

# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th May 2018

# **Dates**

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last swimming session for Rabbits Class			
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Tednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> Dragonflies Class – Visit from the Animal Man			
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	SRE Screening for Parents PTFA Sponsored Walk, Jog, Run	9.00 & 12.30		
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term			
W/B Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	STEAM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths)			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Visiting Mobile Planetarium (Yrs 1-6)			
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Hedgehogs Visit to St. Mary's Church Swimming starts for Badgers Class Inter-school Debate	am pm 3.45pm		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Otters Trip to Cass Sculpture Foundation	9.00-3.00		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	STEAM Fair PTFA Tops for Tombola Day (Non-Uniform) SENDCO Drop In	2.00 8.40-6.30		

# A Word from the Head

It's been a tense week for Otters Class as they have sat their SATs tests which finished yesterday. They were very mature in their approach and certainly gave of their best. I congratulate them on their attitude and hope that they can now enjoy the weather and all that lies ahead of them during the remainder of this, their final term. Squirrels Class have also been taking SATs tests this week in class and we wish them a relaxing weekend!

After last Friday's Film Night, a big thank-you must go to all the members of the PTFA for giving up their time to make sure the children were well looked after. 'Paddington 2' was a great choice and all the children, regardless of age, seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. A particular thank-you to Jo Purser for masterminding the event.

You will read, later in this newsletter, about the impending playground in the new Easebourne Park. The Parish Council would like to incorporate children's line drawings, inspired by the natural environment, to be incorporated into the large wooden uprights as carvings. If your child is interested, please do encourage them to create and bring in black and white images. They also want to know what children feel should appear on the welcoming board at the park's main entrance. Again, children should submit their ideas for consideration.

# **School Song Lyrics**

Next Thursday, Jamie West, our guitar teacher, has generously agreed to work with a small group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to start work on a school song. Whilst this group will be responsible for assembling the lyrics and composing the tune, Jamie is very keen to hear from any other children who would like to make suggestions for lines or fragments of lyrics that they think might work well in a school song. Parents might enjoy talking to their children about this; please do send any material that emerges into school, marked for Jamie's attention.

# SRE Week (Sex and Relationship Education)

SRE Week begins on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Uniform**

We have an ever increasing amount of unclaimed uniform, the majority of which is unnamed and therefore unreturnable. Can we ask that over the half term break you ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled. Thank you

# **African Day**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 two men from Guinea (in Western Africa) called Ali and Sila came to school to teach Badgers and Rabbits classes



about
African
drumming
and
dancing.
At the end
of the day
we had
an
assembly



where Rabbits and Badgers showed the rest of the school some African dancing whilst Sila and Mrs Stevens played the drums. Then we went to the parents and grandparents, who had come to watch, and got them all to dance. By Rufus and Sian, Badgers Class

# **Dragonflies Royal Wedding Tea Party**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Dragonflies Class enjoyed a Royal Tea Party to celebrate the imminent Royal Wedding. This is what they had to say:

We had a Royal Tea Party because we had a Royal Wedding – Rosie D

We liked dressing up - Archie H



I was Prince Harry – Oscar B I liked

being the Queen – Rebekah I liked being a soldier – Bailey

It was fun, the best bit was the food, we made cakes – Dylan

Vicky, Noah and Henry liked the banana cake the most.

# Wheelbarrow Castle Community Space and Play Park - "Easebourne Park"

Following 2 very successful Public Consultations about the plans for the Wheelbarrow Castle Community Space and Play Park, we are still on course to commence erecting the safety and security fence on 8 June, before groundworks by West Sussex company PB Groundworks, to permit efficient water drainage from the upper part of the field, commences on 11 June. The work will proceed in

phases and once the drainage works have finished, Wildwood UK will start work on the natural oak dens and trails (in brown on the image of the park) using timber generously supplied by the Cowdray Estate. Thus, timber grown in the parish will be used for many years as creative play in the parish. After the innovative play areas are finished, a pond will be created at the bottom of the field, partly to assist with field drainage, but also for aesthetic reasons. SDNP is providing advice on how to create an inkeeping natural pond which we all hope will attract some wildlife from elsewhere in the Park. Next phase will be the installation of the more conventional play equipment (pictures at the top of the plan) by Midhurst company Playsafe Playgrounds. Then, PB Groundworks will return and complete the paths around and in the play park, followed by an opening event, planned for September. Once work starts we will have a better idea of the opening date, so keep reading these updates. Finally, the recent Public Consultations confirmed the preferred name of our exciting community space - simply "Easebourne Park". We hope you are all as excited as we are about this project?

Any questions? Contact the Parish Clerk, Sharon Hurr, on parish <u>clerk@easebourne.org</u> or, to speak to a councillor, <u>ian@easebourne.org</u>



# Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Sam M and Lucas who completed the last challenge and gained a house point for their respective teams.

This week's puzzle is 'Next Number'. What is the next number in the sequence?

0, 1, 1, 2, 4, 7, 13, 24, 44, ?

Don't guess – use logic!

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

# **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
Week 4 House Points	4	3	3	1
Week 5 House Points	2	1	4	3
Maths Challenge			2	
Total	210	217	241	243

# **EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS**

#### **Film Night**

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped before, during and after film night, it couldn't go ahead without you. As always the children seemed to really enjoy themselves. This was the last film night for the academic year, the next film night will be scheduled for September.

#### **Happy School Bag Collection**

A big thanks to everyone who donated. There was a large pile of bags waiting for collection on Wednesday morning. You have all helped raise an amazing £396.60, well done everyone.

#### Walk Jog Run

Walk Jog Run is scheduled for next Friday. 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.

For this event to take place we will need 2 adult helpers for each class and more for Dragonflies Class. If you can help please can you let the school office or myself, Jo Purser, know as soon as possible. If we don't have enough helpers by Thursday we will have to cancel this event.

If any families have a pop-up gazebo we could use on the day of the event please could you let us know. We are looking for 1 per class, if possible, just in case the weather is hot the children have some shade to go to.

Parents/Guardians are more than welcome to come along at 1.50pm to watch and support the children. A letter has gone out by email with more details.

#### **Fashion Show**

Letters came home this week with details of the Fashion Show to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm. If your child wishes to take part please complete the form and put it in the box located in reception.

We will also need adult help on the night (you will be able to see your child on the catwalk), so do please volunteer to help if you can.

## <u>Summer Fair</u>

Plans are underway for this years' Summer Fair on Saturday  $30^{th}$  June, 1pm-4pm. The afternoon will be filled with entertainment for children and adults. We have some fantastic raffle prizes generously donated by local businesses - first prize this year will be a 2 night stay for 2 at a country hotel. As always, we will need parents to support this event helping out on stalls, further details will follow shortly. For a small donation (£10) we are inviting outside stall holders to join our fair, so if you have a small business, be it crafts, skin care, produce etc... and wish to have a stall, please let Janet Lambert or the School Office know.

#### Dates to remember

- Sponsored Walk Jog Run, Friday 25th May, during the school day
- Fashion Show, Friday 15th June at 6.30pm
- Summer Fair, Saturday 30th June, 1pm-4pm
- PTFA Meeting, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm
- Film Nights, Friday in September & November
- Fairies & Scaries, Friday 12th October, 6pm-8pm
- Christmas Fair in December



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



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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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