

Easebourne C.E. Primary Newsletter

In a safe, loving environment built on the strong Christian values of **faith**, **hope** and **love**, we want our children to **ACHIEVE**, to **BUILD** and to **CONNECT**



Friday 11th February 2022

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

The local COVID rate per 100,000, though a little lower than last week, is still significantly above the national average of around 800. New cases of children off with positive cases continue, but the overall number of cases within the school has gently fallen. We will continue to avoid whole-school assemblies and run lunches in classes for KS2 until the half-term. At this point, we will review measures.

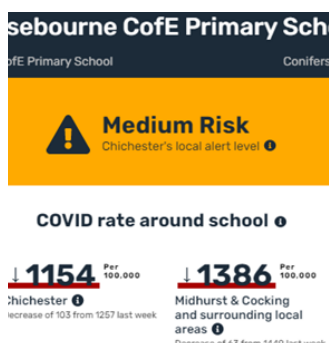
Next Friday is Break the Rules Day. All proceeds will go towards the PTFA's fundraising. This is the day that children are allowed to break (some of) the school's rules, so why not make the most of it and see how many you can break!

There are two weeks and three weekends for interested children to design their amphibious vehicle. Lego is one obvious building material, but children can use anything they wish. The deadline is **Monday, 28th February**. Entrants should submit up to 3 photographs of their creation. Ideally, the creations should be kept, in case there are enough to warrant a small exhibition. There is a possibility of a small prize or two, but it's more about the glory!

My final reminder is that volunteers (children and adults) are warmly welcomed to join me on **Wednesday, 23rd February**, at any time from **10 o'clock**, to weave a willow fence out of the trimmings from the outside classroom. This will go in the woodland to provide some screening, now that the ash trees affected by dieback have been removed.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Monday, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, as she acceded to the throne on 6th February, 1952. Yesterday, Year 5 resumed their weekly assemblies with a Zoom assembly about the Mumtaz Restaurant in Leeds. Inspired by Marcus Rashford and a £10 Christmas dinner he created with chef Tom Kerridge. Mumtaz provided a free meal on Christmas Day. They linked this story with Article #27 of the UNCRC, the right of every child to a proper house, food and clothing.



THE WEEK AHEAD:

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| 14.02 | Fancy Dress Rail (recycling purchases) |
| 18.02 | PTFA Break The Rules Day |
| 21.02 | Fair Trade Fortnight |
| 03.03 | World Book Day |

KEY DATES:

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| 18.02.22 | Last Day of Term |
| 21.02-25.02 | Half Term |
| 28.02 | Inset Day |
| 29.02 | First Day back |
| 08.04 | Last Day of Term |
| 25.04 | First Day of Term |
| 03.05 | Inset Day |
| 22.05 | Circus visit to School |
| 23.05 | Circus Workshop |
| 06.06 | Inset Day |



PTFA NEWS

The PTFA continue to come up with ideas on how to raise money for the school to benefit the children. Our focus this year is to raise money to 'grow our forest school' which is an essential learning area and an outside classroom that benefits all the children now and establishes roots for the school's future pupils.

World Book Day is **Thursday 3 March** and to help with those last minute fancy dress purchases we have set up a fancy dress recycling rail which is in Reception and open from **Monday 14 February**. You can help by donating your much loved, but no longer needed fancy dress outfits and purchase something different.

Bags2School raised an amazing £120 for which we are very grateful.

Please do not forget Breaking the Rules Day which is on **Friday 18 February** which is one of Mr Culley's favorite events! We ask for a donation for each rule broken. Look out for the slip in your child's book bag next week.

The Circus is coming to Easebourne School on **Sunday 22 May** when we will have 3 live performances, plus a free workshop for all the children on **Monday 23 May**. More information will follow.

