



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th March 2019

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Thursday 21st March	Choir sing at Voice in a Million at Wembley	All Day
Friday 22nd March	Clubs Finish (except Badminton and Hockey) Rotary Club – Mindfulness Race Night at the Memorial Hall	Cancelled
Tuesday 26th March	Matinee Performance – Years 3 and 4 Team to attend Rother Valley Debate Competition at MRC	2.00 pm
Wednesday 27th March	Paired Reading Workshop for Parents Evening Performance – Years 3 and 4	2.45-3.15 6.00
Thursday 28th March	Badgers Class visit Graffham Common Rother Valley Arts Festival at MRC	9.00-2.30
Friday 29th March	Junior Urgent Action Network (Yrs 4-6)	3.15-4.15

A Word from the Head

Last Thursday was World Book Day and the school was invaded by a cavalcade of literary characters as the children arrived. Staff read from some of their favourite books and we were joined by parents, grandparents and volunteers in the afternoon for more captivating storytelling. A range of visitors supported the week, representing the Arts in general.

On the Monday, we welcomed Darren Reeves, an extremely successful pianist/singer who has worked with a long list of stars, including Billy Joel and Tom Jones. As well as performing, Darren passed on some key messages to the children, encouraging them to believe in themselves and practise regularly as 'it all adds up'! He also explained how vital both reading and maths were to being a musician. He provided a great start to the week.

Throughout the week children had the opportunity to explore texts through art, dance, music and drama in some interesting and dramatic ways! Thank you to all parents and volunteers who helped with our week; we really appreciate your help and support.

Congratulations to our Year 6 School Councillors who ran a Fairtrade cake sale after school on Thursday of last week and thanks to all those who baked cakes for it. The sale made a fantastic £60 as part of Fairtrade Fortnight. Well done Ruby, Thomas and Courtney for going 'MAD' and 'Making A Difference'.

Fairtrade Fortnight House Competition

Your house team needs your Fairtrade packaging. Each new product line will score 5 points and each item of duplicate packaging will score 1 point for your child's house so get collecting now! The competition will end on Friday 29th March.



Staff News

Today, we say goodbye to Will Stevens our premises manager. Will has juggled his new family with the demanding role of keeping on top of what is quite a complex site and we wish him well as he moves on to a new job.

Next week, we are very pleased to welcome back Sue Wakeford. She will be returning to Squirrels Class on a phased return.

Tight Write 03

This is the image for Tight Write 03. Remember, the challenge for your child is to write about the image **in no more than 50 words**. This is about quality over quantity - slowing down and taking the time to get it right. A separate image should be attached to this e-mail if you want to print it off. Children of all ages are welcome to enter their writing.



Tight Write 02

Here are the winning entries from our second Tight Write. Now that the numbers of entries is increasing, choosing winners is becoming quite difficult! I hope that more children will enter this week to make my job even trickier!!



The abandoned truck, with cobwebs everywhere, was a rusty red colour. It had flat old wheels and a door that fell off when I opened it. The tattered seats, dappled with mould, had ripped covers. The engine was completely burnt when I opened it up. The truck was completely ruined.

By Margot, Year 5

Once there was a broken lorry. A girl called Gemma saw the lorry and got in. "It's broken down!" said Gemma. So she tried to push it, but she couldn't push the lorry because it was too heavy. Then she got her sister Ruby, then they could push the lorry.

By Alex, Year 1

One sunny day, a rusty, old truck crashed into an overgrown bush. No one knew how this unexpected event happened! Broken and no longer usable, it was stuck there for days, weeks, months and years. Undiscovered, it remained in its resting place. The damp disintegrated the truck's metal casing...

By Eloise, Year 5

I'd been running for hours and hours. Until I came to this abandoned red lorry. I looked around the lorry for food because I was starving. I found money but not food, a whole suitcase of money. With that money I bought a bus ticket back to the nearest town.

By Bea, Year 3

An old-fashioned lorry stood broken and stained with rust. A broken door with a triangle of glass like a cobweb was hanging on for dear life. Broken lights were dented and cracked where there was a working engine a jungle of weeds now grows instead. Left alone to die.

By Fenix, Year 6

Flags

You may have noticed that the flag on our flagpole has been changing recently. Our latest Union Jack ripped and new volunteer, Roger Sked, has been puzzling us with various flags from his collection. Roger is considering running a competition in the near future where families will be invited to identify the flags over a certain period. Watch this space!

Race Night at the Memorial Hall – Friday 22nd March

Unfortunately, this fundraiser did not attract enough interest and the decision was made to cancel this event. We thank the Rotary Club for their assistance in trying to organise and promote the evening. If you had purchased tickets you should have already received a refund.

Paired Reading Workshop

Parents are invited to a paired reading workshop on Wednesday 20th March at 2.45pm. Paired reading is a research-based fluency strategy used with readers who lack fluency and helps to encourage a love of reading.

Come and find out more about this simple but effective approach when reading with your child.

Paired reading - what are the advantages?

- Increased enthusiasm: children are encouraged to pursue their own interests in reading material.
- Lots of praise: pupils are told when they are doing well, instead of only errors being highlighted.

- Emphasis of understanding: not just mechanically reading, but getting the meaning out of the words on the page.

No failure: it is impossible not to get a word right within 5 seconds or so. With paired reading it is easier for children to make sensible guesses at new words, based on the meaning of the surrounding words.

