



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

## Dates for the next 2 weeks

<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Foxes and Otters Residential Trip to Gaveston Hall	
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Grandparents Tea Party for Squirrels and Hedgehogs Classes	<b>2.00-3.00</b>

## A Word from the Head

Today we said goodbye to Graham Stonard, our Premises Manager. It would be impossible to list all the jobs that have fallen to Graham over the last five years. Many of them, for a start, would probably not have been included in his job description! Perhaps his greatest challenge, which he accomplished magnificently, was helping the school settle into a very different site which posed a greater range of issues than your typical primary school site. He has, in short, been a remarkably dedicated and capable colleague; he will be greatly missed and we wish him well. We are still hunting for a suitable replacement who might take on this role so please do let the school know if you can think of somebody.

Amongst other news, there is an update about our school councillors and house captains in this newsletter. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and would like to take part in the Big Sleepout for Stonepillow, there is information about how to go about it. You can also learn about the West Sussex Youth Cabinet and their latest initiative to support funding in West Sussex Schools and how you can get involved. And check out the update on upcoming work in Easebourne Park.

## Deadline for Stonepillow Big Sleepout (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October)

I am happy to organise a small party from Foxes and Otters for the Big Sleepout if there is a reasonable level of interest. The deadline for expressing interest is Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We took part in this event in 2014 and 2016 and I can confirm that the event is well organised, with a great community spirit. In 2014, it was dry and we survived very well; in 2016 it rained and the half of us whose boxes disintegrated ended up sleeping in the cloisters which was different!

It takes place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, kicking off in the afternoon. There is a **£15 registration fee per person** and an expectation that each participant will raise a little money beyond that for this worthy cause. You can find out more about the sleepout at their website:

<https://stonepillow.org.uk/the-big-sleep-out-2018/>.

If your child would like to take part, please let me know **by the end of play on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. If there is sufficient interest, I will move the plan forward by submitting a joint registration form.

Parents/older siblings are very welcome and will help ensure that our party has good supervision – the event requires children under 14 to be accompanied by a responsible adult (**maximum 4 children per responsible adult**). Whilst parents do not have to come, I would need to gain their confirmation that they were happy for their child to be supervised by the adults in the party.

## Easebourne Park

Easebourne Parish Council have asked us to warn parents that Lawrence from Wildwood will be arranging delivery of a piece of machinery that will be working on the Park on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, preparing the ground for some of the planting. It will be timed to arrive outside of busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

We will not be fencing off the whole Park whilst this is taking place, for obvious reasons, but we will put notices at the entry points warning that the Park will effectively be closed for these days and Lawrence will use temporary warning tape around the areas they are working in. Please note that this will involve

working machinery. The Parish Council will also put information on the website and share on Facebook.

### **West Sussex Youth Cabinet**

The West Sussex Youth Cabinet was formed in 2001 and is a group of 45 young people, aged 11-18, who are elected every two years to represent the views and concerns of young people in West Sussex. The Cabinet attends local and national meetings and events, informing them about important social and political issues. We hope to share some of their initiatives with our school community through the school's newsletter.

### **West Sussex Youth Cabinet & WorthLess?**

The West Sussex Youth Cabinet has put together a petition about the WorthLess? campaign movement and sent it out to headteachers to pass on to pupils, parents and staff to gather their support. The link to follow is <https://www.change.org/p/young-people-worthless-campaign-for-fairer-funding-in-west-sussex-s-schools>. This petition is an effort to create fairer funding for schools in West Sussex. They want support from all of our pupils, parents and staff to contribute toward the broader WorthLess? campaign and make an impact upon the community. Any responses they receive can then be sent to those working on the main WorthLess campaign to help them further the cause.

### **Starting School Reception September 2019**

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 they can start school in September 2019. From Monday 1st October 2018 to Tuesday 15th January 2019, you can apply online on the pupil Admissions Application website at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions). Once you have submitted your online application you will receive an automatic email acknowledgement confirming that your email has been received. Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries and Children and Family Centres for parents who do not have access to a computer. Paper forms will only be issued to parents on request by phoning 0333 0142903 and forms need to be sent back to the Pupil Admissions Team by recorded delivery. Applications made after the closing date cannot be considered until all other applications have been dealt with. Online applicants will be notified which school their child has been offered by email during the day of Tuesday 16th April 2019. Other applicants will be sent a letter by second class post, posted on 16th April.



## KS2 Date for the Diary

Next term, as part of the school's focus on emotional health and well-being, we will be introducing weekly mindfulness sessions as part of a 6-12 week classroom-based curriculum, aimed at 7-11 year olds called Paws b. These will be taught by a local expert practitioner, Sandrine Cranswick. Thanks to generous support from Lady Cowdray, this will be introduced in Year 3 and there will be training for interested staff in the summer. We are currently pursuing funding to extend this to the other three KS2 classes and we might be in the very fortunate position of being able to offer this introduction in the spring term to everybody from Rabbits Class upwards.

To help parents find out more about what this initiative will involve and, indeed, why we are launching it, we are running an information session on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6 o'clock. Sandrine and I will be there to explain and answer any questions. All parents, whether KS2 or not, are warmly invited to attend.

