



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th May 2018

Dates

Monday 7th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Thursday 10th May	Foxes Class Visit St. Mary's Church	pm
Friday 11th May	Year 5 Fun Maths at MRC PTFA Film Night	Cancelled 3.30-5.30
w/b 14th May	National Curriculum Tests – Year 6	
Wednesday 16th May	Last day for PTFA Happy Bag Collection	9.30
Friday 18th May	Rabbits Class Visit to Marwell Zoo	9.00-3.00

A Word from the Head

Dear Parents,

Sadly, today we say goodbye to Molly Stringer who has been assisting in the office for nearly two years whilst undertaking her business administration apprenticeship. Having spent time in a school environment Molly has decided she would like to continue work with children and starts her new job in a nursery next week. We wish Molly every success in her new role.

There is very exciting news about creation of the Wheelbarrow Castle Community Space and Play Park. Ian Milne has written an update (see below). We understand that three different contractors will be involved but the Parish Council are committed to minimising the disruption to the school whilst the project is under way. This will be a wonderful facility for our families and it is tremendous news that the children will be able to enjoy it during the summer holidays if work goes according to plan.

Traffic News

I met this week with Clare Faulkner, Project Support Officer for Local Transport Improvements, to discuss how to promote pupil safety and greener travel across the school through a national scheme called Modeshift Stars initiative. We identified a number of areas on which to work and a key one was the school's lack of crossing patrol through long-term absence and difficulty with recruitment. After a long period without a crossing patrol, a survey of numbers of children walking to and from school indicated that there wasn't enough pedestrian traffic to warrant the patrol being reinstated. Clare has arranged for our need to be reassessed next week, on Wednesday, 9th May. I have always believed strongly that this crossing patrol must be reinstated. A school survey parents completed about this issue indicated that many parents would walk to school if there was a crossing patrol.



However, nothing will happen unless we demonstrate that this is the case. If you want to see a crossing patrol back on Wheelbarrow Castle, you need to **vote with your feet on Wednesday** and be counted. So **PLEASE** try to make one or both of those journeys on foot next Wednesday if this is an option you would sometimes choose if we had a crossing patrol.

On the subject of traffic, I have received reports of two instances of parents pulling out onto Wheelbarrow Castle forcing drivers of cars to swerve or brake to avoid hitting them. We ask cars to drive at 20mph around the school and many do. In return, please be respectful of traffic as you enter and leave the school in your car.

Crockery Wanted

Later on this term, the children will be working on a mosaic in the courtyard with students from Seaford College. This project will require crockery fragments so if you have any coloured crockery which you no longer want but would be happy to see incorporated into this project, please do leave them with the office. Clearly, chipped or cracked crockery is perfectly satisfactory for this.

Recruitment Tea Party

As part of Community Week (wb 25th June), we are holding a Recruitment Tea Party. If you know anybody who would enjoy volunteering in some capacity to support the school of you would like to yourself, please support this event. It will take place at 2 o'clock on Thursday, 28th June. I hope that as many of our existing volunteers as can will be able to be there to talk about their experience.

Spelling Bee

Finally, here are the results for the Spelling Bee first round, the house competition part of the Spelling Bee. Once again, it was a very close competition, with one correct answer separating Red Eagles from the Green Turtles! Congratulations to all who took part. The next round will find the KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 overall winners.

	Green Turtles	Yellow Meerkats	Blue Dolphins	Red Eagles
Y1 (Hedgehogs)	41	70	81	53
Y2 (Squirrels)	132	108	77	163
Y3 (Rabbits)	110	149	94	88
Y4 (Badgers)	164	101	108	111
Y5 (Foxes)	75	100	105	63
Y6 (Otters)	118	153	140	163
Total	640	681	605	641
House Points	4	10	1	7

SRE Week (Sex and Relationship Education)

SRE Week begins on Monday 11th June. As last year, parents are welcome to view the episodes which we use from the series 'Living and Growing'. If there is a demand, a screening of the episodes will take place starting at 9.00am and 12.30pm on Friday 25th May. Please let the office know if you will be attending. You can view the school's SRE Policy under 'Policies' in the Parent Information section on Moodle.

Year 5 Fun Maths

Year 5 will not be attending this year's Fun Maths at MRC as it clashes with their wilderness session.

Wheelbarrow Castle Community Space and Play Park

Easebourne Parish Council is delighted to inform you that Planning Consent permitting a change of use of the old Intermediate School far sports field to the community space and play park was achieved last week. So it is now full steam ahead with the work. The plan calls for work to commence on 8th June and finish during the second week of August. Whilst there may be some minor and temporary disruption to use of the car park, the whole project is being conducted in close cooperation with the Head, as our aim is to achieve the creation of this wonderful community space with the very minimum of effect to Easebourne Primary School. Throughout the

project, there will be regular updates placed in the school newsletter to let you all understand what is to happen next.

If you have any questions, please contact Councillor Ian Milne - ian@easebourne.org.

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Sam M, Ava, Tula, Lucas and Megan B who all completed the last challenge and gained a house point for their respective teams.

This week's puzzle is a 'Sudoku'. Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the number 1 through to 6.

Don't guess – use logic!

