



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th July 2018

Dates

Tuesday 10th July	Sports Day - Rescheduled due to weather Last Swimming for Badgers Class	9.30 pm
Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th July	Otters' Camp at Stedham	
Friday 13th July	Non Uniform Day for Walk, Jog, Run	
Monday 16th July	Fantastic Finish – Rabbits and Badgers	2.00
Tuesday 17th July	Fantastic Finish – Hedgehogs and Squirrels	1.30
Wednesday 18th July	End of Year Celebration Service at St. Mary's Church	11.00
Thursday 19th July	Foxes Class to Chithurst Buddhist Monastery Leavers' Assembly Leavers' Barbecue	9.30-1.30 2.00 6.00
Friday 20th July	Foxes Class to Matterley Edge - Winchester Last day of term for children	9.00-3.00
Monday 23rd July	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 24th July	INSET DAY	

A Word from the Head

Farewells

We are very nearly at the end of the summer term and the academic year. We sadly have to say goodbye to Eleanor and Darcey who are relocating to Guernsey and to Sid, all of whom will be leaving us at the end of this term. We also wish Mehmet and Rana well as they leave us next week to start a new life with their family in Turkey. Of course, we also say goodbye to Otters Class who will be moving on to their secondary schools in September. Otters Class have been tremendous value at the top of the school, not least when, as the choir, they recently led the congregation of leavers from other schools at one of the leavers' services organised by the Diocese. This was held at Chichester Cathedral and they bravely sang a solo of a very difficult setting of the Lord's Prayer. This week, they have again excelled, working closely with Foxes Class to pull off three wonderful performances of the Year 5/6 production.

Staff Update

Furthermore, we have to say goodbye to Emma Austin-Diment, our SENCo and Assistant Headteacher. Emma has worked incredibly hard to make sure that our children with learning difficulties are supported in their learning. She has also been very creative with the money we receive to support children through Pupil Premium funding. Emma has introduced many initiatives into the school, working closely with external agencies, parents and staff and ensuring that the school provides the best support possible. One such initiative was this year's literacy course for parents, organised with Aspire. On behalf of all the children and families that Emma has supported, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her and wish her every success.

Gemma Chamberlain also leaves us having completed her temporary contract and we thank her for all she has done over the last few months.

On a happier note, Gemma Purser and Shirley Manning will remain with us in September, Gemma as a TA in Year 1 and Shirley as a 1:1 TA in Year 6.

Nurture Update

We have now appointed two members of staff to the nurture unit planned to open in September. These are Debs Thomas who will be familiar, particularly to KS1 parents as a teaching assistant within the school. Debs is also part of the team that leads forest school sessions. Debs will be joined by a new staff member, Samanta Echo. Samanta joins us from Send Primary School and has a background in child counselling and art therapy.

Community Week

Last week was Community Week. Years 2 and 3 worked with Alison, the churchwarden, to clean St Mary's Church. The Big Cross that hangs in our hall entered the second phase of its creative journey and is becoming steadily more colourful, with fingerprints from across the school. Reminders of the three termly foci – Faith, Hope and Charity – just need to be added, along with holes for prayers written by the children. Now that the Year 5/6 play is over, it will soon return to its central spot in the hall. Year 3 children went to sing to the residents at Vine House. At the end of the week, pupils from Year 6 hosted a tea party for our volunteers and sang them 'Summer Time', a great song composed by Marco Frankland.

We also held our summer Book Fair over three days and parents ordered copies of 'We Are Writers!', the school anthology of children's writing. From the total number of book sales we generated over £440.00 worth of commission which will be used to purchase new stock for the library and we are therefore very grateful for your support.

This week, Badgers Class sang at Birthday House and we welcomed school councillors from Stedham Primary School on a learning walk.

Yesterday, we also welcomed students from Seaford College. The four Seaford students (Flora, Nia, Tom and Patch) spent the day working with our older pupils, along with their staff members Nell Jones and a colleague. Some parents will remember that Nell worked briefly at the school in Otters Class. Over the course of the day, the students worked on a mosaic to cover one of the walls of the courtyard raised bed, using smashed crockery donated by Grayshott Pottery. Nell is kindly returning to clean up and infill before the end of term.



Sports Day

As advised by text on Tuesday, due to the continuing hot weather, our Sports Day will now be held on **Tuesday 10th July at 9.30am**. Parents and grandparents are invited to join us for the morning. The first race will start promptly at 9.30am. Please make sure children come to school with sunscreen applied and a sunhat. We will continue to watch the weather and keep parents updated with any decisions.

