

# 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 08 July 2022

## A WORD FROM THE HEAD

It's been a busy week. Foxes and Otters put on a wonderful show – 'Shakespeare Rocks!' – which the audiences enjoyed hugely. Our oldest pupils should be very proud of themselves. Their triumph wouldn't have been possible, of course, without the dedication of Becci Parker, Katie Stevens and Andy Taylor (in alphabetical order!) and, on behalf of all those children, I would like to thank these three staff for all of their time, effort and patience!

Meanwhile, congratulations to Otters Class and their teachers over the years, particularly Andy Taylor and Becci Parker, on their really encouraging KS2 SATs results. The children worked really hard to fulfil their potential and should all be very proud of themselves.

Wednesday was Transition Day. Our oldest children spent the day at MRC, the rest of our children met their next teachers in their new classrooms and we were joined by some tiny newcomers in Dragonflies! All very exciting! Before I forget, I would like to thank Rotherhill Nursery for their generous support of our weekly gardening club, supplying many free plants, and compost and other plants at a generous discount. Our raised beds are looking really great as a result.

Just a reminder that Jubilee Badges are still available to buy from the office. 50p ea.

Have a great weekend,

## STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that Shirley Manning will be taking over as our new Nurture TA from September. Shirley will be working with Gemma to provide Nurture support in the mornings and ELSA and Nurture outreach in the afternoons. Tracey Edwards, a highly experienced TA and qualified ELSA from Fernhurst, is joining us to fill Shirley's place as TA for Year 2 in the mornings and she will become part of our Nurture Team, three afternoons a week.

We also have some very lovely news to share with you - Becci Parker is expecting her first baby in January 2023. We know that you will all join us in congratulating her. We will be advertising for a replacement to cover her maternity leave over the summer holidays, to begin in January 2023. We will, of course, keep you posted and hope to have news on this early in the Autumn Term. If you have any queries in the meantime, please pop in

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

11.07.22	Badgers H visit to Leconfield Estate
12.07.22	Badgers D visit to Leconfield Estate
12.07.22	Clubs Finish
13.07.22 – 15.07.22	Otters Residential to Stedham Camp
15.07.22	Dragonflies Stay and Play
16.07.22	PTFA Summer Fair

## KEY DATES:

19.07.22	Volunteers Tea Party 2.00pm
20.07.22	Leavers' Assembly
20.07.22	Leavers' Picnic
21.07.22	Last Day of Term

## LOST PROPERTY

On Wednesday the 13th of July we will be putting a table outside the reception area, at drop off and pick up with all the lost property we have amassed over the past year.

Please come and have a look.

On a separate note the PTFA will also be running a pre-loved uniform and fancy dress costume stall at the Summer Fair. If you have any items that you no longer require and would like to donate, we would be very grateful. Please drop them into the school reception.

## PTFA

### Raffle

The closing date for returning raffle tickets is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please do drop off your raffle tickets and money to the school reception. We do have spare books behind reception if you would like more chances to win the amazing prizes. There will also be a raffle ticket stall at the Summer Fair for everyone to buy tickets. Don't forget to write your name and number on the ticket stubs.

### \*\*\* Summer Fair ALERT – One week to go \*\*\*

The Summer Fair will be taking place next **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 11am to 2pm**. We have a massive live entertainment schedule, a whopping amount of activity stalls to play or win prizes. A pizza van and ice cream truck will be there plus an extensive bar, tea, coffee and cakes. The Fair is free and open to all. Bring your friends and family, bring a rug and enjoy the **Summer Fair** and all it has to offer. The entrance to the Fair will be through the school playground and a balloon arch. If you can, please walk to relieve some of the pressure on parking. WE CANNOT WAIT TO WELCOME YOU ALL !

## NEWS STORY

On Tuesday, we were joined in assembly by Felicity, a librarian, from the County Library Service. Felicity told us all about this year's Summer Reading Challenge – Gadgeteers. It starts this weekend and there is a change in the rules this year. Previously, you had to read six books to gain your medal and certificate. This year, each child sets their own target to reach and I would encourage children to really push themselves. Mrs Hul-

bert is promising free time on a Friday afternoon next term for those children who can prove to her they have achieved their target so why not get reading!



## NURSERY AND EYFS

**Nursery** - Most of the children who will be moving up through the Nursery in September visited their new classrooms this week. Bumble Bees had another visit to Dragonflies with Miss Barnes and Mrs Krzanik. The second Alice Holt visit took place and the children were amazing – so good to see how much they've changed over the past year. Toby from Aspire has been in to give them a multi-skills taster session, “we matched all the colours to the island hoops”, “we could run around really fast in the hall”



**Dragonflies** - This week in Dragonflies, our butterflies emerged from their chrysalises! We learned that their wings are symmetrical, and we even coloured our own butterflies with symmetrical wings.