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

	5	2		1	
1	3				
	1	5			
			1	3	
				6	1
	2		5	4	

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
Total	204	213	232	239

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Smartie Tube Challenge

Thank you to all the families that took part in the Smartie Tube Challenge over the Easter Holidays, you raised a fantastic £184.

Beat the Teacher Quiz Night

Thank you to the 9 teams who took part in the Beat the Teacher Quiz. Sadly the teachers couldn't be beaten (well done teachers - credit where it's due!!) but fun was had by all. Ticket sales and the raffle raised £215, which added to the Smartie Tube Challenge has given us a really great start to this year's fundraising. The money we have raised so far will be spent on Forest School, additional Whiteboards and the library. Thank you to Mr Culley who compiled the quiz.....but can we have a few slightly easier questions next year please ?!

Film Night

The PTFA Film Night will be held on Friday 11th May 3.15pm – 5.30pm. This event is for all the children of Easebourne Primary School, Reception Class through to Year 6 only. Unfortunately, we do not have the adult – child ratio to supervise younger children. However, if you would like to help on the day and have a younger sibling they are more than welcome to come with you but they will be your responsibility throughout.

Tickets will be on sale from Friday 4th May at £2 per child, price includes a bag of popcorn and a bottle of fruit drink or water. The children are more than welcome to bring their pyjamas or change of clothes, pillows, duvets, blankets etc... they love to bring onesie's but we advise against them as the hall gets very hot.

The film this time is Paddington Bear 2 which is rated Universal. As with any event we will need volunteers to help beforehand, during the film and cleaning up afterwards. If you are able to help in anyway please contact the school office, the PTFA Facebook page 'Easebourne Primary School PTFA' or Jo Purser (joint Secretary of the PTFA and a mum of children in Dragonflies, Ladybirds & Otters)

Happy School Bag Collection

Please fill the bag, which came home in book bags last week (or a black bin bag) with unwanted clothes, shoes, console games, souvenirs, handbags, belts, hats, accessories, bed linen and towels then leave your filled bags at the school reception. The collection is on Wednesday 16th May in the morning.

Walk, Jog, Run

On Friday 25th May 2018, we are once again holding our biennial 'Walk, Jog, Run' as part of our efforts to raise funds to support the school. The aim is for the children to complete as many laps of a 350 metre course in the school grounds within 30 minutes. This can be achieved by either walking, jogging or running and is completely up to the individual, it is not a race, it's a fun way to end this half of the term. The maximum time any child can spend taking part will be 30 minutes and all children will be able to stop at any point. Please let the office know if your child has a medical reason which means they cannot take part. A letter and sponsorship form will be sent home with the children early next week and we hope you will support this aspect of the event.

Fashion Show

The Easebourne Primary School Fashion Show will be taking place on Friday 15th June. Letters will be coming home in due course with full details. This will be a fun evening where the children get to model some fantastic clothing, supplied by Kids on the Catwalk.

Summer Fair

Plans are underway for this year's Summer Fair which will be on Saturday 30th June, 1pm – 4pm. Bouncy Castles, Punch & Judy, Magic Show, Ice Cream Van and Balloon Modelling have all been booked and we have some amazing raffle prizes generously donated by local businesses. It promises to be a great afternoon with shows and performances by the children too. Letters will be coming home soon giving details of stalls and where help and support are needed. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so we do need you, as part of the school community, to lend your support in whatever way you can.

Dates to remember

- Film Nights, Friday 11th May, September and November
- Happy School Bag Collection, Wednesday 16th May and one other in the Autumn Term
- Sponsored Walk,Jog,Run, Friday 25th May, during the school day
- Fashion Show, Friday 15th June (times tbc)
- Summer Fair, Saturday 30th June, 1pm-4pm
- PTFA Meeting, Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm
- Fairies & Scaries, Friday 12th October, 6pm-8pm
- Christmas Fair in December

If you would like to look at the minutes from the PTFA Annual General Meeting which took place on Wednesday 24th January, they are now on Easebourne Primary Moodle Website, under Parent Info, PTFA News. You can also peruse the Chair Report, Treasurer's Report and Financial Report under this heading.



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Half Term at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st May

8.30am-4.30pm

£15.50 per am/pm session or £31 per child, per day.

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.

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We are pleased to inform you that South Coast Sports are running 2 new **SSE Wildcats** Girls Football Centre's in Bognor Regis and Easebourne in partnership with the FA!

SSE Wildcats Girls' Football Centre's provide girls with regular opportunities to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment.

The sessions take place on a weekly basis and provide a safe environment for girls to have fun engaging with football, make new friends, develop fundamental skills, try a variety of sessions and create foundations for a lifelong love of sport!

Predators SSE Wildcats Centre, at Longbrook Pavillion, Hook Lane, Bognor Regis, PO22 8AT, **Mondays 5-6pm**, £3.00 per session (First session free.)

Easebourne SSE Wildcats Centre, at Easebourne Primary School, Wheelbarrow Castle, Easebourne, Midhurst, GU29 9AG, **Wednesdays 5-6pm**, £3.00 per session (First session free).

Sessions will be run by our experienced coaches. All South Coast Sports Coaches have completed Child Protection Workshops and hold current Emergency First Aid qualifications, as well as their sports coaching badges and DBS Checks.

To find out more you can visit our website www.southcoastsports.org.uk/sse-wildcats/ or contact Amy via amy@southcoastsports.org.uk