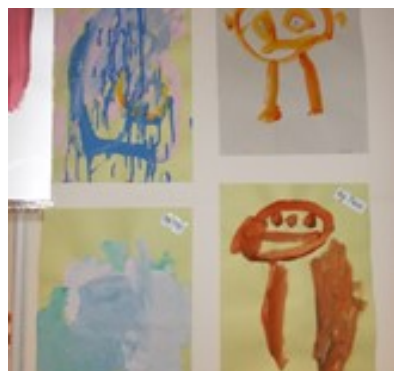
We have some amazing fund raising ideas, and activities for you and the children to enjoy, so watch this space...

COMMUNITY NEWS

I had a lovely day out in the community on Wednesday. In the morning, I tagged along with Year 5 on their fascinating trip to Buddington Farm where we were warmly welcomed by James Renwick and his sons, and, of course, by Lewis and Amy Edge. There will be more from Foxes in the rest of the newsletter, I'm sure. Then, in the afternoon, I was lucky enough to drive a mixed Year 3 football team to Petworth Primary School for a couple of friendly matches. The children played their hearts out and we beat Midhurst 1-0 and lost to Petworth 0-1, though Oscar was unlucky to hit the post from a direct free kick in the last moments of the match.

NURSERY AND EYFS

We've had some lovely sunny days this week & nursery children have enjoyed playing in the garden, building aeroplanes with the large blocks and cooking cakes in the mud kitchen! Caterpillars have painted their 5 Little Ducks and continued with the nursery rhyme. Ladybirds and Bumble Bees have been listening, understanding and responding to questions about their own likes and dislikes and preferences, Bumble Bees have done some great paintings too.



This week, Dragonflies Class have been learning about how to be safe on the Internet. They watched a story on the Smart board with Mrs Parker and had discussions afterwards about what was safe and what they should and shouldn't be doing on their tablets, Ipads, computers and phones.

"I like to eat everything Mummy makes", "I gonna be a zoo keeper when I a grown up".

"They put in the password without asking! They should have asked their Mummy or Daddy" – Leah.

SPORTS EVENTS

What a fantastic sporting start to the Spring term we have had for our KS2 teams! The children have been awesome at the events they have been attending! We are incredibly PROUD to share that our first piece of silver wear is with us - a HUGE congratulations to the Year 6 Indoor Athletics crew who gained first place. What a fantastic effort and team work they put in!



Additional congratulations and recognition to our Year 3 and 4 cross country runners... 1st place in the boys teams and 2nd place in the girls team. A special mention to Lucy Allen for a superb run for the Year 6 girls race, pacing herself just right.

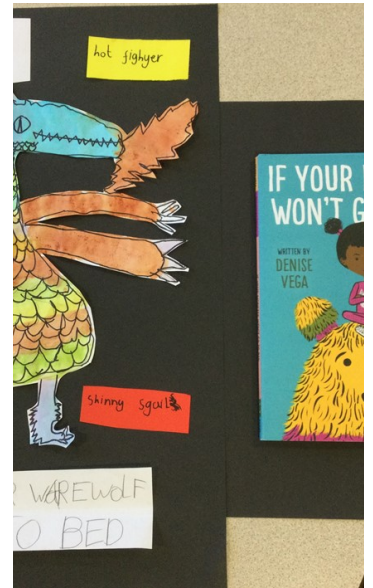
Thank you to all the parents that came to support and help at this event too.

Our budding Year 3 Football team have also been in on the action this week. 8 children participated in the Petworth Tournament and came second. They worked incredibly hard as a team and really showed great determination - what an exciting time for our teams!



KS1

Hedgehogs - This week in English, we have been working on writing instructions using Imperative Verbs (bossy verbs). We have looked back at our sandwich making and discovered lots of imperative verbs at the beginning of our instructions! This tied in nicely with our focus text which is 'If Your Monster Won't Go To Bed' by Denise Vega. At the end of the story, the main character gets her monster to sleep following 6 hilarious steps. After reading the book we wrote out our own bedtime routine and looked at the order that we needed to follow. We also used our knowledge of verbs, adjectives and nouns to see how the author composed a paragraph (step). The book has become a favorite in the class! Unfortunately, at the end of the story, the main character could not put zombies, werewolves or dragons to sleep and that is where we come in. Our mission for the last couple of weeks of this half-term is to write some engaging steps to get one of them to sleep... wish us luck!