Clubs

The new clubs' list will be emailed to parents on Friday 13th July and in the interest of fairness no forms will be accepted until Monday morning. If any parents, grandparents, volunteers, governors or friends of Easebourne are able to run or assist with a club, please let the office know.

Library Books

Please ensure all library books are returned to school by the end of this term. We would be grateful if parents could help their children to look after our school library books and use the Junior Librarian System appropriately (scanning out and back in). We monitor the Junior Librarian system closely and any child that has an overdue book for longer than half a term will receive a letter asking for the book to be replaced or the cost covered by their parent. If you have any suitable books at home that you no longer require, then do please think of donating them to our library, we are always grateful for new stock.

Summer Reading Challenge

Every year, we encourage our pupils to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and this forms the first house competition of the new academic year - every child who gains a certificate will earn a point for his or her house. During assembly this week a representative from the West Sussex Library Service spoke to the school about this year's challenge, 'Mischievous Makers'. You can join online at

westsussex.gov.uk/SRC or at your local library. The challenge starts on Saturday, 14th July and medals should be collected by Saturday, 15th September.

End of Year Celebration Service at St. Mary's Church

On Wednesday 18th July, the whole school will walk to St. Mary's Church to take part in a service to celebrate the end of the school year. This is a school only event, but classes will need volunteers to help walk the children to the church at 10.30am. Please let the office know if you are available.

Leavers' Assembly and Barbecue

Thursday, 19th July is Leavers' Day. Year 6 parents and grandparents are invited to the Leavers' Assembly at 2.00pm, where the children celebrate their time at Easebourne and will be presented with a yearbook. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this and to Katie Stevens, Cindy Pilcher, Emma Sharp and Sharon Bennington for compiling it. Year 6 parents and siblings will also receive an invitation to the Leavers' BBQ and games, which will be held in the evening from 6.00pm.

Fantastic Finish

The Fantastic Finish for Rabbits and Badgers Class is on Monday, 16th July at 2pm. Parents and carers are welcome to join them and experience some of the topic work on Africa that they have been involved with during the term.

Hedgehogs and Squirrels' Fantastic Finish is on Tuesday, 17th July from 1.30 pm to the end of the school day. They will be focusing on castles and fairy tales and parents and carers are welcome to join them too.

Chartwells Meals and Cool Milk

Please remember when ordering milk or lunches for September to **adjust your child's class name and year group**.

Children currently in Year 2 moving up to Year 3 in September will no longer be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals but can order a hot meal for £2.35 a day from Chartwells or bring in a packed lunch. To order a hot meal please log onto www.mealselector.co.uk for more information. The order must be placed on-line by midnight on Sunday a full week in advance of the week they are required. Parents wishing to change their meal schedule after placing their order (e.g. in the event of term time holiday, school trips etc) must make on-line alterations prior to the cut-off point for the week in question, alternatively you can contact the Chartwells office via telephone or email. A credit will only be issued if they receive 5 full working days notice. In the event of absence from school due to sickness, meals may be cancelled provided Chartwells receive notification by 10.30am on each day of sickness.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in September you are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. You do not need to register and order through the website. The school will order these meals for you. This will include any promotional/festive special meals. Current Reception and Year 1 children will receive a letter before the end of term giving them the option to opt in or out of Universal Infant Free School Meals. This must be returned by the end of term.

Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

This provides funding to the school not only to fund a free meal but to support eligible pupils with their learning and help towards the cost of school trips, buying educational equipment and with the purchasing of school uniforms.

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in receipt of state benefits which give entitlement to free school meals for their children should register even though their child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School meals.

Music Lessons

In September we will be offering music lessons in woodwind, brass, strings, recorder, piano, ukulele, drums and guitar. If you are interested in your child having lessons please speak to the office for more details or see below.

Guitar is offered by Jamie West who you can contact on jwest73@me.com. Drums are taught by Steve Thornley, for more information look at drumnut.co.uk. We also offer an after school Ukulele Club taught by Marco Frankland. For all other lessons please contact West Sussex Music Service.

