



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th September 2020

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 21st September	Art and Craft Club – Hedgehogs Skip2Bfit Club - Badgers	3.15-4.15
Tuesday 22nd September	Art and Craft Club – Squirrels Computer Club – Rabbits H Skip2Bfit Club - Foxes	3.15-4.15
Wednesday 23rd September	Computer Club – Rabbits D Skip2Bfit Club – Otters Rescheduled Zoom Meeting – Badgers Class	3.15-4.15 4.00

A Word from the Head

Drop-off/Pick-up

We have had two weeks of the new term now and it is clear that drop-off is becoming quite congested at times, significantly reducing the ability to socially distance and increasing the risk of infection. We would like to make some tweaks to the arrangements and we ask for parental support with these.

- Parking is always an issue at schools. We are lucky enough to have the largest car park for a primary school in our area, but it is still becoming very congested. Please could parents consider whether they might **walk to school** or park in a nearby road and walk the rest of the way. **Park & Stride** is a sustainable travel option in the school Travel Tracker scheme and gives your child exercise and fresh air to start the day off in a healthy way. This would help congestion. If this isn't possible, please be patient and wait for spaces to become free. We will be relaunching our walking to school reward scheme 'Travel Tracker' at the beginning of October. More details regarding this will be sent to you by Teachers2Parents.
- Some families are getting to school significantly earlier than the time their children are taken into school by teachers. Please could parents aim to **drop their children within the following windows:**

• YR	08:50-09:00	Outside YR gate
• Y1	08:40-08:50	Under canopy
• Y2	08:50-09:00	
• Y3D	08:40-08:50	Front of school
• Y3H	08:50-09:00	
• Y4	08:45-08:55	Music block gate
• Y5	08:40-08:50	Front side gate
• Y6	08:50-09:00	

If you are earlier than you need to be, please **visit the park** where your child(ren) can sit or play until their collection window. If you have come by car, please consider **sitting in your car**, again until your child(ren)'s collection window.

- There is considerable congestion at the front of the school. **Year 5 pupils** will now be able to come through the gates and line up on the dots at the top of the steps where they will be collected.
- The **drop-off zone** is for the sole purpose of dropping off your child. **It is not there for parking**, so vehicles should never be without a driver. Once a child has been dropped, cars should move off. If cars are unable to flow through this area, the traffic backs up and often results in the pedestrian crossing being obscured. This puts our children at risk. Understandably, parents of young children may not want to use the drop-off zone, so please park in the car park and walk your child to their collection point. Please use the drop-off zone appropriately.



Library Books

During Lockdown, to promote reading, we raised the limit of books that a child could take home to four. We took the decision to maintain this limit over the summer holiday to help to ensure that children had books to read before they returned in September. The risk in this decision was always that our library would lose a significant number of books that we could ill-afford to replace. At the moment, we are working hard to chase up non-returned books, not least because children whom the library system shows as having their full quota of books out are not able to take out further books.

Children have been away for a long time. Please could families check at home for any overdue school library books, even if you feel you have already checked thoroughly? You would be amazed at how long some books go missing for and then are eventually returned to us, having finally surfaced. And it has been a long

time for them to become hidden at home! For our part, we are checking and rechecking shelves to ensure that some of these books haven't been returned to shelves without being entered into the system as we acknowledge that this was a real possibility in the challenging circumstances at the end of last year. Hopefully, between us, we can ensure the library loses as few books as possible; the more books on the shelf, the more likely your child is to find the perfect book to read and reading is the single most important skill we can equip them with at primary school. Thank you for your help in this.

Summer Reading Challenge

Against all the odds, there have even been some certificates sent in for completing the Summer Reading Challenge. Again, we would love to see any more that could come in - each certificate, as in previous years, will earn your child's house a point.

Summer Activity Booklet

It has been really enjoyable looking through the Summer Activity Booklets that have been returned so far. Please do send your child's in, if you haven't already. There were three Tight Writes in the booklet and small prizes were given out today to those who submitted one, with rather handsome prizes for the three children (Dylan and James, Y3, and Alfie, Y6) who submitted all three. Congratulations to all of them. Here is the **first Tight Write of the new year**:

Teach Yourself

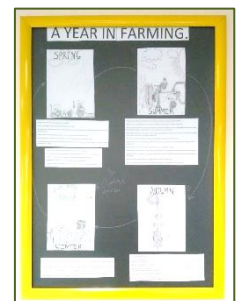


Way back, even before I was born, there was a series of self-instruction books, published by Hodder & Stoughton, under the Teach Yourself title. Over the course of this year, I want to borrow that title to encourage individual children to go and research something of interest to them and come back and share their findings with others. The challenge is

there for any child, if they want to take it. No pressure. But we will, at school, undertake to help find an audience for that child. I have two very different recent examples of **Teach Yourself** to share in this newsletter.



