



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25th January 2019

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Wednesday 30 th January	Year 5 Rescheduled RV All Sing at MRC	am
Friday 1 st February	Year 5 – Five Ways to Wellbeing KS2 Cross Country Event at MRC Debate Club KS2	am 1.45-3.45 3.15-4.15
Monday 4 th February	Parent Consultation Evening – All Classes	2.45-6.30
Tuesday 5 th February	Year 6 School Council to MRC	11.30-2.30
Wednesday 6 th February	Green House Fundraiser – Raffle for Canine Partners and Non Uniform Day – All Houses	
Thursday 7 th February	Parent Consultation Evening – All Classes	2.45-6.00
Friday 8 th February	Yellow House Fundraiser - Dancemania	3.15-4.30

A Word from the Head

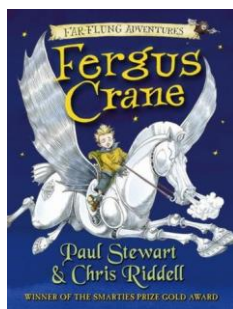
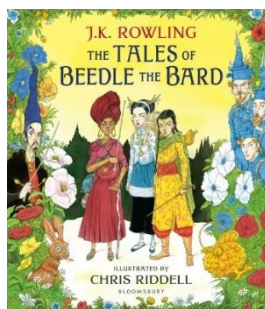
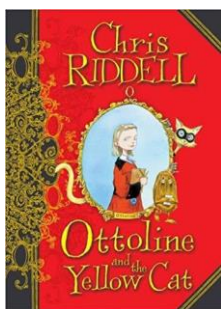
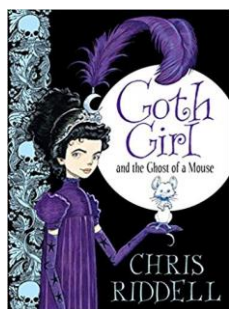
It's been a busy start to the term. All seven classes from Hedgehogs to Otters travelled to Chichester College to see their production of 'Alice in Wonderland' – that's 14 minibus trips! I hope your child(ren) enjoyed it.

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Chris Riddell Illustrated Talk @ Easebourne Primary School

- Adult Tickets: £5
- Child Tickets: £2
- 7.30 on Thursday, 14th February

All proceeds will go towards purchasing books for the school library.



I have been to two of Chris's illustrated talks and they are spellbinding. He talks very entertainingly about his work and, as he talks, he draws captivating illustrations in front of your eyes. I was thrilled when he agreed to give a talk for the school's library and very much hope that parents will be able to come and support this event. I have used several books that Chris has illustrated or written and illustrated at children's book clubs over the year and they are very popular – a range of his titles is

included below. We will try to have a range of his books available for parents who would like to buy one afterwards for Chris to sign.



Chris Riddell, OBE is a British illustrator and writer of children's books as well as being a political cartoonist for the Observer. He has won three Kate Greenaway Medals, the British librarians' annual award for the best-illustrated children's book. Books that he wrote or illustrated have won three Nestlé Smarties Book Prizes and have been silver or bronze runners-up four times. On 9 June 2015 he was appointed the UK Children's Laureate. The role of Children's Laureate is awarded once every two years to an eminent writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievement in their field. Chris succeeded Malorie Blackman and has been succeeded by Lauren Child. Chris was awarded an OBE for services to illustration and charity in the New Years' Honours List for 2019. You can find out more at his website - <http://www.chrisriddell.co.uk/>.

The pitch of the talk is probably for KS2 children and older and the timing reflects this. Tickets are limited and the event will be publicised widely next week, including to local schools, so do reserve your tickets quickly. I really do recommend coming if you possibly can.

Parent Consultation Evening

As mentioned in our last newsletter, you should have received a link to your mobile phone or email address which takes you to our online booking system where you can select a time convenient to you. If you did not receive this and require an appointment please contact the office.

Five Ways to Wellbeing

On Friday 1st February, Year 5 will take part in a Five Ways to Wellbeing Workshop. The aim of the day is to support the mental health of children and to educate them on how to incorporate the Five Ways to Wellbeing into their daily lives. This will be done through workshops which are fun, but also a thought provoking way to build confidence, improve positivity and self-esteem. Activities such as brain aerobics help improve memory, further brain function and concentration. Songs and dances improve co-ordination, team-work and powerful relaxation. There is a snack and chat picnic to explore new tastes discussing the importance of eating healthily.

Debate Club - Pet Debate

Last Friday, a small group gathered to hear four children from Otters Class debate whether every child should have a pet.

