



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24th November, 2017

DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Monday 27 th November - Friday 1 st December	Goblin Raffle Tickets on sale	
Tuesday 28 th November	Badgers Trip to Weald and Downland Museum	9.00-3.00
Friday 1 st December	SENDCO Drop In Choir to sing at Midhurst Christmas Street Party Clubs Finish	8.40-9.30 6.10-6.30
Saturday 2 nd December	Choir to sing at the Cowdray Café Tasting Day	11.00-12.15
Tuesday 5 th December	Matinee Christmas Performance - Yrs 1 and 2 Goblin Club Milkshake and Biscuits	2.00-3.00 3.15
Wednesday 6 th December	Evening Christmas Performance - Yrs 1 and 2	6.00-7.00
Thursday 7 th December	Tree of Hope	6.30-7.00
Friday 8 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair	5.30-8.00

A Word from the Head

Dear Parents

The term is getting busier. Rabbits Class visited the Weald & Downland Museum and the very next day, not to be outdone, Foxes Class took it over as part of Takeover Day! My thanks to all staff involved and, of course, to the staff at the Weald & Downland where the children, by all accounts, had a great time.



Despite having a relatively large car park, there are clearly some parking issues at the moment and I have received four different concerns this week.

1. We have three disabled parking bays, two next to the minibuses and one at the end of the staff parking area. With the pressure on parking spaces, these are apparently being used by drivers of cars which are not displaying blue badges. This means that disabled drivers are struggling to find a parking space to enable them to pick up their children or grandchildren. **PLEASE** could drivers leave these spaces free and be mindful that not all disabilities are obvious.
2. Earlier this week, it was reported to me that a driver of a car which was parked behind the drop-off zone reversed into a mother who was crossing behind her with two children. The mother pushed the children onto the pavement and, though shaken, was thankfully unharmed. **PLEASE** could drivers exercise vigilance when manoeuvring around the car park? **PLEASE** could pedestrians make sure they cross using the crossing.
3. Some parents are parking their cars outside designated spaces in the car park near the Parish Field. This is causing confusion and congestion and making manoeuvring in and out of spaces more difficult and dangerous for pedestrians using the car park. **PLEASE** use the marked spaces.
4. Finally, it has been reported to me that people are leaving their cars in the drop-off zone at the front of the school. This is not what it is intended for. If we can keep it free for dropping off, the traffic will flow more smoothly and cars will be able to leave the site quickly, reducing congestion. **PLEASE** don't park in the drop-off zone but just drop off. There should be absolutely no necessity to park in the drop-off zone at 2.30pm when the rest of the car park is empty.

The car park, though big, is under pressure at key points in the day. Car sharing, wherever possible, would reduce that pressure. Walking to school helps hugely but children need supervision crossing

Wheelbarrow Castle though the new signalised crossing will soon help with crossing the A286. Timing your arrival at the school can also help to spread the traffic load across these busy times. Finally, if there isn't a parking space when you arrive and you need one, **PLEASE** be patient and wait for one to become free.

Clubs

We are in the process of finalising our clubs for next term. The new clubs list for the Spring term will be e-mailed to parents on Friday 1st December and in the interest of fairness no forms will be accepted until Monday morning. Please ensure forms are returned promptly to the office and by Friday 8th December at the latest.

If you are interested in helping, or even have a club which you would like to offer, please do let us know as soon as possible.

School Book Fair

At the Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December and after school on Monday 11th December, the office staff will be running a book fair selling books from the Book People. There will be a large selection of fantastic books ideal for Christmas presents with savings of up to 75% off RRP. The school will earn 25% commission in free books for our library, so please do come along and see what's on offer.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal. We raised an amazing total of £272.98, our best ever. A special mention to Bella, Lucas, Izzy, Theo W and Joss who dedicated their spare time to sell poppies over the Remembrance period. They raised an additional £106.15. Well done to you all.

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our fundraising for Children In Need, we raised a total of £141.00.