Squirrels - Last week we made 'prototype' beach huts. Firstly, we looked at the features of beach huts and noticed that they all have pointy apex roofs and they don't usually have windows. We noticed that the patterns were often striped and very colourful. We used cardboard boxes and PVA glue to create our own models including these features. We focused on how to join the sections of our boxes together and experimented with different ways of strengthening the edges. Growth Mindset was a big feature of our junk modelling session. We discovered many ways of joining boxes together that didn't work and we discussed how we shouldn't struggle on with these ideas but should try something different!!



Nolan: my favourite bit in the story is the smoothie thing. It is made of bugs!

Wilf: I like the slime drink.

Lenny: I like when the girl sings in screech!

"I found out that there were all different ways to make it. I found a flat piece of cardboard and made a hinge to join the pieces together and I held it for a long time."

Katie

House Points



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KS2

Rabbits - What a confusing week we have had! Our topic is great fun but we don't know if we're doing topic or Science! We have really enjoyed learning about Mary Anning this week and how important she was in understanding Fossils. It seems really unfair that she wasn't allowed to be celebrated because she was a woman, but times have changed for the better. In Maths we have had lightbulb moments... adding 19 or 29 is so easy, we just had more and adjust by one and that means we can use our knowledge of the ten times table to help!

Badgers 4D - We transformed into Norse Myth characters this week; role-playing scenarios of the moment that Thor finds Loki has cut off his wife's hair (Sif) and confronts him. We have also been learning how to punctuate direct speech correctly and will be writing out the full dialogue between the two characters next week.

Badgers 4H - This week we have nailed co-ordinates. The children have learnt how to plot points on a grid and how to translate shapes across not just one but two quadrants. 4H finished up their work on this unit with a whole class Battleships Challenge which was great fun.

Foxes - To further our 'Grow, Sow and Farm' topic, Foxes went on a trip to Buddington Farm - it was amazing!

We learnt about a range of different farming processes and techniques linked to the mixed farm. Lewis, Ella's dad, guided us around the farm and explained how the dairy cows are cared for. We even saw a cow being milked by a special robot!

The farm also produces potatoes for restaurants and we learnt how to wash, sort and bag them. The forklift, that moved the potato crates around, was our favourite piece of machinery because we were able to see how it could reach the top of the warehouse roof.

We loved asking questions and exploring the different parts of the farm. At the end of the trip, we were allowed to pick a turnip to take away with us. However, the best bit was getting to try some ice-cold milk before we left!

Otters - We kicked off the week with some drama! As part of our English unit, we have been reading a letter written by an abolitionist who campaigned for the end of colonisation. On Monday, we stepped into the shoes of our characters and put them into the hotseat for an interview about slavery. We had to imagine how Maya and the King would respond, and what their thoughts might be about the end of slavery. We had great fun, even though it was quite challenging to step into role and imagine how the characters would feel.

*"I like translating the shapes, it's kind of like problem solving and was fun" Nick: "It was hard to learn at first but we kept doing it and I got used to it and I am good at it now" Vicky:
"I liked that we didn't just have to do writing and we got to do some thing that was a bit more fun and acting out." Rebekah*

TIGHT WRITE

Here is one of the winning entries for the most recent Tight Write, from Phoebe (Y2):

There once was an old man who lived next to a mysterious tree. Every morning he went to the tree and sat down. But one morning as soon as he sat down the tree sucked him in. From that day on the branches were shaped like his head.

Phoebe's has the makings of a really intriguing story. Congratulations, too, to Jack (Yr 1) and Molly (Yr 6) for their winning entries.

Meanwhile, have a look at Tight Write #58 (poster attached).



Have a great weekend,

Johnny Curley