- Children are encouraged to read with expression and the right pacing.
- Children are given a perfect example of how to pronounce difficult words.
- There is some evidence that just giving children more attention can actually improve their reading.

Clubs

Please note that clubs finish for this term on Friday 22nd March with the exception of Badminton and Hockey. They will have an extra session on Wednesday 27th March to make up for the cancelled week. The new clubs list will be emailed to parents on Friday 29th March and in the interest of fairness no forms will be accepted until Monday morning. When the closing date for applications has been reached we will allocate all 1st choices where possible and then allocate 2nd choices etc until a club reaches capacity.

Please note, for Years 1 and 2 Cooking and Singing Clubs, priority will be given to those children who were on the waiting list this term **if they put the club as their first choice for the Summer Term.**

If any parents, grandparents, volunteers, governors or friends of Easebourne would be able to run or assist with a club, please let the office know.

Scholastic Book Club

Your child should have come home with the latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue. If you wish to make an order the deadline is Friday 22nd March. For every £1.00 you spend on books, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards to purchase books for our school library.

Uniform

The school encourages all pupils to follow the school dress code as this helps to engender a sense of belonging and pride about the school. As with other schools, we ask for parental co-operation in ensuring that pupils are suitably dressed, and that high standards regarding school uniform are maintained.

We try to ensure that there are regular opportunities for children to wear home clothes or costumes and these occasions generally raise funds for good causes.

Recently, members of staff have noticed that some children are coming to school wearing items that are not part of the school's dress code. Whilst we understand that there will occasionally be times when this is unavoidable, we would like to enlist parental support in ensuring that children come to school in uniform which adheres to the school's guidance. This includes footwear and jewellery.

There is a large amount of lost property in the school which if unclaimed by the end of term will be disposed of. Please have a look through the items in case anything belongs to your child. There is not only school uniform but home clothing too and a number of food pots.

Parent Request for Second Copies

In the case of families where parents are separated or divorced, it is the school policy to provide second copies of correspondence if requested by the parent who is not the primary carer. Please provide the school with an up to date address, email and telephone number and keep us informed of any changes to the information provided. We will send:

- a newsletter fortnightly by email
- a diary termly by email (dates can also be found on the website)
- an invitation to parents evenings in the Autumn and Spring Term
- a report, which will be posted at the end of the Summer Term

We will also email or post any other important letters or invitations but will not send second copies of general letters regarding trips, swimming, Forest School etc.

Fantastic Finish

Parents with children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels are invited to join their classes for the afternoon on Monday 1st April. The Fantastic Finish for Foxes and Otters will be on Tuesday 2nd April . More details to follow.

Dragonflies Stay and Play

Parents with children in Dragonflies Class are invited to a Stay and Play session on Friday 5th April from 8.40-10.00am.

Easter Service at St. Mary's Church (School only)

On Thursday 4th April the whole school will walk to St Mary's Church for our Easter Service. Please make sure your child has a coat in school. If any parents or grandparents are available to help walk the children down to church please let the class teacher or office know.

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Total From Autumn Term	162	177	166	139
Christmas Reading Challenge	26	25	24	23
Week 1 and 2 House Points	1	3	2	4
Week 3 House Points	1	4	2	3
Week 4 House Points	3	1	3	4
Week 5 House Points	1	2	3	4
Week 6 House Points	1	3	2	4
Week 7 House Points	2	4	1	3
Week 8 House Points	2	4	1	4
Spring Half Term Reading	31	33	32	33
Week 9 House Points	2	2	3	4
Week 10 House Points	4	4	1	4
Total	236	262	240	229

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Film Night

Thank you to all the children that came along and supported the PTFA Film Night. They all looked like they enjoyed the film, popcorn & drink. The next one is scheduled for Friday 17th May, which is the end of SAT's week for year 6 and it will be our last one of the school year 2018/2019.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual PTFA Easter Egg Hunt will be on Thursday 4th April throughout the school day. We are now accepting Easter Egg donations in multiples of Cadbury's Creme Egg size or smaller if possible. This is one of the children's favourite events, they look for coloured plastic eggs outside under the trees and there is also one small bunny for them to find. All the children receive a chocolate egg to go home with at the end of the school day, for the child in each class that found the bunny there is an extra prize. All children that have allergies with regard to this event will receive an alternative Easter Gift or if you prefer to bring something in for a particular child/children that they are allowed to eat, please can you pop it into a sealed bag with the child's full name and class on. As with every event we will need parent/carer helpers throughout the school day. We stop the hunts whilst the children go to church for the Easter Service and normally help walk them down to church and back again. If you would like to help for part or all of the day or have any questions, please contact the school office on 01730 813266 or via email to myself Jo Purser madjopad@yahoo.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

- Race Night Friday 22nd March at 7pm ***CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT***
- Easter Egg Hunt, Thursday 4th April to take place throughout the school day
- PTFA Meeting, Friday 3rd May 3.30pm
- Quiz Night, Friday 3rd May at Easebourne Primary School (more details to follow soon)
- Happy School Bag Collection during the summer term (date tbc)
- Sponsored WalkJogRun, Friday 24th May (times tbc)
- Summer Fair, Saturday 29th June
- Fairies & Scaries, Friday 18th October
- Christmas Fair, Friday 29th November



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Easter at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th and
Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th April

8.30am-4.30pm

£16.00 per half day

Children aged from 2-11 years

Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place

Please note if you wish to book your child into a breakfast club or after school provision this must be booked in advance in order to ensure we can adhere to the correct child/staff ratio.

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