

# 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 11 JUNE 2021

## A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Earlier this week, some of our Year 1 and Year 5 children went down to Easebourne Park to meet the local chainsaw sculptor, Nathan Blatherwick, and enjoy his new carvings in the park. We are very fortunate to have such a proactive and inspirational parish council – thank you, Easebourne Parish Council!

Can I remind parents and carers to remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. If you, or anybody in the household, have any of the three major symptoms, the family members should all be prepared to self-isolate for 10 days or until a negative PCR test is returned. It is not sufficient to have a negative LFT.

Almost every school in the country has at least one pupil with a nut allergy and we have an above average number of sufferers. Although it is impossible to guarantee that we are a nut-free school, we do ask that parents do not include nuts or products containing nuts in their child's packed lunch or as a snack.

Finally, after much discussion, we have decided to make Sports Day an in-house event, spread over two days. I understand that this will be disappointing news for families and am sorry if some parents or carers have already booked this day off but the data for West Sussex is showing a rapid rise in cases and it does not feel that we should be relaxing our precautions at this point.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, Derek's collective worship centred on the little things that the children do each and every day and on which God's kingdom is built. He talked of their small acts of kindness and expressions of gratitude, their everyday demonstrations of helpfulness and the opportunities that they take to comfort others. Somebody at school to whom these little things come naturally is Arthur (Y6) and it was lovely to see him presented with the Little Cup of Kindness this week.



## FORTHCOMING DATES

17.06	Year 6 Debate
23.06	Book Club
25.06	Y4 Sleepover
16.07	PTFA Walk, Jog, Run

## KEY DATES

23.07	Last Day of Term
02.09	First Day of Term
02.09 & 03.09	INSET Days



### A MESSAGE FROM THE HEN HELPERS

*This year, six chicken helpers have been working tirelessly to earn the trust of our most sensitive chicken — Midnight. Unfortunately, for part of the year we have been forced to keep them locked up because of a terrible bird flu. Luckily, they have now resumed their free life outdoors and they are running in and out of the hedge —driving us crazy! Just a reminder, we are still selling half a dozen eggs in the of- fice for a reasonable price — just £2! We are really enjoying our last half-term with the chickens!*

*Freya, Harriet, Nate, Joss and Teagan — Hen Helpers*



## KS1

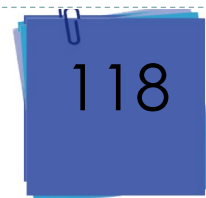
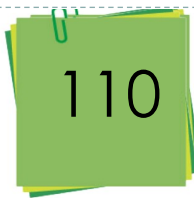
This week has been very busy in year1! During RE we have been looking at the creation story and today we looked at the sky, clouds, and rain, combining this with a little science to explain what causes rain. The children had cups of water that were filled with shaving foam clouds. They created water droplets in the cloud using blue dye from a syringe. They noticed that the more drops they put into the cloud the heavier the water became until it was too heavy to stay suspended in the cloud, and the droplets fell as rain. The children loved the experiment! We then thought about words to describe the wonder of Creation and we made a "wordle".



It has been a fantastic, busy start to the new half-term for Squirrels Class. We are very excited to have started Forest School and our new topic 'Special people and places'! We are starting to think about who in our lives is special to us and why. Forest School is taking place in the Orchard this half-term and we began this week by making clay models using the natural environment to help, such as buttercups and dandelions, we also did some pond dipping, which was VERY exciting! To finish up we made popcorn over a camp fire to have with our hot chocolate! We love being outside in Forest School and can't wait until week.



*"We need to respect our world because God created it for us" (Eliza — Hedgehogs Class)*







## KS2

In Rabbits (D) we have started the new term by looking at the Ancient Egyptian mummification process. We have learnt the key steps and enjoyed re-enacting them through role play, using appropriate time connectives, before completing instructional writing. The picture above shows the first step, removing the brain by hooking it out through the nostrils!

In music, Rabbits (H) listened to a song about 'The Egyptian Pyramid'. We then stood in lines and sang a verse each about who we were and what we did. The song started with the slaves at the bottom and went right up to the Pharaoh at the top of the pyramid who had to sing a solo!

On Thursday, Badgers Class had our first swimming session. We were put into groups and had to show the instructors how well we could do different swim strokes. They are going to put us into groups ready for next week.

Foxes Class have been working hard to produce a dance piece to enter 'A Sussex School Games Dance Challenge'. They have shown great concentration, incorporating basketball, step, boxing, skipping and even cheerleading into a performance to a song 'Eye of the Tiger'. Super teamwork Foxes!

We have had a wonderful first week back in Otters Class – it has been full of laughter, learning and sunshine! In Maths we have been exploring angles in triangles. We had lots of 'aha!' moments. We thoroughly enjoyed our drama lesson where we became refugees deciding whether or not to leave their home country.



"I was a politician and I was near the top of the pyramid so I had to sing a duet!" (Max — Rabbits (H) Class)

### TIGHT WRITE

This week's Tight Write was our first to be opened to family members – thank you to all who entered. Year 5 judged the entries. Nicky Livett's was placed third, Marie Lowing's was placed second and Pat Bellamy's (included) was placed first. All three win amazing, but modest, prizes!

*A hermit crab lived happily alone on a beautiful island. He made secret tunnels, dens and buried treasures all over the island. A blue crab swam from Canada, came across the island, and decided to settle there. The hermit crab, secretly spying on him, wondered if he would ever be found.*

This week's, Tight Write #50, will be open to children, staff and families and will be circulated separately. Let's see how many entries we can manage!

Have a great weekend,

*Johnny Curley*