

Easebourne C.E. Primary Newsletter

In a safe, loving environment built on the strong Christian values of **faith**, **hope** and **love**, we want our children to **ACHIEVE**, to **BUILD** and to **CONNECT**



29th April 2022

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Welcome back to the summer term. Whilst the temperatures have not been as high as they were over the Easter holiday, the weather has been bright and it is lovely to see the trees in the orchard in blossom and the grounds coming to life. With the grounds in mind, we are running a Tuesday after-school club this term, focusing on the raised beds and the courtyard. If anybody would like to give up their time to help at any of the sessions or contribute plants, they would be most welcome – between you and me, the staff lead doesn't really know what they are doing!

Parents may remember that, last year, we had a national finalist, Nellie (Y5, then Y4) in the Poetry By Heart KS2 Classic Competition, held at the Globe Theatre on London's South Bank. This year, we sent videos of our three school winners - Nellie, Alisha (Y5) and Alais (Y4H) - and yesterday, we were delighted to be told that Alais (Y4H) has been selected as one of the ten national finalists in this year's KS2 Classic Competition. Alais has been invited to the Globe Theatre later in the term and we wish her every success.

Our congratulations go to Becci Parker on being appointed to the role of Deputy Head from September. We also warmly welcome Aggie Krzanik to Dragonflies as a teaching assistant.

Finally, despite best efforts we still need a midday meals supervisor. This does not have to be the same person for all five days and we would welcome enquiries from anybody interested in two or more days. If you, or somebody you know, might be interested, please let us know.

Similarly, we are still searching for a crossing patrol person to make the children's journeys to and from school safer. Child-care in Wraparound would be included free of charge as part of the package.

Have a great weekend,

FORTHCOMING DATES:

- 02.05.22 Bank Holiday
- 03.05.22 Inset Day
Y4s' Meet the Teachers (Zoom)
- 04.05.22 Clubs Start
YR Meet the Teacher (Zoom)
Forest School starts for Hedgehogs
- 05.05.22 Forest School starts for Squirrels
- 06.05.22 Y1 Meet the Teacher (Zoom)
- 07.05.22 MRC Community Day

KEY DATES:

- 09.05.22 KS2 SATS Week -12.05.22
- 16.05.22 Class Photos
- 22.05.22 Circus Visit to School
- 23.05.22 Circus Workshop
- 06.06.22 Inset Day



CARNIVAL OF LIGHTS

There is a lantern making workshop happening this Saturday in the Old Library as part of the Season of Culture 2022, hosted by Chichester Festival Theatre. It is £5 per person for a 2 hour workshop. Some students from Midhurst Primary recently took part in the workshop and created some beautiful lanterns which they then displayed at the opening event at Cowdray Ruins.

There is space on both workshops currently (10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm).

It is open to all ages, not just children!

For more details please see attached poster

NEWS STORY

The PTFA Committee are working hard to finalise the arrangements for the amazing Circus show that has been arranged for the children and local area on **22 May 2022** to raise important funds to help grow our forest school. We have already sold out on one show, so please make sure you get your tickets booked to avoid disappointment. There will also be stalls, refreshments and face painting.

Don't forgot all the children then benefit from a free circus

workshop on **Monday 23 May 2022**.

If there are any parents/ guardians that could offer their time on the day, we could really do with some extra volunteers to assist with setting up, stewarding the car park and then helping to clear away, any help would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your kind support.

Please see attached poster for further details.

NURSERY AND EYFS

Early Days Nursery welcomes 7 new children this term. Caterpillars and Ladybirds have been reading 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and talking about growing plants. Bumble Bees have been reading and acting out 'Jack and The Beanstalk', "fi fi fo fum, I'm a giant". They've painted 5 magic beans to plant in the classroom.....will they be magic and grow after all?! Some of the children have made models and written their own name labels to display.



This week in Dragonflies our new phonics phoneme was 'or'. This also tied in with St George's Day that was at the weekend. On Monday the children dressed up as knights, princesses and dragons as they have been learning all about the story of Saint George. They have made clay dragons in class and large dragons out of the crates in the garden. They also painted pictures of dragons and made flags too.