Isla and Tam spoke for the motion. They pointed out that having pets leads to lower blood pressure in their owners, as well as more physically active lifestyles and lower cholesterol. They argued that children with pets tend to get outside more and enjoy more fresh air and that you can have fun with a pet, even a ferret! Plus, of course, pets are really cute!

Kitty and Theo W spoke against the motion. Their arguments included the fact that pets' shorter lives mean that children have to cope with the death of animals with which they have developed emotional attachments. They also explained that pets can trigger allergic reactions in children and disrupt children's sleep. From their research, they were able to produce statistics about the number of deaths from dog attacks in the US. This side also pointed out that parents often get stuck with the care of pets as children don't always honour their promises to care for their pets!

After some tricky questions from the floor, including the impact of universal pet ownership on the future of zoos, a second vote was taken. In the end, Kitty and Theo managed to persuade more people to their side and they carried the day. Well done to all four speakers, especially to Tam who stepped in at the last moment to cover.

Our next Debate Club is on Friday 1st February and the motion will be 'This House believes that books are better than television.' It is great to have an interested and feisty audience so please do put the date in your diary and come and make up your mind on this debate.

House Charity Fundraising

Green House

On Wednesday 6th February, Green House will be holding their fundraising day in support of Canine Partners. Children may come to school in home clothes in exchange for £1.00. House Captain, Lily, has very generously agreed that as this is a whole school event it is only fair that all four house charities should benefit from the non-uniform aspect of the day.

Canine Partners will also be coming to the assembly to give a demonstration of their work and showing how they help people with disabilities with specially trained dogs. There will also be a raffle drawn during assembly with lots of lovely prizes to be won including gifts from Cowdray Farm Shop and Wizzbits Toyshop and Fisher Farm vouchers along with lots of other goodies. Raffle tickets will be £1 each and can be purchased in advance by completing the form sent home with your child this week and returned to the box in Reception. The proceeds from the raffle will go to Green House.

Yellow House

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Yellow House Captains assisted by Mrs. Mayhew, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Stevens, our Dancing Queens, will be leading "Dancemania" on Friday, 8th February, 3.15-4.30pm. There is no doubt about it; this will be the best gig in Easebourne and featuring the greatest tunes and the chance to have fun learning some of the latest dances. Tickets costing £1.50 must be bought in advance and include a glow band and a little snack/treat on the night. Your child should have come home this week with a flyer. There is a box in reception for ticket orders and money. All funds raised will go to the Dogs Trust. Any child attending must bring their water bottle.

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Total From Autumn Term	162	177	166	139
Christmas Reading Challenge	26	25	24	23
Week 1 and 2 House Points	1	3	2	4
Week 3 House Points	1	4	2	3
Week 4 House Points	3	1	3	4
Total	193	210	197	173

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Race Night

The Rotary Club of Midhurst and Petworth are hosting a community Race Night on 22nd March 2019 at 7pm in the South Downs Memorial Hall. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to our Mindfulness PawsB project which the children in Y2 – Y6 have started in the last few weeks.

This will be a fantastic, fun community evening which you are all invited to. Please feel free to invite family and friends along too. Perhaps a group from work, or a girls/boys night out! Tickets are £15 and this includes a hot meal generously supplied by Ocean Blue. The hall can only hold 150 people so tickets will be limited.

The evening is a community event and local businesses have been invited to support it by sponsoring a race. Each race will have 8 horses which you are invited to purchase at £10 per horse with winners receiving a £40 return. Horses for 4 races are being sold in advance and the remaining 16 horses will be auctioned on the night, so be sure to bring your bidding and betting money!

There will be a bar selling alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments and of course it wouldn't be a race night without betting Totes. We will also be running a lucky ticket raffle.

Please complete the form which was attached to the email sent out to all Parents/Carers last week to book your tickets and/or buy your horses. Forms, with payment should be put in the box on the school reception. Tickets will come home in book bags from 1st February.

We are very grateful to The Rotary Club of Midhurst and Petworth for supporting our school, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Janet Lambert
PTFA Chairman

Dates for your Diary

- * Friday 8th March, Children's Film Night, 3.15pm-5.30pm (exact times to be confirmed)
- * Friday 22nd March from 7pm, Race Night in aid of the Easebourne Primary School Mindfulness Project at the Midhurst Memorial Hall (more details to follow soon)
- * Thursday April 4th, Easter Egg Hunt to take place during the school day.

COMMUNITY NEWS



3.30 - 6.00pm
Monday 4th February
at St Mary's Church, Easebourne
for the parishes of Lodsworth, Selham & Easebourne

**A relaxed and informal church
with a warm welcome for the whole family**

*Crafts, songs, celebration, food and plenty of
opportunity to have fun and make a mess!*

**More details from Alison Davis (01730 816642)
or Lynne Todd (01798 861399)**