Firstly, there is Dylan. Now Dylan has long impressed me with his farming knowledge. For my part, I suspect I have impressed him with my farming ignorance. To help him replace some of my ignorance with his knowledge, I asked him whether he would design an A2 display about the farming calendar for the frame outside Foxes and Otters. Dylan went away and thought about it. He then wrote and illustrated a wonderful poster which has meant I know a little more than I did. It's there for anybody to see so why not pay it a visit and admire Dylan's incredible drawings? A TY certificate is on its way to you, Dylan!



TIGHT WRITE 35



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

Named entries to Mr Culley
by Thursday, 1st October at the latest
Prizes to be won (eventually)!

Next up is Rory. Rory wrote about what he taught himself (see below). Another TY certificate is on its way to you, Rory – well done!

Wraparound Provision (by Rory)

When we were out exploring in Wraparound after school, we saw some oak leaves that had something very strange on them and we thought it might be a disease. We asked Mr Taylor and Mr Culley what they thought they were and then I researched them online. We discovered that they are

two different types of galls containing the eggs of very small gall wasps. We found the galls of silk button gall wasps and spangle gall wasps. There are lots of galls on just one leaf.

Postscript (from Mr Culley)

I was really impressed by Rory's research skills. These are two really interesting finds. If you keep your eyes peeled, you might see the wasps emerge from the galls on the leaves on the ground early on in 2021. The spangle gall wasp is particularly fascinating because it has two very different generations. I wonder if anybody can build on Rory's research and found out what that means...

Charity Hair Cut

On a very different note, after growing his hair for 2 years Liam is due to have it cut on 26th September in aid of The Little Princess Charity. This charity supplies and funds high quality wigs for children and young adults who have lost their hair as a result of Cancer treatment or other illnesses. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause and support Liam's efforts, you can do so by visiting his just giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/liambennetthaircut> Good luck Liam.

Contact Details and Educational Visit Forms

Children in Years 1-6 should have received these forms to take home last week. It is important to update information on an annual basis in order that, in an emergency, our records and permissions are up to date. If you have not already done so, please return any paperwork by Tuesday of next week. Thank you.

Parents of children in Reception Class will just receive a copy of their Data Collection Sheet. Please check all details are correct, sign and return to school.

Parental Consent

Unless you inform us otherwise, existing parental consents for local trips and outings, photos and recordings, Forest School and cooking and tasting activities will carry over for this academic year.

Computer Access at Home

Please inform the school office if you do not have internet access at home as newsletters, diaries, clubs etc. will be sent to parents by e-mail. For those parents who do not have access, a paper copy will be available to collect from the school office.

Paracetamol and Antihistamine Permissions

Previously we sent home a permission form asking for consent for the school to administer short term, non-prescribed, ad-hoc medicines (see above) if your child develops the relevant systems during the school day. It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the school if there are any changes to the completed form.

Nut Allergy

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. We thank you for your consideration.

Please also consider whether your child is using a hand cream that contains nut oils.

Hot Meals On-Line Ordering

Please could we remind all parents who order hot meals on-line through Chartwells, to ensure they update their child's class details. It makes it much easier for us to deal with the information that Chartwells then send through to school.

Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination (Flu) 2020

In school vaccinations for all year groups will take place on 6th November. Consents forms will be sent home early next month. The Flu vaccination is not available from GP Surgeries for children without a medical condition.

Clubs

Clubs for this term start on Monday, 21st September. Please remember to inform the office if your child is not attending a session. This is particularly important for Year 5 and 6 children who have permission to walk home.

For children who are signed up to join a club, a request for payment was sent last week. Please ensure subs are paid on-line before the club starts.

Individual School Photographs

The school photographer is due in school on 20th October but the procedure this year will be different due to Covid19. Sibling photographs will not be available on this occasion to avoid the risk of contamination of "bubble" groups.

Family sibling 25% discount

To support parents wishing to purchase the 2020 individual photographs of their children, Yellow has introduced a "Family Discount" which provides a 25% reduction on the photographs purchased.

For example a sibling family purchasing 2 individual Pack 7s (10x8) at £12 each, totalling £24, but after applying Family 25% discount on total purchase the new lower price will be £18. This reduction will automatically be applied at the Checkout for online orders, or, parents returning orders to our Drop Box in the school foyer, are to place the individual photo proofcards into only one order bag, reduce the total price by 25% and include their cheque/cash payment.

