

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**



A WORD FROM THE HEAD

22nd October 2021

Today, we said goodbye to **Val Cella** after 22 years of sterling service to the school. To dedicate such a long time to the care of children is remarkable; in her time at the school, Mrs Cella has worked with all ages in many capacities and will be sorely missed. We wish her well, but she has promised to drop in and we are looking forward to seeing her.



We will also be losing **Sue Cobbold** in a month's time. Mrs Cobbold will be leaving to join a GP's surgery in Petersfield in November.

With Mrs Cella and Mrs Cobbold leaving, we will need some more **mid-day meals supervisors**. There are six lunch hours that will need an additional staff member. We will be advertising over half-term, but if you are interested in covering two or more of these, please contact the school.

Having had a positive assessment of the school's need for a crossing patrol, we are due a second 'body count'. With this in mind, can I please ask as many children as possible to **walk home** or to a locally parked car (Park & Stride) at the end of the day **on 1st November**. I know that many families drive to school because of the risk in crossing Wheelbarrow Castle, but, ironically, this weakens our case as we need to show just how much pedestrian traffic the school potentially has.

Covid cases are currently at 183 per 100,000 in the area around the school. We have been fortunate so far, but, today, we have had our third confirmed case. Please remain vigilant, encourage good hygiene and get a PCR test for any household member who develops any of the three symptoms.

Finally, a reminder for children to learn their poems for Wednesday, 10th November. The KS1 choice is attached and KS2 children can choose any poem from the [Poetry By Heart website](#).

Have a great half-term!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Thank you all so much for your generous contributions for our Harvest Festival. The children delivered the food to St. Mary's yesterday and Derek will take it to Stone Pillow soon. We all enjoyed a lovely Harvest service with Derek and this was the first time we have been together in Church for such a long time. Rob and Lynne Todd played and we all sang. Many thanks to Mrs Stevens for organising it all.



FORTHCOMING DATES

05.11	Swimming starts for Badgers H Book Club Y4-6)
09.11	Firewise talk (ZOOM) YR, Y2, Y5
10.11	Poetry Recitation Competition
11.11	10.30am—Church Remembrance Service—KS1 & KS2
12.11	Children in Need (£1)

Key Dates

01.11	Back to school
17.12	Last day of term
03.05	INSET day

Early Days
Nursery are
looking to re-
cruit a qualified
Childcare Practi-
tioner.

For full details,
please see
WSCC website

[https://
www.westsussex
.gov.uk/jobs/
school-jobs/](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/)

HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Mr Culley will be retiring at the end of the academic year. Governors are working on the recruitment of a headteacher for the next school year and a key part of that is the pupil voice of the school. In order to assist with that we would like to invite children to create their own job advert for the new Headteacher over half term. These will form part of the

pack of information sent to prospective candidates and will help Governors to make the right choice for the school.

Please can any creations be handed into the school office by 5th November for my attention.

Many thanks,

Vickie Hampshire,
Chair of Governors

Last Call for Theatre Tickets

We still have spaces left for our two upcoming theatre trips:

Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World –
Friday, 14th January
@ 7.00pm
Y3-6 Children (6+, **now opened up to Y5-6**)

Private Peaceful –
Thursday, 3rd March
@ 7.30pm
Y5-6 Children (9+)

(Please note change of date as tickets for the Friday performance are not subsidised)

If you would like to book a ticket at the subsidised cost of £8.50. Please let the office know **by Tuesday, 2nd November**. Please note that we need a party of 10 to access this lower cost.

**CHICHESTER
FESTIVAL
THEATRE**

NURSERY AND EYFS

So where has this half-term gone? This week, Caterpillars have been painting their spooky spiders. Ladybirds and Bumble Bees have been exploring Autumn colours and adding to their class displays. Bumble Bees have been on a Wellie Walk to collect leaves, sticks and feathers to hang on their Autumn branches. Have a great half-term everyone!



This week, the whole school attended Harvest Festival down at the church. Dragonflies teamed up with their buddies, who did a brilliant job of looking after them and holding their hands until we all got safely across the roads and into church.

"I made orange with yellow and red", "ugh, it's gone all brown".

My buddy was away and so I held Mrs Sharp's hand. I really liked singing Oats and Beans and Barley Grow" – Isla.

ENVIRONMENT DAY

Today was Environment Day for Easebourne Primary School. The classes participated in various activities to explore a variety of environmental issues.

