

# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26th April 2019

## Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Clubs Start	
Tuesday 30th April	Swimming starts for Rabbits Class	am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Class Photographs	am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	PTFA Meeting	3.30
	PTFA Quiz Night	7.00
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Tea with Mr C	2.30-3.15
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SENDCO Drop In	8.40-9.30
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Fun Math at MRC	pm

## A Word from the Head

Welcome back to everybody and a special welcome to Sebastian in Year 4 and Isabella in Year 1. I hope you enjoyed a relaxing Easter, with its wonderful weather. It looks as though we are in for a busy summer term. We hope that this, their last term, will be the best yet for everybody in Otters Class. A reminder that, whilst you can always contact me with any concerns or questions, you get a free cup of tea if you turn up for 'Tea with Mr C' on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30-3.15pm. (Sometimes, there is also a biscuit.)

Another welcome bit of news this week has been the arrival of our new premises manager, Richard Parr. Richard has hit the ground running and will, I know, make a huge difference both to the fabric of the building and the school's grounds.

Next week, we will also be welcoming Lucy Wall-Palmer. Lucy will be leading the Forest School sessions with Dragonflies and Hedgehogs this term. Lucy has lots of relevant experience and, amongst her many talents; she is a professional charcoal burner!

#### Easebourne Parish Design Statement One Week left to Design a Logo!

Can I remind families that the group co-ordinating the new Easebourne Parish Design Statement want a strong logo for the initiative and would love it to have been designed by our children.

They want a circular design which will be used in various ways to badge the initiative, including on its Instagram page so it needs to be clear, upbeat and easily understood. I suspect that a bold use of colour will also be important.

We have been given until <u>3<sup>rd</sup> May</u> to collect children's designs and the committee members will hopefully find one that will be suitable to use. The successful artist will probably feature in a publicity photograph and will be able to see their art used in various ways. A template is attached to help children with their designs but the key thing to remember is that it needs to be circular! So get designing!!

#### The School's Natural Environment

There is certainly a sense of burgeoning life in the natural world and you may have noticed how fortunate we have been to have had a group of dedicated gardeners organised by Louisa Miller (Louisa's mum, Davina McColl and Jo Prior) who came in over the Easter break and worked on the

main flowerbed outside the school over several days, weeding and adding some plants. It looks wonderful and, as one of the first things that we all see as we arrive, is a significant achievement. Today, I caught up with Karen Bellamy who is continuing to work with the children, supported by Claire Best, on the school's growing areas and she has just introduced a small greenhouse into our central courtyard to enable the children to grow seeds. Horticulturally, the school is looking good!!

## TIGHT WRITE 04

Congratulations to Alais, Dulcie, Jessica, Kitty, Nick and Leah for their winning Tight Writes. We are currently experiencing issues with one of our servers but, when it is fixed, all of the Tight Write entries will be uploaded to the school's Moodle so that children and their families can read them.

### **Flag Competition**

You might have noticed that our flagpole has been active in recent months. This is because Roger Sked, a churchwarden at St Mary's and volunteer at the school, has kindly taken responsibility for our flagpole. He has offered to run a flag competition, starting with the one that is currently flying. If your child can answer the following questions, they should complete the form (also enclosed as an attachment) and send it back in. I suspect there might be a prize for a fortunate winner but I do know there will be



some glory for all the correctly completed forms. Although we all know the flag, I rather think that one or two of the questions might need some research. Answers back to Reception by the end of this half-term. An entry form can be found in this newsletter after the PTFA dates.

### Clubs

Clubs for this term start on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. A list of clubs is displayed in the window of the front office and by the doors to the canopied area at the rear of the school. Some clubs are oversubscribed and a waiting list will be in operation, indicated on the clubs' list by names in colour. If your child fails to attend a club on a regular basis their place will be offered to a child on the waiting list. Please send in any outstanding fees next week before clubs start.

### **Class Photographs**

Class photographs take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the morning. Please could you remember to send your child into school with a sweatshirt or cardigan and tidy hair. Any child who does not normally attend Early Days Nursery on a Thursday morning is welcome to come in at 9am to be included in the photo.

### Tea with Mr C

Mr Culley will be available, if you would like to join him for an informal chat and cup of tea, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30-3.15pm.

### **Special Educational Need Drop-In Sessions**

Mrs Cafferty, our SendCo, will be holding an informal drop-in session on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 8.40-9.30am to discuss any SEND concerns or questions you may have.

# House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Total From Spring Term	271	296	288	272
Easter Reading Challenge	31	30	28	32
Week 1 House Points	1	4	4	2
Total	303	330	320	306

# **EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS**

Thank you to all those who replied to the PTFA questionnaire at the end of last term. There were some great fundraising ideas from parents and children.

We have our PTFA meeting on **Friday 3rd May at 3.30pm**. We are trialling this earlier time hoping that more parents and teachers will be able to attend. Debs Thomas has kindly offered to supervise children of those attending in the music room with a film. If you are not able to attend the meeting, perhaps you could help Debs?

Everyone is welcome to the meeting where we'll be discussing forthcoming events and looking for new fundraising ideas for the future.

**Quiz Night** is on Friday 3rd May at 7pm. This was a really fun evening last year and we need to try and topple the teachers from top spot! Maximum of 8 per team. There is a team registration form in reception if you could please sign up to give us an idea of numbers. £15 per team, or £2 per person if you want to form a team on the night or try the quiz on your own. This is a "bring your own food and liquid refreshment" event (please also remember glasses, plates etc), but we will be running a raffle so be sure to bring a few extra £s.

Happy School Bags will be sent home in a few weeks' time. They can be returned with clothing, bed linen (not pillows, cushions or duvets), bags, belts, shoes, DVDs etc. Please do not return until after May half term though as we are struggling for space.

Dates for your Diary

- \* PTFA Meeting Friday 3rd May at 3.30pm in the Conference Room
- \* Quiz Night, Friday 3rd May at Easebourne Primary School from 7pm
- \* Children's Film Night, Friday 17th May at 3.15pm 5.30pm
- \* Sponsored WalkJogRun, Friday 7th June (times tbc)
- \* Happy School Bag Collection, Friday 17th June
- \* Summer Fair, Saturday 29th June
- \* Fairies & Scaries, Friday 18th October
- \* Christmas Fair, Friday 29th November

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#### Entry Form

Flag Competition 01	Name:	Class:
The flags of which THREE so		
It is flown from public buildings in June, but on which date and why?		
What is the correct name t		
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Early Days and Easebourne Owls Half Term at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a holiday club on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am-4.30pm £16.00 per half 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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