## The Orchard (Nurtures Space)

We are very excited to announce the opening of The Orchard, Easebourne Primary's new Nurture Space. The facility is led by Debs Thomas and Samanta Echo and will run every morning from 9-12, currently supporting 4 pupils.

Debs and Samanta will work closely with Class Teachers, our SENCO, Mr Meaby and Mr.Culley, providing ongoing assessment and support for children showing signs of emotional stress and/or behavioural difficulties. The Orchard is a small intervention space offering a secure and reliable environment where the staff actively work towards the childrens re-integration into mainstream class. The aims are to help children learn to behave appropriately, use their curiosity constructively, improve their self-esteem and develop confidence through close and trusting relationships with adults.

The Orchard will be open during Parents' Evening on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30-7.30, and we look forward to welcoming you should you wish to stop by and ask any questions.

## School Councillors

Congratulations to all our councillors who were voted in by their class.

- Bailey and Tiana – Year 1
- Seb and Mia – Year 1
- Rohan and Ella – Year 2
- Tyler and Bea – Year 3
- Charlie W and Tabitha – Year 4
- Nick and Margot – Year 5
- Thomas, Courtney and Ruby – Year 6
- Harriet in Year 4 will join us as Secretary

All the school councillors were excited about having the opportunity to make positive changes to the school.



## House News

Our House Captains have now been elected by their housemates in Otters Class. The House Captains have met and agreed names and logos.

### Red House

Hi Red Team. We would just like to inform you that your new House Captain is Theo W and your Vice-Captain is Isabella L. We are very proud that we have the responsibility of leading Red House this year and are thrilled to be working with you. We are very happy to announce that Red's new name is 'Red Robins'.

### Blue House

Hi Blue House, we would like to let you know that Blue's new House Captain is Bella G and your new Vice-Captain is Isla. Our first task was to decide on a house name and we have decided that the new name for Blue House is 'Blue Sharks'.

### Yellow House

Hi Yellows, we would like to tell you that your new House Captain is Leah and your new Vice-Captain is Charlie. We decided to let everyone have their say in our new House name, so we sent out a letter to everyone in Yellow House so they could suggest names. We are now the 'Yellow Minions'.

### Green House

We would like to announce that this year your House Captain is Lily and your Vice-Captain is Imogen. Our new house name is 'Green Grasshoppers' and we are really excited to be representing Green House.



o Red Robins	Theo W	(Captain)	Isabella L	(Vice-Captain)
o Blue Sharks	Bella G	(Captain)	Isla	(Vice-Captain)
o Yellow Minions	Leah	(Captain)	Charlie	(Vice-Captain)
o Green Grasshoppers	Lily	(Captain)	Imogen	(Vice-Captain)

## House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
<b>Summer Reading Challenge</b>	17	14	9	15
<b>Who Am I? (100% Correct)</b>	0	4	3	3
<b>Who Am I? (House Totals)</b>	1	10	4	7
<b>Week 1 House Points</b>	4	2	1	3
<b>Maths Challenge</b>	1			
<b>Week 2 House Points</b>	2	4	3	2
<b>Week 3 House Points</b>	1	4	3	3
<b>Total</b>	26	38	23	33

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Thank you to all who came to our first PTFA Meeting of the year. A copy of the minutes can be found on the school Moodle under the section Parent Information.

Dates to remember:

- \* Fairies & Scaries, Friday 12th October 2018, 6-8pm
- \* Film Night, Friday 16th November 2018, 3.15pm-5.30pm
- \* Christmas Fair, Friday 30th November 2018, 5.30-8pm



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Easebourne Park

#### Temporary Closure

Please note that Easebourne Park will be closed on September 26th, 27th and 28th for essential groundworks to take place in preparation for planting seeds, bulbs and heathers. These groundworks will involve heavy machinery moving around our Park.

#### Tesco Bags for Help - Vote for Easebourne Park

From early Sep to 31 Oct, Easebourne Park will be involved in the Tesco Bags of Help competition as one of 3 projects shoppers can vote for in the Tesco Express Midhurst and the Tesco Superstore in Haslemere.

Easebourne Parish Council are attempting to raise more funds to provide additional, inclusive and innovative play equipment for Easebourne Park. Please would you consider supporting this vote by placing blue tokens in the Easebourne Park slot when you shop at either of these 2 Tesco outlets. The winner will be awarded £4000 by Tesco.

Please assist by voting for Easebourne Park at Tesco!

### Bonkers for Conkers - October 14, 2018 @ 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm

If you don't know about this event already, you should put it in your diary, especially as it is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that it has been organised and it is held so locally, at the Langham Brewery in Lodsworth. It's free to come along, but all the proceeds to Chestnut Tree House, the Sussex-based hospice for children. Chestnut Tree House cares for 300 children and young adults from 0-19 years of age with progressive life-shortening conditions. There will be two competitions to find the junior (8 to 15 years) and senior conker champions of 2018. There are some slo-mo videos to give you an idea of what goes on at <https://langhambrewery.co.uk/news/bonkers-for-conkers-a-cracking-success/>. So why not sign up to be in the conker competition, this **free** family-friendly event! This year is going to be very special as it is Chestnut Tree House Hospice's 15th birthday. Go click: [Sign Up To Play Conkers Here](#).



**3.30 - 6.00pm**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
**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)**