Medicines

If we hold medication for your child in school, please make sure you collect it from the office on the last day of term. We will send medicines home with a new form to complete for the next academic year. Please ensure you check the expiry date on all medicines and wash out any pumps. We have arranged a number of days before the term starts when the office will be open, Thursday 30th August 12-3, Friday 31st August 9-12 and Monday 3rd September from 10.30 – 3.30. **It is essential that you return any medication before the start of the new term.**

Otters and Foxes Perform 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'

We have just finished performing our really funny play 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits.' It was about Bongo and his scary yet clumsy bandits, who tried stealing the Royal Ruby from Sultan Pepper. Meanwhile The Vizier, Mustapha Widdle, wanted to become the Sultan by getting the Genie to grant his every wish. Unfortunately, he thought the Genie lived in the Royal Ruby but he was wrong! She was in the tomato sauce bottle! My favourite part was when Mustapha's monkey, Booboo, mimed drowning the Sultan in a vat of vinegar, so they could make Sultan vinegar crisps! By Amelia, Otters Class.

A montage of photos are included at the end of this newsletter.

Maths Challenge

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

This week you have a sudoku puzzle to complete



MathSphere

Sudoku



Fill in the puzzle so that every row across, every column down and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

Medium Puzzle 1

6	5	9		1		2	8	
1				5			3	
2			8				1	
			1	3	5		7	
8			9					2
		3		7	8	6	4	
3		2			9			4
					1	8		
		8	7	6				

Don't guess – use logic!

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

Clues:

1. Seek a 2 in the centre block of squares
2. Finish the centre block of squares
3. Search for 2s everywhere

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	
Total	228	230	266	256

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Summer Fair

A big "THANK YOU" to all who came to the summer fair last Saturday. There was a great atmosphere and a real sense of enjoyment throughout. It took a lot of hard work to organise but it certainly paid off as we made £1489 profit which is an increase on last year and will go directly into this year's PTFA projects to enhance the children's experience at school.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the fair, all the volunteers who manned stalls and Mr Taylor, Mrs Ashcroft and parents for helping our Y6 students organise and run their stalls. We should also mention Mr Meaby for his Master of Ceremonies duties, Mrs Stevens for working so hard with the children's dance groups and Graham Stonard for all the behind the scenes work that he helped with. You are all stars!

Thank you to the team who helped set the fair up and break it down and a special thank you to Vicky Curwood, Karen Berry and Val Newman for helping me on Friday afternoon to get all the stalls ready. An absolutely fantastic team effort, all for the good of our children and their fabulous school.

Nuts Challenge

Mr Meaby and Miss Crew are fundraising for the school again and this time they have Mr Taylor and some parents joining them!

For those of you who don't know, Mr Meaby and Miss Crew did an abseil down the Spinnaker Tower and raised over £1,700 for the school.

This time they are taking on the gruelling NUTS challenge to raise money for the school and more specifically Forest School.

The NUTS challenge is one of the most challenging mud runs in the UK. It is 7 km long and has over 100 obstacles. It is certainly not for the faint-hearted and I'm not sure the teachers really know what they are letting themselves in for!

It will take place on 1st September at 1pm in Dorking, if you wish to come and cheer them on, the post code is RH5 4RW.

If you would like to make a donation there will be a box on reception or alternatively you can donate online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/easebournegonuts>



Early Days and Easebourne Owls 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.

Tel. 01730 815046

Email ect@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

Easebourne Play Park


As we approach the end of the week, I am delighted to report that the Wildwood Trails and Dens are very much complete. Whilst trimming, small adjustments and carving remains outstanding, the surrounding raised bunding, designed to retain the necessary safety bark, is in place and the bark is to be delivered on Thursday 5 and/or Friday 6 July.

The issue of filling the pond remains. As a result of the hot weather, the water we have placed in the pond, some 8000L has started evaporating preventing the planting of the aquatic plants and it may be that this aspect of the Park may have to remain unfinished until nearer the winter, when natural rainwater can complete the fill and the contractor, Wildwood, returns to plant the heather, wild flowers, trees and hedging. They can then bring with them the pond water-loving plants and complete our pond.


Playsafe Playgrounds is due to start on 16th July and all looks good for that date, with PB Groundworks finishing off with paths, bench pads etc in early August. So an opening in early September beckons.

Ian Milne
Councillor
Easebourne Parish Council



MIDHURST & EASEBOURNE CHURCHES... 

Holiday Club






TREASURE HUNTERS

Holiday club fun for children
age 5 to 11.
£3 per child or
£6 per family per day
Bursaries are available, please contact us for details.

Monday
July 30th
to
Friday
August 3rd

9:30 to
12:00 at
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