Reaching Families

Reaching Families have published an e-Book version of the new edition of Making Sense Of It All. Making Sense Of It All is designed to help parents of children with SEND aged 0-14 in West Sussex learn how to get the support they need for their child and family. It covers a wide range of subjects including diagnosis, benefits, education, health, social care and local leisure opportunities. The book is firmly established as a must have guide for parents in West Sussex and is sometimes referred to as the "parent bible". The book is now available free in iBook and Kindle format and can be downloaded directly from their website. <http://www.reachingfamilies.org.uk/ebooks.htm>

Primary Maths Competition

We have been very pleased with the children's response to the Primary Maths Competition and lots of children have done extra work at home. We have sent off the results this week and the children who took part will receive a certificate in our Celebration Assembly.

Sumdog Ninja Competition

Unfortunately, we have come across a problem with the competition this time and team effort has not tracked correctly. Having said that, they have worked hard and done well individually. A special mention must go to both Lucy in Otters and Harrison in Hedgehogs, for their sterling effort - well done!

Stonepillow

We are writing to let you know about the latest news from Stonepillow, the charity that supports homeless and vulnerable people. This week a lady called Mrs Minchin came into our school to talk about a reverse advent calendar, which is where you have a chocolate advent calendar and every time you take out a chocolate you replace it with either a coin or put aside a small gift like a toothbrush, hairbrush, toothpaste, comb, spare small blanket, small box of chocolates or a bottle of water. If you would like to take part please bring in your donations on the last day of term when they will be collected by Stonepillow and distributed. Alternatively, the Stonepillow trolley will be placed in the front foyer and we will be collecting socks, hats, gloves, toilet roll and wrapping paper. **THANKYOU!!!**

By Eden and Madeline, Otters Class



Goblin Club

Here are a few events that we will be hosting, in order to raise money for our new Goblin car:

Next week (Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December), we are going to be selling raffle tickets during morning and lunch breaks. We will be selling the tickets at the cross chair by the staff room and the winners will be drawn during Star Assembly on Friday 1st. Tickets will be 20p each (or £1 for a strip of 5 tickets). The prizes are two chocolate advent calendars and a Swizzles advent calendar. By Romilly, Otters Class



On Tuesday 5th December, we are going to be hosting a 'Milkshake and Biscuits' day. We will be selling a choice of either strawberry or chocolate milkshake, with a biscuit, at both morning break (by the cross chair near the staffroom) and after school (in the library area). We hope to see you there! By Ralph and Maddie, Otters Class.

Bikeability

On Monday 20th November, Otters class started a bike safety course called 'Bikeability'. All through the week, we have been riding our bikes on the road with a group of four professionally trained bike safety instructors to earn our road safety badges. We have already completed four of our courses and thoroughly enjoyed them! By Ned, Otters Class

Rabbits Trip

On Thursday 16th November, Rabbits Class went on a school trip to The Weald and Downland Museum. We travelled on the school minibuses. When we arrived at the museum the class split into 2 groups. One group went to the Victorian school house where they were given Victorian names. They did some English, maths and poetry as well as saying a prayer. The other group looked around the museum, then the groups swapped.



After lunch we tried to pump some water through an old pump - it was hard work! We also had to do other chores in an old Victorian house. The chores included making beds (with bed bugs!) and cleaning with Brasso. If the children were good they would have been allowed cake in Victorian Britain. Finally we did some cooking. We made some drop-scones. We didn't all like the scones and they took ages to cook because we had to bake them over an open fire. The school trip was great fun. By Charlie H, Thomas and Elijah



Foxes Museum Takeover Day



On the 17th of November Year 5 went to the Open Air Museum. We all had a variety of different jobs that we had at different locations. There was CEO workers and there were two mill workers plus lots of others jobs. When we all had finished our lunches we played games and then did some paintings which will be on display at the museum. Before we left we had a photo taken and saw a building that

had a treasure chest and a table. It was an amazing day and we would love to go back. By Jasper, Tam and Teddy, Foxes Class



CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Midhurst Christmas Street Party



The Town Council has invited choristers from local primary schools to participate in the "switch-on" of the Christmas Tree Lights at the Street Party on Friday 1st December at 6.30 pm in the Market Square. The choir will perform from 6.10-6.30pm and later in the evening some of our children will perform with their ukulele's accompanied by their teacher Marco Frankland.

