



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Dates for the next 2 weeks

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Clubs Start	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Meeting for Residential Trip in Sept 20 – Parents of Current Year 4 and 5	<b>3.15</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Forest School Starts for Badgers Class	<b>am/pm</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Indoor Athletics at MRC (Team from Years 5 and 6) Debate Club (KS2)	<b>2.00-3.45</b> <b>3.15-4.15</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Rabbits Class Trip to the Mary Rose Museum, Portsmouth	<b>8.40-3.00</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	PTFA AGM	<b>7.00</b>

## A word from the Head

It was lovely to see everybody back after the Christmas holiday and I wish you all a happy New Year. It is always interesting to hear what children got up to and what they received at Christmas - a wide range of presents were clearly given this year! The classes have started to learn about their new topics and the term ahead includes exciting events and trips for them to look forward to.

## Staff News

This term, we welcome to the staff Gemma Ralph, our new SENDCo, and Jessie Morter, a new childcare practitioner in Early Days. Some parents will know that Lizzie Mayhew has not been well and, following an operation, is likely to be off for the rest of the year. We wish her well with her recuperation. Congratulations to Lee and Heidi Coates who are expecting a baby in the second half of the summer term. We will, of course, keep parents informed of staff appointments to cover these staff changes.

Finally, we say goodbye to Debs Thomas today. Debs started at the school as a teaching assistant, drew on her art training to champion pottery and, having achieved the Forest School Level 3 qualification, added forest school leader to her roles. Then, more recently she stepped up to establish, with Samanta Echo, The Orchard, our nurture unit, which she has now led for four terms. In this role, she has worked tirelessly to support specific children with individual challenges and facilitate their learning and pastoral welfare. Debs has been an inspirational colleague and will be a great loss to the school. Thankfully, she is keen to stay in touch with the school and we will be able to draw on areas of her expertise in the future. We wish her well.

## Parking

Parents will remember that, due to budget constraints, teaching assistants' hours have been reduced from this term. As a result, they are leaving the school as parents are arriving to pick up. This, in turn, has led to parents' cars that are parked in the staff car park blocking these staff from being able to leave and the staff are having to wait until the parents collect their children and drive off. Please could I ask parents not to obstruct cars in the staff car park. As ever, it is very helpful when any parent parks in nearby roads and walks in to school to collect their children and I would encourage parents to consider whether this is something they might do more regularly. Car sharing also helps to reduce congestion.

## Debate Club

Next Friday, six of our Year 6 pupils will battle it out in the first debate of the term. The motion is whether Elizabeth II should be the last British monarch. Having an interested audience for these after-school debates makes a real difference for the speakers and I would encourage any parents and children who would like to listen to the arguments to come along – the debates are held in Otters Class and are always finished by 4.15.

## Attendance and Lateness

This week, parents will have received their child's attendance certificate. It is our aim that all children receive a minimum of 95% attendance, apart from those with chronic health issues. Children who are persistently absent or late soon fall behind with their learning. As part of our regular monitoring of attendance, at the end of each term we write to every parent/carer of any child whose attendance has fallen below 90%. This is the definition of persistent absence.

This term we will also be focusing on those children who are late on a regular basis. Not only does this mean that the child misses invaluable input as the lesson begins but they also disrupt the rest of the class by coming in late. From this term, we will be sending letters to parents/carers of children who are persistently late.

To clarify the procedure:

- Doors open at 8.40am
- Children should be in class by 8.50am when the register is taken
- Children who arrive after the register is taken but before the register closes at 9.05am will be marked as Late
- Children who arrive after the register closes at 9.05am will be marked with an Unauthorised Absence for the morning session

## Clubs

Clubs for this term start on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January. A list of clubs is displayed in the window of the front office. Some clubs are oversubscribed and a waiting list will be in operation. If your child fails to attend a club on a regular basis, their place will be offered to a child on the waiting-list. Requests for club payments have been sent via our on-line payment system.

## Online Payment System

This week we have sent requests for both club and trip payments. When we request a payment you will receive both a text and email from SchoolsMoney. Parents will no longer receive paper copies for letters regarding details of the trip, these will be attached to the email.

Some parents have experienced teething problems with our on-line payment system. If you have had problems logging on please try the following tips:

- Make sure you are entering your child's first name exactly as it would be shown on our records
- Make sure you are entering the mobile number and email address that we have on our records
- Don't autocomplete any of the details
- Clear your history/cache on the device you are using
- Make sure the website isn't on in the background
- Try a different device or browser
- Ask the office to resend your password
- Make sure you enter the password exactly how it has been sent. Some phones/devices capitalise the first letter in a new box so watch out for this
- If none of the above work, please screenshot the login page and send it to [support@schoolmoney.co.uk](mailto:support@schoolmoney.co.uk)

## Cooking Club

Mrs Taylor has been working hard to equip our Food Tech room in preparation for this term's Cooking Club. If you have any plastic containers, e.g. takeaway, ice-cream, chocolate tubs, etc, she would be able to put them to good use.

## Starting Primary School September 2020

A reminder that the deadline for applications for Primary School is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## Chartwells Meals

Please be aware that there will be a Children's Choice menu next Thursday, pizza will be substituted for a burger in a bun or veggie nuggets with chips, baked beans or salad and ketchup. Dessert will be a jammie jack flapjack.

## TIGHT WRITE 18

Congratulations to Scarlett-Lily (Y3), Roberta (Y6) and Margot (Y6) for their winning entries in the most recent Tight Write.



By day, Glenda and Dave are regular grandparents. By night they are superheroes saving the town. Tonight they saved a cat from falling and a rabbit from escaping. "Town Heroes," everyone said. When the sun came up they woke up on the sofa and realised it was all a dream.

By Scarlett-Lily, Year 3



### My Grandparents

I can tell my grandparents are keeping a secret. Because every time they come and see us they always seem to be in a rush. I went to stay with them a couple of weeks ago but they seemed ordinary. I did see them in superhero suits though. Maybe they're superheroes.

By Roberta Shaw, Year 6

After Suzie and Tom's grandson's fancy dress birthday party they were exhausted. They had tried to pin the cape on Batman, played a game of heroes and villains and then had a delicious slice of Superman cake! They could not wait to lie down. Within minutes they were fast asleep.

By Margot, Year 6

## House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Total from Autumn Term	173	138	161	143
Week 1 House Points	4	2	4	1
Total	177	140	165	144

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

### Annual General Meeting

We would like to invite all parent, carers and school staff to the PTFA's AGM, which will be held at school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7pm. At the AGM we will review last year's events and look at the treasurer's report.

The AGM will be followed by our first PTFA Meeting of the year where we will discuss events planned for the coming year. Everyone is very welcome. Do come along, we are always keen to hear from anyone who has any new ideas or suggestions.



3.30 - 6.00pm

**Monday 3rd February**

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 (01750 816642) or Lynne Todd (01798 861999)