Year 6 have been learning about Arctic habitats (tundra and boreal forests), and made egg carton sculpture to demonstrate the environment and then wrote an acrostic poem.

Year 5 have focused on the importance of bees in our environment. They created a persuasive poster to encourage people to protect the bees.

4D learnt about climate change and what we can do to stop it. They also focused on flooding, deforestation and the greenhouse effect.

Year 3 extended their science topic from this half-term by looking at light pollution. It affects 80% of the world and is caused by excess light in the night sky. We need to try to protect the night sky by turning off the lights!

Year 2 have been learning about ways we can protect the environment and made posters to remind others about what they can do. They then went outside to collect lots of natural materials to make an autumn collage.

Year 1 kept it close to home and focused on hedgehogs as they are an endangered species. We learnt that lots of animals hibernate between November and March including hedgehogs and that they like to hibernate under log piles and leaves. Hedgehogs are under threat due to a loss of habitat and food. We found out that hedgehogs eat worms and bugs but also like dog and cat food!



KS1

This week, Year 1's E4S has been inspired by the idea that having the confidence to 'be yourself' can have a positive impact on mental health and emotional wellbeing. The children recognised their positive qualities and appreciated their individuality. They were encouraged to recognise different emotions and explore different strategies to help them manage any uncomfortable feelings they experience. We also looked at how big life changes have an impact on feelings and emotions and explored the importance of sharing their thoughts and feelings. We looked at what makes each child different and special, recognised that not everyone feels the same feelings at the same time or feels the same about things and that some of our friends like the same things as us and some do not and that is okay.

This week, Squirrels have combined their PE and DT lessons with their science about animals including humans. We have been focusing on human bodies, what they need to stay healthy and how exercise plays a part in that. We looked at some recipes for a healthy meal, learned about pulses and root vegetables and tried a vegetable casserole that Mrs Payne made at home. In PE, we thought about how our bodies felt when they were at rest and how that changed after doing some exercise.

"My heart beats faster because it is pumping the blood around my body." (Eliza)

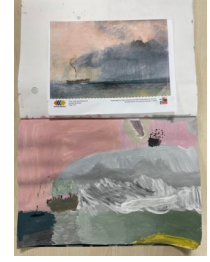
Children In Need

This year, Children in Need is on Friday 19th November. Children will be able to come to school wearing home clothes, preferably something spotty and their Pudsey ears for a donation of £1.00.



House Points





This week in Rabbits, we turned into computer whizzkids... we are all now familiar with how a network works. We used some string to help us understand how a wired connection allows for us to be on a network and then we looked at wireless action points (WAPs) that mean we can use all our favourite devices without having to plug in! We also had our last library session with Mrs Cella, who we are all VERY sad to see go!

Sad to say that it was 4D's last swimming session this week. It has been wonderful to watch children grow in skill and confidence over the last 6 weeks - with several children moving up a group within this time. They have all had lots of fun in the water, and it would be lovely if they could continue this with the support of friends and family. It is such an important life skill.... but also, a great way for them to have some exercise and enjoy themselves at the same time! Maybe half-term would be the perfect time to head to your local pool again.

4H have been making apple chutney this week, using the fruit we picked from the Orchard. The chutney smelt strong and vinegary. We put apples, which we peeled and chopped ourselves, dates, raisins, onions and star anise, which smelt like liquorice, into the slow cooker for hours.

This week at school, Foxes have been doing art. In art, we are looking at a picture of the sea, it has a boat, a mushroom cloud and a reddish pink sky. The whole class is doing this picture because last time we did art we chose our own art and we all rushed (let's just say it didn't go that well) but this week because we are doing it as a class it is going well. (Nellie B)

This week in Year 6, PE has stood out as a real highlight! With Mrs Nixon on Tuesday, we put our hockey skills to the test with some matches. It was great fun being able to play with our friends and put into practice the passing skills we have learnt. On Wednesday with Toby, we applied our rugby throws to some mini games, including a fabulous game of rugby dodgeball! On Thursday, we visited the church for our Harvest Festival. This was an extra special time for Year 6 as we accompanied our Reception buddies on the walk to make sure everyone arrived safely.

It looks yummy and we hope everyone enjoys it when it's ready later this term." (Sienna and Noah)

Tight Write

Tight Write #53 is attached with this Newsletter. Please note there are three weeks for this Tight Write, with half-term, and the deadline is Thursday, 4th November.



Have a great weekend,

Johnny Curran