Singing at Cowdray Cafe

The choir will be singing at the Cowdray Café Tasting Day on Saturday 2nd December at 11am and again at 11.45am. Children should arrive at 10.45 and meet Mrs Stevens at the front of the Cowdray Café. They do not need to be dressed in school uniform, just a warm coat and a hat, scarf and gloves. Parents are welcome to stay and watch and enjoy the Christmas Tasting Day.

Christmas Performance



Y1 & Y2 will be performing "Lights, Camel, Action" on Tuesday 5th December at 2.00 p.m. and Wednesday 8th December at 6.00 p.m. As there are only two classes involved in this performance we will not be issuing tickets, but please be sensible with guest numbers. Performers should arrive at 5.45 p.m. for the evening performance in order to get ready.

Tree of Hope

Our choristers will be performing at the Tree of Hope at St. Mary's Church on Thursday 7th December in aid of Midhurst Macmillan Cancer Support. The choir should arrive at the church by 6.15pm dressed in school uniform.

PTFA Christmas Fair

The PTFA will be holding their Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December from 5.30-8.00pm. Please see the PTFA section of the newsletter for further information.

Cowdray Pensioners Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 14th December Otters Class will sing for the Cowdray pensioners at their Christmas lunch. The children will walk to Cowdray Golf Club after their lunch and return in time for the end of the day.



Christmas Lunch/Parties

Please remember that Chartwells will be providing a hot Christmas lunch in school on Friday 15th December. There will be no charge to parents as we will be paying for the meal. Parties will follow, so children will be permitted to change into home clothes just before lunch.

Carol Service



Our Carol Service is at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 19th December at 6.00 p.m. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be performing songs they have been practising and parents are invited to join us to participate in the Service and Christmas carols. Parents and children from Dragonflies Class are very welcome to attend the school Carol Service at St Mary's Church if they wish but they must sit with you in the pews.

Reception Class Christmas Performance

Parents and Grandparents of Dragonflies Class are invited to join us on Tuesday 19th December at 2.00pm when the class will perform "A Warm and Fuzzy Christmas Story" in the school hall. This nativity has been written by Julia Pantington and is based on the traditional story. A letter will be sent home shortly with more details.

Christmas Jumper/Hat Day – House Charity Day

On the last day of term children may come to school in a Christmas jumper or hat for a donation of at least a £1.00. This event starts off our House Charity Fundraising and house points will be awarded according to which house raises the most. Please don't feel that you need to buy something new, a home decorated item could be just as much fun.



House Update

	Green Turtles	Yellow Meerkats	Blue Dolphins	Red Eagles
Week 1-3 House Points	1	3	4	2
Summer Reading Challenge	17	11	12	14
Summer Kit Book Challenge	18	17	14	17
Sumdog Challenge	10	9	4	9
Week 4 House Points	1	4	4	2
Week 5 House Points	1	3	4	3
Week 6 House Points	2	3	4	2
Pumpkin Carving Competition	18	12	12	9
Week 7 House Points	1	2	4	3
Week 8 House Points	4	1	2	4
Poetry Recitation Competition	25	27	28	26
Autumn Half Term Reading	16	23	23	21
Week 9 House Points	2	1	3	4
Week 10 House Points	1	2	3	4
Week 11 House Points	2	3	2	4
Total	119	121	123	124

EASEBOURNE GOVERNING BODY

SCHOOL POLICIES

We have adopted a large number of policies which cover areas such as Behaviour and anti-bullying, E-safety, Safeguarding and Child Protection. These are available in a file in Reception to anyone who would like to read them and are also available on the School website.

PROPOSED SCHOOL EXPANSION

We spent some time discussing this at our recent meeting. Your governors will press the Local Authority to make suitable modifications to the buildings and grounds if the expansion is to go ahead. There was a strong feeling that mixed age classes must be avoided at all costs.

