

Easebourne C.E. Primary Newsletter

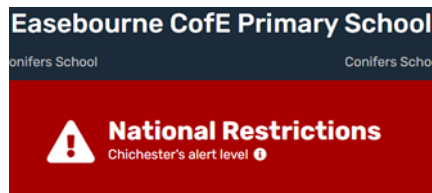
In a safe, loving environment built on the strong Christian values of **faith**, **hope** and **love**, we want our children to **ACHIEVE**, to **BUILD** and to **CONNECT**



26th November 2021

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Apologies for the delay, but our final two **INSET days** have now been identified: Monday 28th February (tagged onto half-term) and Monday 6th June (again tagged onto half-term).



COVID rate around school



etc, etc, to change arrangements in the face of local COVID conditions.) In connection with this, attached to this newsletter is a letter to parents/carers from Paul Wagstaff, the West Sussex Director of Education.

We are holding a **Dragonflies Open Morning** on Friday, 3rd December from 08:40-10:00. Please note that we are limiting places to one parent per family.

We welcome **new pupils** - Betty, Haydn, Benson and Macey – and hope that they will be happy at Easebourne.

Tomorrow, singers with Katie Stevens are due to sing again outside the **Cowdray Farm Shop** (11:00-11:20 and 11:40-12:00) and we have our fingers crossed that the weather is not too appalling! Meanwhile, I will be overseeing our bag packers inside the farm shop from 11:00 to 13:00. If you are late to the party, it's never too late and it looks like we still have room for smiling and helpful KS2 children for the final 12:30-13:00 slot. Feel free to e-mail me overnight (head@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk) to book your excited child's place. School uniform and a festive hat are the order of the day, coupled with an eggs-at-the-top-not-at-the-bottom approach to packing and a winning smile. It all makes a little extra money for the school.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, and in our Collective Worship with Derek this week, he explained the meaning of the Advent Candles. He also challenged us to think about someone we love every time we open the door of our Advent calendars and



FORTHCOMING DATES

- 02.12 Macmillan Tree of Hope
- 03.12 Dragonflies Open Morning
- 03.12 Clubs Finish
- 07.12 Christmas Matinee Performance — Hedgehogs and
- 08.12 Christmas Evening Performance — Hedgehogs and
- 09.12 PTFA Christmas Fair
- 10.12 Stickman at Chichester Theatre

Key Dates

- 17.12 Last Day of Term
- 03.05 INSET Day

NEWS

Plant Sale (Claire Best)

Who would have known that one 'Truly Scrumptious' named Cactus from RHS Wisley would have had so many babies and provide a plant sale for the PTFA.

We raised £36 yesterday outside the school. Hoping to sell more at the Christmas Fair.



COMMUNITY



Monday 6th
December
@ St. Mary's
Church,
Easebourne
3.30-6.00

Crafts, songs, celebration, food and plenty of opportunity to have fun and make a mess!

More details from
Lynne Todd (01798 861399) or
Alison Davis (01730 816642)

NURSERY AND EYFS

Caterpillars and Ladybirds have been decorating their gingerbread biscuits, "mine got 1 2 3 buttons", "mmmm I gonna share with mummy".

Bumble Bees made a large bear cave and have been very clever in acting out the Bear Hunt story themselves, "we can't go over it, we can't go under it, oh no, gotta go through it".

We painted some colourful Pudsey bears for Children in Need 2021.

Oh, and we've started our Christmas decorations.....sshh!

This week in Dragonflies class we learnt all about Divali and the story of Rama and Sita. We made rangoli patterns with shapes and drew them with chalk on the ground outside. We also made our very own Diva lamp out of clay, using tools to make some patterns. When the lamps were dry, we got to paint them and then they were ready



for their tea light to sit inside.

"I made a Diva lamp out of clay, I rolled it in a ball and then squeezed my fingers together all around. " - Luca

"It's the festival of lights, people put lanterns and candles in their windows." - Max

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Having just typed up the most recent School Council minutes, I can report back more fully. Children have identified clubs they would like to see next term and we are looking to see which we can provide over the course of the next two terms. If you think you would like to be involved in running one (e.g. UKS2 Art) or helping to resource one (e.g. KS1 or LKS2 Lego), please let us know.

We are also planning to overhaul playtimes. Already, Ruby L has drawn up a football rota to help organise playtimes so that no one group dominates. There are also plans to create quiet spots to sit and chat or read, the new playtime leaders have a shed of playtime equipment to draw on when they run games for younger children. Meanwhile, Cowdray Works have repaired our Daily Mile markers so that the house captains can restart this initiative.

