



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th December 2019



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from the Staff & Pupils of
Easebourne C.E. Primary School



A word from the Head

It's been a long term, practically 15 weeks in length, and the children are pretty exhausted, not to mention the staff. Congratulations to all of them for keeping going right up until the end. Since the last newsletter, we have seen an entrancing KS1 production, children from Year 5 and 6 have sung at various venues to a range of audiences, Y3 and Y4 have welcomed Paul Ulson to bring the Victorians to life and Dragonflies have stolen the show (again!) at the Christmas service. It's been a busy final fortnight and the children deserve their Christmas break!

Sadly, Year 3 have had to say farewell to Rohan who has moved with his family near to Ascot. We wish them all well.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish all of our families a very restful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Staff News

Yesterday, as mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we had to say goodbye to Annie Cafferty, our SENCo. Annie came to help us cover the SENCo role for a term but ended up staying for four terms so we did pretty well out of her, all things considered. Annie has worked hard to support our children's learning and the work of our teachers and teaching assistants too. We wish her well.

I am also sad to announce that Debs Thomas will be leaving the school at the end of the first week of next term. Debs has been a committed teaching assistant at the school, in particular with her enthusiasm for Forest School (she is trained as a Level 3 Leader) and her artistic background which enabled her to support the children's art, especially their pottery. However, her most significant contribution has undoubtedly been in the last four terms during which time she has worked tirelessly to set up our nurture unit, providing dedicated support for children and liaising closely with their class teachers and their parents/carers. We wish her well as she moves on to a new career path and thank her for all that she has given to the school during her time here.

Early Days Nursery welcomes Jessie Morter, in the Spring Term, as an Assistant Childcare Practitioner. Jessie will be with the Nursery until the end of the Summer Term.

Finally, at the beginning of next term, Andy Taylor will be away for two weeks of paternity leave. During that time, the class will be looked after by the team of Chloe Craske and Robyn Davidson, with support from teaching assistants. We send Andy and Chloe, his partner, our best wishes for the birth of their first child.

TIGHT WRITE: EXTENSION

Congratulations to Margot (Y6) for her winning entry for Tight Write 18 (see below). However, with the rush of the end of the term, I think the Tight Write has been forgotten so we are extending the deadline to the first Thursday of next term so children have the Christmas holiday to get creative in up to 50 words!

After Suzie and Tom's grandson's fancy dress birthday party they were exhausted. They had tried to pin the cape on Batman, played a game of heroes and villains and then had a delicious slice of Superman cake! They could not wait to lie down. Within minutes they were fast asleep.

Looking back

As usual, at this time of year, we reflect on everything that has happened over the last 12 months; but do you remember:

- School productions of 'The Zany Zoo', 'Fleeced' and 'Superstar'
 - Reception Class performed the Nativity Tableau at the Carol Service
 - The choir singing at Voice In A Million, the Rotary Music Festival, Midhurst Street Party and the Tree of Hope
 - Year 5 and 6 singing at the Cowdray Tasting Event, Birthday House, Vine House, the Friendship Tea at St Mary's Church and the Cowdray Pensioners' Christmas Lunch
 - The whole school singing at the Easter Service, End of Year Service, Harvest Festival and the Carol Service
 - The Remembrance Service
 - Community Week, our annual Poetry Competition and Environment Day
 - Sports Day
 - Dressing up for World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Children in Need and odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week
 - Fairtrade Fortnight
 - Book Fairs
 - House Challenges and Charity Days
 - Yellow House winning the House Cup
 - The PTFA's Easter Egg Hunt, Leavers' Barbeque, Summer Fair, film nights, Happy Bag collection, Quiz Night, Fairies and Scaries Disco and Christmas Fair
 - Mrs Sharp, Mr Taylor, Mrs Payne and Mr Meaby climbing the O2 to raise funds for the PTFA
 - Mrs Coates, Mrs Purser, Jo Purser, Mr Taylor, Mr Meaby and Mr Parr taking part in the Nuts Challenge to raise money for the PTFA
 - Author Chris Riddell's Illustrated talk
 - Rother Valley Sport Tournaments, Little Big Sing, All Sing, Arts Festival and Debate Competition
 - Visits from 'Firewise' for Reception, Year 2 and Year 5
 - Years 1 and 2 Grandparents' Tea Party
 - Year 3 Ukulele Concerts
 - Year 4 achieving the John Muir Award
 - Year 6 racing at the 'Gathering of Goblins' at Goodwood
 - The whole school watching Alice In Wonderland at Chichester College
 - A visit from the heavy horses
 - Reception Class' visit from The Animal Man and trip to The Gruffalo at Chichester
 - Class trips to Winchester Science Centre, Haslemere Museum, Titanic Exhibition, Marwell Zoo, Wizzbits Toy Shop and Petworth House
 - Year 4 camp out on the school field
 - Year 5 and 6 Residential to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
- And, finally,
- Christmas lunch, parties and 'Easebourne's Got Talent'

What a year!

TIGHT WRITE 18



Using no more than
50 WORDS
can you write about this image?

Named entries to Mr Culley
by Thursday, 9th January at the latest
Prizes to be won!

Charities

In 2019 we supported Children In Need, Comic Relief, Stonepillow, The Poppy appeal, and Macmillan. As part of our charity fundraising last year our houses supported Canine Partners, The Seahorse Trust, The Dogs Trust and Macmillan. The school as a whole raised nearly ££2,000

Fundraising is already well under way for this year's chosen charities: Blue Cross (Green House), RSPCA (Yellow House), The Elizabeth Trust (Red House) and Macmillan (Blue House).

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Week 1 House Points	4	1	3	2
Week 2 and 3 House Points	4	1	4	4
Summer Reading Challenge	26	14	14	20
A-Z Space Challenge	3	5	9	6
Week 4 House Points	4	2	1	3
Week 5 House Points	3	1	4	3
Week 6 House Points	4	4	1	2
House Pumpkin Challenge	19	18	22	15
Week 7 House Points	4	2	4	1
Week 8 House Points	3	2	4	1
Week 9 House Points	3	4	1	3
Week 10 House Points	4	2	1	3
Half Term Reading Challenge	30	32	28	28
Poetry Competition	28	25	32	28
Week 11 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 12 House Points	3	2	1	4
Week 13 House Points	4	2	2	3
Week 14 House Points	3	2	4	1
Week 15 House Points	4	1	2	3
100% Attendance	18	14	21	12
Total	173	138	161	143



Have a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We return to school on Monday 6th January 2020.