"Look at our lovely dragon now!" Charlie M

OUR ENVIRONMENT:

With this year's new growth, the labyrinth is looking better than it ever has. The holes were plugged last term, there is lots of greenery and the hedges now have real height – we've just got to keep on top of it! You can even see it clearly on Google Maps, if you look, though I don't know how old the current image is! Our Year 5 Labyrinth Guardians have been giving it the once over this week and are now embarking on identifying the different trees that make up the hedging so that they can produce information posters to explain to everybody how to spot the different species for themselves.

KS1

Hedgehogs - Science this term is about wild and garden plants in the local environment.

We started our topic by sharing the children's ideas relating to plants, we all knew something that we could share. We investigated plants a bit further and found out that they are living things that grow, change over time and make new plants. Using an apple tree, as an example, we looked at seasonal changes. We learned a lot of new words that will help us with our understanding of plants over this half term. We took our learning outside and went on a hunt for plants using a plant identification sheet to help us. Once we had found as many plants as we could, the children then chose one plant to draw and label. Most of us could identify the stem, flower, and leaf.

Squirrels – Over the last few months we have been lucky enough to have an ex-pupil, Rebecca, helping us in class. Rebecca is training to be a Teaching Assistant and has aided the children in all areas of their work. Squirrels have enjoyed working with her because she is good at understanding why they have made mistakes and explaining how to correct them. They enjoyed reading to her and talking about their books. They also liked talking to Rebecca and listening to her stories about when she came to Easebourne, sharing her struggles at school and explaining to the children about perseverance, resilience and self-confidence. It has been a lot of fun having Rebecca to help out and we will really miss her.



"I drew my favourite flower, a buttercup." Lenny



Star Awards

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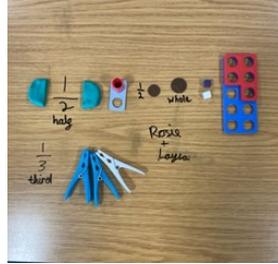
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KS2

Rabbits - We have had a great start to the new term and have welcomed Mya to our burrow! We are already really engaged with our new topic "Ancient Civilisations", looking at Pharaohs, the river Nile and mummification. We hope to learn lots more about these areas and have written some questions in our English lessons that we hope to answer when exploring our topic further. In Science we have been looking at forces and magnets. On Wednesday we started to investigate how the surface material of an object can affect the speed at which it travels.

Badgers D - We have had a very busy start to the term. We have been quizzing on the books we read over Easter; exploring animal adaptations in our whole class reading, understanding the Christian symbols of Easter (including hot cross buns!) in R.E. and having some hands-on Maths by exploring and reviewing our prior learning of fractions.

Badgers H - We've come back with a bang in 4H and got straight into teeth and digestion. We've been identifying and naming the different teeth in humans and comparing their shape, size and function with carnivores and herbivores. We've also explored the journey of food from first bite, through the human digestive system, which was fascinating!

Foxes - We have been extremely busy during our first week back. We have unpicked tricky vocabulary in Rudyard Kipling's classic 'The Jungle Book', explored volume in maths and discussed salvation in RE. However, a particular highlight was our science investigative work linked to forces. To understand how gravity and air resistance work, we explored how paper helicopters descend at different rates according to the surface area of their blades.

Otters - It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back following our Easter break. It has been a week of consolidation in Year 6, focusing on the things we can do really well to make sure we feel confident. We have reminded ourselves of percentages and honed our reasoning skills in maths lessons. We have also tackled some tricky SPaG and been very successful. PE this week was a great chance to let off some steam. We practised our throwing and catching skills with a dodgeball and benchball tournament! Even Mrs Parker joined in!

Construction Challenge - 100

Last term, we set a friendly construction challenge to build a supercar. The Year 6 judges set the challenge for this half-term which is to build a tree house. The first entry, from Leon, has set the bar really high and children can check it out as it is already on display. I am now looking forward to receiving more entries. Please note that the display unit shelving imposes a height restriction of no more than 34cm. I hope that there will be room in next week's newsletter for a photograph to whet the appetites of other possible competitors!