



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th October 2018

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Friday 19th October	INSET DAY	
22nd October-26th October	HALF TERM	
Monday 29th October	INSET DAY	
w/b Tuesday 30th October	Poetry Week	
Tuesday 30th October	Individual Photographs	am
Thursday 1st November	Maths Workshop for Children and Parents – Dragonflies Rabbits Trip to Butser Ancient Farm	8.50-10.00 9.00-3.00
Friday 2nd November	Poetry Recitation Competition with Celebration Assembly	
w/b Monday 5th November	Bikeability – Year 6	
Tuesday 6th November	Reading and Phonics Introduction for Parents – Reception and KS1	3.30pm
Wednesday 7th November	Rotary Musical Festival	7.00pm
Thursday 8th November	Year 6 Interfaith Event PTFA Meeting	9.00-12.00 8.00pm
Friday 9th November	Poetry and Pasties	3.30-5.00pm

A Word from the Head

It's certainly been a full-on half-term. On Saturday, our school group took part in the Big Sleepout at Chichester Cathedral in aid of Stonepillow. Between them, the team has raised over £1,300 so far but there is still time to sponsor the team, if you would like to. You can reach the justgiving page by clicking on the link at: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/stonepillow/bigsleepout2018>. If you then scroll down the fundraisers on the right hand side, you will come across various pages set up by members of the team.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term, whether it's a restful or jam-packed one.

Staff News

After half-term, we will welcome two new staff; Will Stevens will become our new premises manager whilst Liz Mitchell will take on the role of Year 1 teaching assistant in the mornings.

Fairies & Scaries

WOW! Congratulations to the PTFA for pulling off such a humdinger of an evening. Everybody clearly had a great time and our thanks must go to the PTFA team who put serious time and effort into ensuring the event was a success. Congratulations, also, to the pumpkin carvers. There were some magnificent entries. The winners from each house were:

- Blue Winner: Rose
- Green Winner: Dulcie
- Red Winner: Nate
- Yellow Winner: Chloe & Leah

Poetry Week

A quick reminder that the judges will be in school to judge our annual poetry recitation competition on the morning of Friday, 2nd November. Your child should have received a list from which they can make a selection but you and your child can also access the poems on the Parent Info section of the

school's Moodle. Children really benefit from support in this at home as family members can provide an audience and often give useful feedback about expression, speed, volume and actions. This year again, winners will be invited to recite for an audience at the Poetry and Pasties event the following week on Friday, 9th November (3.30-5.00), when we will be joined by a talented performance poet, Steve Tasane, who has worked with the children before. Do put Poetry and Pasties in your diary – all are welcome!

Moodle

This term, we are gently resuscitating the school's Moodle as a helpful additional resource for the school community. Class teachers have uploaded a range of resources that will be of interest to parents of the children in their classes. You will be able to find a topic overview of the term along with the Meet the Teacher PowerPoint presentation that was shown at the start of the term. There should also be some weblinks to useful sites that will support your child's learning in English and maths. Meanwhile, on the Parent Info section, you should be able to find details about the current poetry competition. Login details can be found in your child's kit book.

We would be very pleased to have some feedback on how useful you are finding the Moodle and how it might be improved, including any educational websites that your child enjoys and that you think other children might also enjoy. Meanwhile, we will keep you posted about additions to the site that might be of interest.

Parking

Whilst we have been without a premises manager, we have not been coning off the cross-hatched area of the far car park. As a result, some parents have returned to parking here, as well as alongside the fence in the car park. This parking behaviour has been reported by a number of parents as it greatly increases the chances of an accident, particularly one involving a child. It also means that emergency vehicle access is compromised. We are currently purchasing further cones which our new premises manager will put out at key points. Please help to keep the car park a safe place for everybody and be careful with your parking.

