



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

## Dates for the next 2 weeks

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| <b>w/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>                      | Zoom Parent Consultations – All classes except Dragonflies                              |                           |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>                          | Visit to Rabbits Class by Rev. Derek Welsman  | <b>pm</b>                 |
| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>                         | Individual Photographs  | <b>am</b>                 |
| <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>                        | Dragonflies Visit to St. Mary's Church – Harvest<br>Last Forest School for Otters Class | <b>am</b><br><b>am/pm</b> |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> | <b>Half-Term</b>  |                           |
| <b>w/c Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>                      | Zoom Parent Consultations – Dragonflies Class   |                           |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>                       | Visit to Squirrels Class by Rev. Derek Welsman  | <b>pm</b>                 |
| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>                        | Forest School starts for Foxes Class<br>Poetry Competition – All Classes                | <b>am/pm</b>              |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>                          | Flu Vaccinations (Whole School)   |                           |

## A Word from the Head

A letter on Wednesday to parents contained the information that a child at Early Days had tested positive and, with it, the news that the first Bubble on the site had burst. I know, from e-mails and phone calls, that this recent development has caused understandable alarm and anxiety in the school community. However, unless your child is in a burst bubble or they are following official public health advice and isolating, government regulations state that children should attend school and the usual rules apply, including:-

- Parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

## General Guidance: Reminder re Symptoms and Tests

A useful information leaflet was sent out parents and carers recently about COVID-19 and parents are reminded that this is the COVID-19 section of the website. Here are three specific reminders about symptoms and testing:

- Parents/carers should not, under any circumstances, bring a child into school if they suspect that the child has obvious COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of, or changes to, their sense of smell or taste)
- If anyone in the household displays symptoms, the entire household must isolate immediately and follow Government guidance on isolation & testing
- If a child is tested for COVID-19, the school must be informed of this immediately and will not be permitted to return to school until a negative test result is confirmed and the child is well enough to return

## Health & Safety Executive

Yesterday, we received a randomised visit from the Health and Safety Executive to review our response to the current COVID-19 situation. Parents and carers will, I hope, be reassured that the

inspector who met with key staff, toured the school and spoke to representative staff, was very positive about our response and the approach that we had taken with our risk assessment.

## **TIGHT WRITE 36**

Congratulations to Gil (Y3D), Dylan (Y3D), Rosa (Y4), Alisha (Y4) and Harriet (Y6) on their winning Tight Writes. Tight Write 37 will be circulated shortly and the deadline will be the Thursday after half-term.

### **Greenfingers**

My thanks to Mrs Kathryn Bishop for taking up the gauntlet and tidying the front flower bed, as you can appreciate this is a mammoth, ongoing task so any help is much appreciated. Thanks also to Mrs Mary Cooper who has kindly offered to replant the front flower boxes.

### **Remote Learning**

The Secretary of State is requiring schools to provide remote education for state-funded, school-age children unable to attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19). This will come into effect from Thursday, 22nd October 2020.

Under the COVID-19 tab on the website, you will find our updated Remote Learning Policy, time-line and expectations for providing remote learning whilst awaiting test results, or in the event that a bubble bursts. You will also find links for self-directed remote learning for the first two days of a child's COVID-linked absence; these can also be found on Google Classroom. Teacher-directed remote learning will begin from Day 3 using Google Classroom with the exception of Dragonflies who will use Tapestry.

I recommend that you make yourself familiar with this document ahead of time so you know what to expect if your child's Bubble bursts. Meanwhile, you will be shortly receiving a link to a simple Google Form questionnaire. The results of this will help give us a detailed picture of who might struggle to access the remote learning if a Bubble bursts.

### **Change of Google Password**

As you should all be aware, we issued new Google Classroom passwords earlier in the week. This was prompted by the need to reduce the amount of logins and passwords that the children need to remember and hopefully will make things easier in the long term. Our apologies if this has caused confusion over the last few days but they should now all be changed to the new format and a sticker with their updated details should appear in their KIT Books today. Please do let us know if you have any problems with access.

### **Poetry Competition**

A quick reminder that children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are encouraged to choose a poem to recite for the poetry competition on the Thursday after half-term. These children can choose from the list attached to this newsletter. Children in KS2 can choose any poem from the Poetry By Heart website (<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>). Parents/carers should note that there is a designated 7+ area, though children's choices are not restricted to this.

### **Parent Governor Nominations**

Following the parent governor nominations, we received three submissions for the three vacancies. Therefore, there is no requirement to go to a vote. Consequently, two existing parent Governors, Mrs. Vickie Hampshire and Mrs. Sarah Naym will serve for another term of office and we will also be welcoming Mr. Michael Barrett to the Governing Body.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

Thank you to all who have booked appointments. You should receive the relevant Zoom link from your child's class teacher today.

Please be aware that appointments will last for 10 minutes and will need to finish promptly as the next parent will already be in the waiting room. If you are unable to access Zoom or are unable to make the scheduled times, please contact your child's class teacher for an alternative appointment.

## Individual School Photographs

The school photographer is due in school on Tuesday 20th October to take individual photographs of all our children, including those attending Early Days Nursery. As previously advised, this year, due to Covid-19, there will be no sibling photos in order to protect the bubbles.

Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform including their school jumper/cardigan and has tidy hair. If Tuesday is your child's PE day, they will need to wear their uniform to school and bring in their PE Kit to change into.

## Harvest Festival

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Dragonflies Class will travel by minibus to St. Mary's Church for a celebration of Harvest. This will be filmed and streamed to the rest of the school.

