



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> December 2018



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 tremendously busy term of almost 15 weeks and, as I look around, it is difficult to tell who is the more exhausted – the children or the adults! The KS1 Christmas play was a triumph, with the children giving their all and much sadness when it was all over. Fantastic Finishes have given parents an opportunity to discover more about their children's learning over the term. The Christmas service gave the school a final opportunity to come together and remind ourselves that, underneath the tinsel, wrapping paper and chocolate, the Christmas season is really all about love and family. Thank you for all the contributions to our reverse Advent calendar which has been building in the library in the background – it's a very visible and powerful way of showing the children that we need to care for each other. On that note, I wish you all a restful family Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Governor Election

We were fortunate that there were two strong candidates for the parent governor vacancy and the votes were evenly cast with a very close outcome. In the end, Sophie Granlund was the successful candidate and will become a parent governor next term.

## 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 'Pirates of the Curry Bean', 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' and 'Christmas with the Aliens'
- 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 Cowdray Café, Friendship Tea at St Mary's Church and the Cowdray pensioners' Christmas lunch
- The whole school enjoying singing at the Easter Service, End of Year Service, Harvest Festival and the Carol Service
- The Remembrance Service
- Community Week, Willow Week, our annual Poetry Competition and Environment Day
- Science Week and the STEAM Fair and visit from the Mobile Planetarium
- Sports Day
- Dressing up for World Book Day and Children in Need
- Fairtrade Fortnight
- Book fairs

- House Challenges and Charity Days
  - Blue House winning the House Cup
  - The PTFA's Easter egg hunt, Leavers' barbecue, summer fair, film nights, Happy Bag collection, Smarties Tube Challenge, Quiz Night, Fairies and Scaries disco and Christmas fair
  - Mrs Coates, Mr Taylor and parents taking part in the Nuts Challenge to raise money for our new Clevertouch screens
  - Reception Class visit from The Animal Man
  - Visits from 'Firewise' for Reception, Year 2 and Year 5
  - Year 1 trip to Chichester College airways simulator, Midhurst Library and Wizzbits Toy Shop
  - Year 2 trip to the Titanic Museum, Southampton
  - Years 1 and 2 Grandparents' Tea Party
  - Years 3 and 4 trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Marwell Zoo, African Day and Butser Ancient Farm
  - Year 3 ukulele concerts
  - Year 4 Sing Up and camp out on the school field
  - Year 5 Five Ways to Wellbeing workshop, Big Sing and Fun Maths at MRC
  - Year 6 racing our 'Greenpower' kit cars at Dunsfold Park, Ford Airfield and the 'Gathering of Goblins' at Goodwood
  - Year 6 Interfaith Day, trip to Cass Sculpture Foundation and 'Bikeability' course
  - Year 6 leavers' service at Chichester Cathedral, leavers' assembly and barbecue and Stedham camp
  - Years 5 and 6 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace and residential visit to Gaveston Hall
  - Rother Valley sport tournaments, orchestra day, arts festival and debate competition
- And, finally,
- Christmas lunch, parties and 'Easebourne's Got Talent'

## **What a year!**

### **Charities**

In 2018 we supported:-

- Children In Need
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- The Poppy Appeal
- Stonepillow
- And, last but not least, as part of our charity fundraisers, last year our houses supported Canine Partners, The Snowdrop Trust, Macmillan and St. Wildrid's Hospice and raised nearly £500.

Fundraising is already well under way for this year's chosen charities: Canine Partners (Green House), The Dogs Trust (Yellow House), The Seahorse Trust (Red House) and Macmillan (Blue House).

### **Clubs**

Thank you for returning your club forms. Club memberships will be displayed during the first week of the new term in the office window and by the rear canopy doors. There will be a waiting list in operation for some clubs. Please note that cheques for paid clubs will not be banked until January.

### **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.

### **Coat and Wellies Plea**

Donna Laycock would like to put out a request for any second hand coats and wellies. The idea behind this is to keep a rail of these items at the exit door to the playground so that any child who was forgotten to bring their own coat or wellies can borrow one for break time.

### **Lost Property**

Please take the opportunity over the holidays to ensure that all uniform and equipment is named. We have a large quantity of belongings in lost property that we are unable to return.

## House Update

|                                | Green | Yellow | Blue | Red |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|------|-----|
| Summer Reading Challenge       | 17    | 14     | 9    | 15  |
| Who Am I? (100% Correct)       | 0     | 4      | 3    | 3   |
| Who Am I? (House Totals)       | 1     | 10     | 4    | 7   |
| Week 1 House Points            | 4     | 2      | 1    | 3   |
| Maths Challenge                | 1     |        |      |     |
| Week 2 House Points            | 2     | 4      | 3    | 2   |
| Week 3 House Points            | 1     | 4      | 3    | 3   |
| Week 4 House Points            | 2     | 4      | 3    | 1   |
| Week 5 House Points            | 2     | 4      | 3    | 1   |
| Week 6 House Points            | 3     | 2      | 4    | 1   |
| Pumpkin Carving Competition    | 19    | 11     | 21   | 11  |
| Week 7 House Points            | 2     | 4      | 2    | 3   |
| Week 8 House Points            | 4     | 3      | 3    | 1   |
| Week 9 House Points            | 1     | 4      | 3    | 1   |
| Half Term Reading Challenge    | 17    | 20     | 24   | 15  |
| Poetry Competition             | 26    | 23     | 29   | 22  |
| Week 10 House Points           | 2     | 4      | 3    | 2   |
| Week 11 House Points           | 1     | 4      | 3    | 3   |
| Week 12 House Points           | 3     | 4      | 1    | 2   |
| Sumdog House Competition       | 19    | 15     | 10   | 12  |
| Week 13 House Points           | 2     | 4      | 1    | 3   |
| Spelling Bee House Competition | 12    | 11     | 15   | 11  |
| 100% Attendance                | 17    | 20     | 17   | 14  |
| Week 14 House Points           | 4     | 2      | 1    | 3   |
| Total                          | 162   | 177    | 166  | 139 |



*Have a very*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



*We return to school on Thursday 3rd January 2019.*