Dogs at the Playground Gate

It's great to see the park being used so fully; our children are very fortunate to have this resource so close to school. One concern has been brought to my attention, however. Parents are tying dogs to the gate near the car park while they retrieve children from the park. As a dog owner myself, I just wanted to remind fellow dog owners that some of the children at the school find dogs intimidating and a dog at a gate which a child has to pass through can cause anxiety. Please bear this in mind.

Individual School Photos

The school photographer is due in school on Tuesday 30th October to take individual photographs of all our children, including those attending Early Days Nursery. Please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper/cardigan. Siblings within the school will automatically be photographed together but if you would like a family photograph with younger siblings, please let the office know. These photographs are taken at the very beginning of the day (8.30am →) so it is essential you arrive promptly.

Maths Workshop for Children and Parents – Dragonflies

On Thursday 1st November parents of children in Dragonflies Class are invited to stay after drop off for a Maths workshop. This will give you the opportunity to understand how to support your child.

Reading and Phonics Introduction for Parents – Reception and KS1

On Tuesday 6th November at 3.30pm parents of children in Dragonflies, Hedgehogs and Squirrels Classes are invited to an introduction to reading and phonics. Come along and find out how to assist your child at home.

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 will take part in Bikeability Cycle Training the week beginning Monday 5th November. Bikeability is designed to help give children the skills and confidence to ride on today's roads. This half term it may be a good idea to check the condition of your child's bike, including tyre pressure and brakes. Your child will also need a correctly fitting cycle helmet.

Starting Secondary School September 2019

A reminder that the deadline for applications for secondary school transfer is Wednesday 31st October 2018.

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. 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.

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Summer Reading Challenge	17	14	9	15
Who Am I? (100% Correct)	0	4	3	3
Who Am I? (House Totals)	1	10	4	7
Week 1 House Points	4	2	1	3
Maths Challenge	1			
Week 2 House Points	2	4	3	2
Week 3 House Points	1	4	3	3
Week 4 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 5 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 6 House Points	3	2	4	1
Pumpkin Carving Competition	19	11	21	11
Week 7 House Points	2	4	2	3
Total	54	63	56	50

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Fairies & Scaries

Thank you to everyone who came to Fairies & Scaries and to all the volunteers who helped. We made a fantastic £1300 profit which is absolutely amazing. Thank you all so much.

MRC Fireworks, 2nd November

Per the email sent out earlier this week, we need volunteers to help run our sweet and glow stalls. We are asking for just 30 minutes of your time on a strict rota system. Advance discounted tickets are available from www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mrc-fireworks-tickets-49776345389 or individual tickets can be purchased from Mane Street and Cafe Verde. They will also be sold on the gate when they open at 5.30pm. If you can help, please comment on the PTFA Facebook page, email janetlambert037@gmail.com or let the school office know.



We have been asked to volunteer our car park as an overflow but please bear in mind it can get really dark so please bring a torch.

Christmas Art Project

Your child's Christmas artwork should have come home by now. This is a project which raises funds for the school. This year the ordering online system appears to be working well, with the new addition of mugs available to purchase - perfect for Christmas gifts!

Order online using your unique code (instructions are on the form and it's straightforward) then tick the box on the form and return with the artwork to school.

I have placed a collection box in the Main Reception at school for returned forms. All artwork must be returned regardless of whether an order is placed. The order deadline is the 28th October 2018.

Film Night

The PTFA Film Night will be held on Friday 16th November 3.15pm-5.30pm (times to be confirmed after half term) Tickets will be on sale from Monday 12th November at £2.50 per child, price includes a bag of popcorn and a bottle of fruit drink or water. For all new parents of children that started this year the PTFA run a film night for the children of school from Dragonflies through to year 6, normally 4 times per academic year on a Friday afternoon. We had our first showing back in September. The event runs from after school till around 5.30pm (times may vary depending on the length of the film). Children are more than welcome to bring their pyjamas or change of clothes. They love to bring onesie's but we advise against them as the hall gets very hot. It has been known for some pupils to bring in pillows, duvets, blankets and teddies! The name of the film will be confirmed after half term. As with any event we will need volunteers to help beforehand, during the film and cleaning up afterwards. If you are able to assist in anyway please contact the school office, the PTFA facebook page 'Easebourne Primary School PTFA' or Jo Purser (Joint Secretary of the PTFA)

Happy Bag School Collection

The Happy School Bag Collection is scheduled for Friday 7th December. Please can you fill bags with any of the items below, all items must be clean and in a reusable condition otherwise they will not be taken. Also can your filled bags be in school by the end of Thursday 6th December, thank you.