Once all four butterflies had emerged, they rested for a while and had some food and water. Then we went outside and released them!



*“We said bye to the butterflies! They went to find a leaf.” Hattie*

## KS1

### LEGO CHALLENGE

The Supercar and the Tree House Challenges were reasonably popular, but the Rocket Challenge has really taken off! We have had lots of entries so far but there is still time to enter, as the deadline is first thing Monday morning. Then the Yr 6 judges just have time to select the three winners before they go off on their residential at Stedham. Why not create a rocket this weekend?



**Hedgehogs** - This week in Hedgehogs the children have been working on Geography projects. They have been looking at Kuala Lumpur and have been putting together a journal for Marley the Meerkat to travel to England to visit London. They have been thinking about the different seasons to help Marley decide what clothes he will need to pack and have looked at different landmarks to decide where he should visit and why. The children also had an exciting visit to Squirrels Class on their Transition Day where they created wishing cards and coloured in pictures of Squirrels.

*"I really liked colouring in the Squirrels. We also did wishing cards, but I'm not telling you what I wished otherwise it won't come true" - George*

**Squirrels** - Squirrels' Red and Blue Teams have been out in the forest with Mr T. We made animal models out of clay and the animals had to be native to Britain. We used sticks, leaves and other things we found in the forest to decorate our models. Once we had made them, we hid them in the forest and went on a treasure hunt to find our friends' models. We made owls, mice, grasshoppers, hedgehogs, badgers and adders.



### END OF YEAR REPORTS

Due to staff absence, staff training and implementation of a new computer system. The school reports have been delayed until Friday 15th of July. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

*"I made a mole that looked like it was digging into the ground". Alfie S*



## KS2



**Rabbits** - In class, Rabbits have been learning about Adbdul Kazam from the book "Ieon and Place Between". In RE, we have been learning about the Trinity and Baptism. In English, we have been learning about persuading someone. Written by Nora and Keeley

**Badgers D** - D4D have had another busy week - a few more end of term assessments, but interspersed with lots of activities. On Monday we had the pleasure of having our Islamic friend 'Hamza' coming to visit, to help with our RE. On Tuesday we welcomed Miss Weeks, our new Y5 teacher, who has stayed with us this week to get to know us! And finally, Ms Dailey is very proud of all our hard work in creating our John Muir inspired Nature Journal, which shares our Iping Common learning, further research and findings, along with photos and illustrations. It will be wonderful to have this bound and placed in the library for all to see.

**Badgers H** - 4H have had a busy week. We've had the Transition Day with Mrs Coates our new teacher. We are all very happy for her to be our teacher. We found out that our new top In Year 5 is going to be 'Britain at War'. In geography with Mr Mockler we have learnt about altitude and oxygen zones. There are four of them Glacier, Tundra, Meadow and Coniferous, deciduous and sub tropical rainforest. On Friday it was Tops 4 Tombola and we got to wear home clothes! Written by Max and Poppy

**Foxes** - In Forest School this week, we have been taking tests to see how much progress we have made throughout Yr R—Yr 5. We have also had a STEM lesson and had to try and make it so an egg doesn't crack using a range of different materials. We learnt how Engineers are needed all over the world. It was really interesting! In PE, Mr T taught us a long forgotten Easebourne game "Longball" as the only children to know the game, we look forward to teaching other children next year,

**Otters** - Year 6 have had a full-on week! We started off with our dress rehearsal, matinee and evening performance of Shakespeare Rocks on Monday and Tuesday. The hall really was 'rocking' with all of our singing and acting! We really hope the audience enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed performing it.

On Wednesday, we visited our new secondary school for Transition Day. Despite some nerves, everyone had a wonderful time with some very enjoyable lessons. Many of us have even made some new friends already!

Towards the end of the week, we started a new SRE unit called 'Real Love Rocks' learning about relationships. Everyone was very mature and we have already learned so much. We are also very proud of our excellent Y5/6 Rounders Team who represented us at a Rother Valley competition this week - they finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place which is fantastic.

# Easebourne **Picnic-in-the-Park**

## **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

This popular annual social event is back for 2022. **Save the date** and come and join in the fun on Saturday 3rd September from 12pm to 4pm at Easebourne Park. Full details of this free community event will be announced nearer the time, but is sure to include live music, food, ice-cream and other entertainment!

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