Open Evening for Reception Class September 2021

We are planning to hold two open evenings for parents who are considering 'big school' for their child in September 2021. These are scheduled for Wednesday, 14th October (Virtual) and Thursday, 15th October at 18:00 (Physical – Booking required). If you know of any friends or neighbours who might be considering Easebourne Primary School for their child, please let them know about these dates so that they can put them in their diaries. Further information to follow.

Secondary School Transfer

On Monday 7th September, parents of children in Year 6 should have received an email regarding Secondary School Transfer. All parents are encouraged to apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. The online system opened on Monday, 7th September and the closing date for applications is Saturday, 31st October. If you need to apply using a paper form, please telephone 03330 142 903 to request one. Please note that applications made after the closing date cannot be considered until all other applications have been dealt with.

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Week 1 and 2 House Points	4	3	2	1
Total	4	3	2	1

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

We hope you have all had a good first two weeks of term and are back in the 'new normal' school routine. The PTFA committee will be looking at ways to help raise funds for the school and we will be arranging a meeting soon, watch this space. In the meantime, any ideas on fundraising whilst maintaining social distancing would be welcomed.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped us raise £304 from Bag2School. This was a great success and we will be booking another collection for the end of October – exact dates TBC.

Please also don't forget that another easy way to help us raise money in these strange times is through EasyFundraising. The school has only raised £4 in the last 30 days through this tool and it would be great

if we could raise more. So, for those of you who have registered (95 parents in total), please try to remember to use the app when shopping online. It's such a shame for the school to miss out when it is so easy and it costs you nothing.

Here's a little reminder on how it works

If you've already signed up, you could install this reminder app on your device by clicking on this link <https://bit.ly/31BFgpK>

If you've not yet registered, then this short video explains how it works

<https://youtu.be/Q9fPOZ6zm8I>

Thanks for your support.

Ruth, Jo, Charlotte & Vicky

COMMUNITY NEWS

News from Easebourne Parish Council

More developments for Easebourne Park

It's been another busy month for the team looking after the park.

Thanks to donations from residents, Midhurst WI, the Lions Club of Midhurst and United Easebourne magazine, we've now installed the CCTV cameras and hope this will help deter vandalism and anti-social behaviour. If it doesn't, then we will have evidence we can use with the Police to track down those responsible. It's such a shame we've had to take this step but it will help protect such a beloved village asset.

By now, the big feral conifers at the far corner of Easebourne Park, separating the park from the cemetery and the allotments, should have been felled and removed. This long-planned work has been coordinated with the County Council, South Downs National Park, Cowdray, St Mary's Church and the allotment authorities. It opens up the vista and creates more light for park users, Birthday House residents and many allotment holders.

We're hoping that any larger stumps that may have been left will be used for future carving. In time, the conifers will be replaced with native trees, plans for which we will share in due course.

We've also had the green light for a scooter track alongside the path between the play area and the pond. We expect construction to take place during October. As well as being a fun place to play for the under 12s, the track will also have educational road markings. It will be made with a green slip-proof surface in tarmac for durability. The multi-route design will have a few gentle undulations and a mini roundabout for interest.

A local business, Playsafe Playgrounds, has been contracted to do the work. When we designed Easebourne Park it was always the intention of the Parish Council to include a scooter track. Only now have we had the funding, thanks to a Community Infrastructure Levy Grant (CIL funding) from South Downs National Park Authority.

We look forward to sharing photographs once it's been built; in the meantime, take a look at the design images. We hope you agree it will be a fantastic addition to the play park.

Do you know someone who deserves an Easebourne Community Star Award?

We're looking for nominations for our second quarterly Community Star Award.

If you know someone who has made a difference to our Parish, either over a long period of time or through something they've done in the past few months, we'd love to hear from you.

All you need to do is email the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@easebourne.org telling us who you are nominating and why. The only criteria is that they must live in the Parish - Easebourne, Henley or King Edward VII. Please also share your contact details so we can be in touch with you to find out a bit more.

Nominations should be in by Friday 9 October.

Friends of Easebourne Parish (FREP) is looking for more members

Friends of Easebourne Parish is a volunteer group that has been set up to help keep Easebourne looking lovely by taking on work such as litter picking, vegetation clearance, minor structural maintenance and other projects as agreed with the Parish Council. One example is cleaning up, painting and putting up a notice board on the inside of the bus shelter on the corner of Wheelbarrow Castle and Dodsley Lane. More recently, members got involved in the annual Parish litter pick. FREP is now on the look-out for new members to join the group and help with other similar ad-hoc projects. It's a great way to get involved in village life, meet other residents and make a difference to our surroundings. You can give as little or as much time as you want. For further details, please contact Caroline Milne, Membership Secretary on caromilne@hotmail.com