If you would like to make a donation, our Harvest Festival Donation trolley will be at the front of the school every morning and the rear of the school every afternoon until 21<sup>st</sup> October. We will be taking the donations to Stonepillow, in Chichester, who support homeless people.

## Apples

Year 3H have picked the apples from the school orchard and these will be available to purchase @ 4 for £1.00. They will be left in a basket outside the front of the school, so please bring a bag, leave payment in the appropriate box and wash before use! Profits will be donated to Children in Need.

## Wraparound Care

Please be aware that the school office do not administer the registers for Wraparound Care. If you need to book a place, or rearrange a booking, this can be done using the app or you can contact Donna Laycock on 07399058781/email [wraparound@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk)

## Half-Term Holiday Provision

Due to the current situation, our children are unable to access the usual Holiday Club. Therefore, our current wraparound provision team will offer a Holiday Club for the October half-term. This will run on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember to book promptly.

Morning session 8.30-12.30 - £18  
Afternoon session 12.30-4.30 - £18  
Full day 8.30-4.30 - £36

Refreshments will be provided for children but those who are staying for a whole day will need to bring in a packed lunch. Children will also need to bring in a coat and wellies so they can enjoy time outside. Pick up and collection will be from the front Reception.

If you wish to book this facility, please do so using the link <https://forms.gle/uLmdTzytPGXyAxx36>

A payment request will then be issued through SchoolMoney.

If you have any queries, please feel free to email [wraparound@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk)

## The Museum is Back

The Museum Curator Competition is back! Our competition starts on the 16<sup>th</sup> October and ends on 13<sup>th</sup> November. How to enter:-

- Find an object at home
- Bring it in to school
- Give the object to a Curator – Ava, Tabitha, Harriet, Teagan, Freya, Scarlett or Phoebe W in Otters Class

Soon you will see your object in the Museum Cabinet and it can be returned to you at a later date.

Make sure your item is; interesting, can teach us something, physically fits in the cabinet, not too special, valuable or fragile.

The overall winner will receive a crystal rock digging kit. The KS2 winner will win a glow-in-the dark, build-your-own T-Rex. The KS1 winner will receive an animal projector torch.

## Hair today gone tomorrow!

Our apologies to Liam for not including a before and after picture of his charity haircut, in our last Newsletter. Liam has now raised £370 for the Princess Trust and the just giving page link is still open –

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/liambennetthaircut>



## House Update

|                                  | Green     | Yellow    | Blue      | Red      |
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| <b>Week 1 and 2 House Points</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Week 3 House Points</b>       | <b>4</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Week 4 House Points</b>       | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Week 5 House Points</b>       | <b>1</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>3</b> |
| <b>Summer Reading Challenge</b>  | <b>3</b>  |           | <b>1</b>  | <b>4</b> |
| <b>Week 6 House Points</b>       | <b>2</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>17</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>9</b> |

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

### Treasurer

We would like to say a huge thank you to Charlotte Tregunna who has been the PTFA Treasurer for 3 years now and has done a fabulous job. However, due to other commitments, Charlotte will be stepping down from her position and this leaves a vacancy that we urgently need to fill.

**We're looking for someone who has the time, organisation skills and know how to do the following:**

- Run monthly bank reconciliation
- Issue cheques to suppliers and to school
- Order and collect cash from bank and prepare floats for events
- Attend events in some capacity to oversee cash
- Collect money in after events, count and bank at Barclays
- Submit accounts yearly with HMRC
- Report at PTA meetings cash balances and committed spend

The PTFA can't legally run without a Treasurer, so if you would like to step into Charlotte's shoes then please contact Ruth via [pta@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk) or leave your details with the office.

### Fundraising

Don't forget **Bag2School** will be collecting at our school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the drop off point on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November or Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November during school drop off and pick up times** and help us have a really good collection. The drop off point will be near the car park in the unused part of the school building and will be sign posted.

Due to Covid we are not sending the empty bags home with the children, instead collection bags will be available for you to pick up at the school entrances from Monday. That way if you think you will need more than one bag, you can help yourself. Unwanted clothes, shoes or linen will also be accepted in standard bin liner type bags.

Many thanks for all you support. **Ruth, Jo, Charlotte & Victoria**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Easebourne Park News

By the time you are reading this newsletter, the latest enhancement to the Community Space and Play Park will be opened - the Scooter Track. This is designed for 12s and under and for scooters or toddler bikes and was made possible by a generous grant from SDNPA of monies from the Community Infrastructure Levy fund. Please bring your child along to the Scooter Track with their scooter or toddler bike and give it a test run. We would love to hear what you think of it.

The feral conifers, in the North-East corner of the Park, long in the plan to fell, has opened up a delightful vista for Park users, as well as those living in Birthday House. The allotment holders and St Mary's churchyard visitors are pretty pleased as well. Over the past 2 years we have planted many, many, more trees that we have recently felled and have plans for more planting. The Parish Council have ambitious plans to create carvings, appropriate to the National Park, cut into the remaining stumps. These are planned to include Otters, Foxes, Badgers, Rabbits, Squirrels, Hedgehogs, Dragonflies, Bumble Bees, Ladybirds and Caterpillars as well as other fabulous shapes appropriate to the area in which we all live.

This will bring to an end the improvements to the Park for 2020, where despite the best efforts of the Covid-19 bug to derail efforts, the Park has benefitted from the construction of the magnificent sedum-roofed Roundhouse, a new see-saw, a BBQ (not yet much used during this funny year), more park picnic tables, 8 mature trees for enhanced shade, extra matting in the slide run-off area and the new Scooter Track. We should have the sculptures complete by years end. Our thinking hats are on about 2021 enhancements - ideas are always welcome.