KS1

Hedgehogs - Year 1 is coming to the end of our Childhood history topic. As experts on the topic of childhood, the children are making a knowledge organizer which has important information about this topic so they can teach you what we have learned. We have been reviewing our learning and writing notes and organizing our thoughts. We will have this ready for you soon.

We are also reaching the end of our Geography topic for this term. We have looked at maps and globes and learned the names and locations of continents. This week our focus was looking at places on Earth that are hot or cold. We discussed the equator and explained that this is an imaginary and invisible line that goes around the world, dividing it into two halves, the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere. The children were then able to show on their maps what countries were hot and cold and explain why.

Squirrels - Y2 this week, have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas play 'Prickly Hay'. They have learned their parts brilliantly and are already really confident to act it out in front of each other.

In Art, we have been learning about Paul Cezanne and we had a go at sketching one of his paintings 'A Vase of Tulips'. We learned about shading using sketching pencils and how putting different amounts of pressure on the pencil gave different shades of grey.



"The Equator goes around the world and separates the north and south hemisphere." Nolan



Drawings by Poppy and Eva

House Points

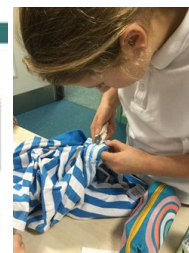
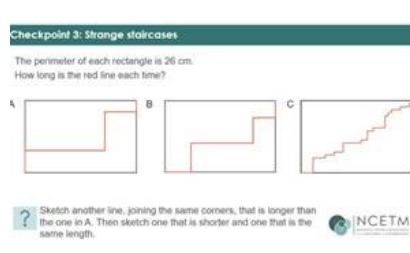
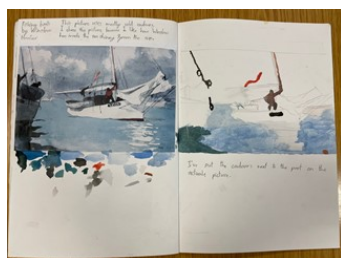


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Rabbits - What a fun, if very COLD, start to the week we had! Our class trip to Butser Hill Ancient Farm was fantastic - we were based in a Stone Age house made out of wattle walls covered in daub (a mixture of mud, water, animal fur and cow poo - luckily it didn't smell!). There was a fire lit in the middle of the room but it was quite dark and smelt of smoke. We did some exciting activities that included an archaeological dig, cordage, making a wattle fence and a tour right from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age and finishing with the Iron Age. Life for Iron Age people was so much better than for the Stone Age, who were hunter-gatherers. The Iron Age had the benefit of iron which helped them to have a better fire, a place to cook food and overall an easier way of life for hunting and therefore an improved diet. We had great fun and can't wait for our next trip.

Badgers D - Our wonderful 4D artists have been busy with their watercolour palettes again this week. We have been looking at the work of famous artists, their use of colour and the effect this has on the viewer. The children chose one of these pictures to write a little about, and then tried to re-create the painting. First they carefully sketched it out using their observation skills. Then, using their colour mixing knowledge of primary, secondary and tertiary colours, they used their paints to try and match some of the colours used, testing them in their sketch books alongside the printed version, before using them in their own version. We put on some relaxing music and had a wonderfully mindful afternoon, relaxing into our art!

Badgers H - We have been digging deep into the world of perimeter for the last couple of weeks in our maths and on Wednesday **we nailed it!** Mrs Parker popped in to listen to the children explain that the strange staircases all had the same perimeter and more importantly – how they knew!

Foxes - This week we have been doing part, part whole models and learning about hundredths in maths. In DT we have been using old clothes in a 'Make Do and Mend' lesson, learning about clothes rationing in World War II, transforming into something new to wear.

By Rory

Otters - Year 6 have had a fantastic week - we have especially loved our Computing lessons! We have been learning how to do 3D design using a program called Tinkercad. Our creations have included mazes, houses and keyrings. It can be very tricky to move objects in all three dimensions and we have had to concentrate very hard. We are now feeling inspired to be budding product designers and architects!

Tight Write #54

Congratulations to our four winners for Tight Write #54 – Vinnie (Y3), Lucien (Y4H), Harrison (Y5) and Molly (Y6). Attached to this newsletter should be the poster for #55. I think it's a great image and I'm really looking forward to seeing what sorts of interpretations it produces. I'll be pushing colleagues to submit an entry for what will be the last Tight Write of the year, so, if you are a family member, why not have a go as well this time?!

Have a great weekend,

Johnny Curran