up the school's two large gazebos. This will be done at 3.15 on Friday 29th June and hopefully shouldn't take too long.

Posters - children should have come home with a poster for the fair this week. Louise Ashcroft has done an amazing job designing it, so please put it to good use by advertising our fair. Display it in your car, home windows, community notice board etc.

Pint Pots - to those classes who received the large plastic bags for Pint Pot donations (Otters and Foxes), please rest assured we are not expecting them to be returned full. Unfortunately I brought the wrong size and didn't want to waste them!!

Dates to Remember

- * Friday 15th June, Fashion Show, CANCELLED
- * Saturday 30th June, Summer Fair, 1pm - 4pm
- * PTFA Meeting Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm
- * Film Night, a Friday in September & November
- * Fairies & Scaries, Friday 12th October, 6pm-8pm
- * Xmas Fair, December 2018



Early Days and Easebourne Owls



Early Days Nursery are looking for an Assistant Childcare Practitioner to join the team September, 8.45am-1.30pm, 19 hours/week (4 days to be confirmed). For further details and an application pack, please go to www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs

COMMUNITY NEWS

Easebourne Park - Work Commences

As many of you will have seen, the security fencing for the site has been delivered and erected, allowing work to commence on the essential field drainage works. These works will take approximately 10 days and after they are complete, the oak, which will form the WildWood trails and dens, will be delivered from the Cowdray Estate. The deliveries of wood, some 80 tons, will take place over several days, and may necessitate some disruption to the use of the car park. This will be kept to an absolute minimum. The school will be aware at all times of delivery dates and times. Finally, the paperwork for the government loan required to complete the finance for the Park has been submitted to the Secretary of State's Office.

St Mary's Patronal Weekend - 18th & 19th August

St Mary's, Easebourne are holding a Patronal festival over the weekend of 18th and 19th August. They have asked us to help show the links between the church and school but running one or two stalls at the event. This can be on one day or both. Something small and easy to set up such as Hook A Duck, Treasure Island, Wheel of Fortune etc. If anyone would like to support the school and church with this, please let the school office or Janet Lambert know.