They WILL accept:-

- * Reusable clean and dry clothes
- * Reusable paired shoes and footwear
- * Handbags, belts and accessories
- * Soft toys (teddies)
- * Bed linen

They DO NOT accept:-

- * Single shoes
- * Duvets, pillows & blankets
- * Curtains
- * Mats and carpets
- * Bric-a-brac
- * Dirty, damaged and wet clothing

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair 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, refreshments and a disco. We will also have Santa's Grotto which gives the children the chance to meet Father Christmas and receive a small gift. A Christmas Fair letter will go out after half term with more details of the event and entry tickets will go on sale from Monday 5th December at £1 per person.

Dates for your Diary

* PTFA meeting, Thursday 8th November, 8pm in the Conference Room at Easebourne Primary School, everyone welcome.

* PTFA Film Night, Friday 16th November, 3.15pm - 5.20pm. Tickets go on sale Monday 12th November £2.50 per child.

* Tops for Tombola, Friday 16th November, children to come dressed in pyjamas or onesies in exchange for a gift for the bottle tombola.

* Christmas Fair, Friday 30th November, 5.30pm-8pm, fun and entertainment for all the family, tickets to go on sale Monday 5th November at £1 per person.

* Happy Bag School Collection, Friday 7th December. Please can all filled bags be in by the end of the school day on Thursday 6th December.



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



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October

8.30am-4.30pm

£16.00 per half day

Children aged from 2-11 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.

Tel. 01730 815046

Email ect@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

Easebourne Park Updates

Survey: since the opening in September, the Park at the heart of our community has attracted much laudatory comment, verbally, in the press and on social media. However, the Parish Council believes that to ensure it captures the feelings and thoughts of the wider Parish community about this key Parish feature, it should undertake a comprehensive community survey. Accordingly, in the months ahead, the intention is to conduct a parish-wide leaflet door-drop inviting all parishioners to comment about the present Park facilities and layout and to seek ideas for its future development.

Petty vandalism: disappointingly, there have been several incidences of petty vandalism in Easebourne Park to include destruction of safety signage, riding motorbikes in the park damaging grass and gravel path, pulling out of protective plant support canes etc. Whilst these incidents have been reported to the police, perhaps you can do your bit in support and if any acts of vandalism are witnessed, report this ASAP to the police in Midhurst (911), or to the Parish Clerk on 07342 166 188 or by email to parishclerk@easebourne.org

Dog Fouling: despite the provision of free dog bags and litter bins, there are still dog owners who do not pick up after their pet. This is an emotive issue, and is considered unacceptable and offensive by many who use the Park. Additionally, dog fouling is a recognised health hazard for children and can attract a fine of up to £1000 for those successfully prosecuted. The Parish Council is considering measures to shame owners into more responsible action, including a "we're watching you" campaign, the brainchild of the Keep Britain Tidy group, and the use of Chichester District Council dog wardens. Please assist the community by asking those spotted allowing this unacceptable practice to take place, to "pick up after their pooch".

Friends of Easebourne Park: so as to allow wider community involvement in the fundraising for the upkeep and development of Easebourne Park, it is intended to form a community support group, Friends of Easebourne Park (FrEP). The key details are still being finalised by the Parish Council, so please standby for more announcements about this initiative in the weeks ahead. FrEP may be your opportunity to demonstrate support and commitment to this popular community facility - perhaps the PTFA could take a role here?