Ian Goodall (Chair of Governors)

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Happy School Bag Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated lots of bags full of unwanted items, you have helped raise £305 towards the school.

Film Night

Thank you to all the children that came along and supported the film night, we hope they all enjoyed themselves. Also a big thank you to all the parent volunteers, teachers and staff that helped to make it a huge success, if it wasn't for you all, we wouldn't be able to hold this event for our children. I do have an extra big thank you to Gemma Purser for giving up her time to make 109 gingerbread biscuits for everyone. Thank you so much, they were yummy!!

Christmas Fair

Planning is well underway for this years' Christmas Fair. It promises fun and entertainment for the whole family and is open to all children and siblings of the school as well as their parents and grandparents. We are utilising a large section of the school to include stalls, games, mini stalls run by Year 6 (developing their entrepreneurial skills!!), refreshments (bar, cakes, mince pies, sausage rolls, hot drinks etc) and a festive disco with our resident disc jockey, DJ Dodge. We will also have Santa's Grotto, providing a chance for the children to meet Father Christmas himself and receive a small gift. So far Raffle Tickets, Christmas Fair tickets and Pint Pots have gone out in book bags. We will try to get the fair tickets sent back to you via the children as quickly as possible. As with all events we need helpers/volunteers to help set up on the day, run stalls and clean up afterwards. I will be putting a list up for helpers on our PTFA Facebook Page and up in reception, from early next week. Anything you can help with, will be really appreciated as its a huge event to organise.

We have some fabulous raffle prizes to be won this year and as we are not holding a silent auction they will all be put into the raffle.

Here are a few of the prizes you can win to whet your appetite :-

- * £150 Cash
- * Luxury Hamper
- * 2 Course Dinner with Wine for 2 at Seven Fish
- * A Year long Sports Membership at the Grange
- * A Cowdray Golf Voucher
- * Lower Lodge Candles
- * Handmade Wooden Cheese Board (complete with Wine & Cheese)
- * Noble & Stace Chocolates
- * A £25 Voucher for the Olive & Vine
- * £10 Wizzbits Toy Shop Voucher

And many more!!!.....including something from Aspinall of London.

As stated in the letter sent home in book bags more raffle tickets are available if needed. The aim ultimately is to raise funds for our school which will benefit our children and have some festive fun. So please come along and support our event.

Looking forward to next year, we have planned/confirmed:

The AGM will be on 24th January at 8.00 pm followed by a PTA Meeting.

Hopefully with enough assistance we will run all our regular events – Easter Egg Hunt, Film Night, Summer Fair etc. dates and times to be confirmed.

We are also hoping to run a Fashion Show on Friday 23rd March.

COMMUNITY

We have been contacted by Midhurst Swimming Club which has been running for 50 years! This local friendly club is for children of all ages and abilities. Leaving from Midhurst at 6.30 p.m. every Thursday in term time, the children are taken (via Richardsons Coaches) to Haslemere Swimming Pool where they enjoy an hour's swim, tutored by experienced and professional swim coaches. Regardless of age, the children are put into groups with similar ability children so they are all learning to swim at their own pace. The children return to Midhurst at 8.30 p.m. The club prides itself on not being a 'competitive', 'pushy' swim club, but on having an ethos of enjoyment, fun, learning in a safe and friendly environment. At just £7.50 per two hour session (£75.00 a term), it's fantastic value for money. For more information, please email midhurstswimmingclub@hotmail.com or find them on Facebook @ Midhurst Swimming Club. The club is visiting our school assembly on Monday to launch their logo competition.

We have also been contacted by Wizzbits Toy Shop on West Street to announce the arrival of their free to use Christmas postbox. Children are welcome to pop into the shop, write their wish lists and post them in the Christmas post box to Santa at the North Pole. Wizzbits assure us that, if these are posted before 8th December, it should give him enough time to reply! Wizzbits can be contacted at hello@wizzbits.co.uk or on 01730 859261.



3.30 - 6.00pm

Monday 4th December

for the parishes of Lodsworth, Selham & Easebourne
at St Mary's Church, Easebourne

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

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

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