

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 21st January 2022

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Although the numbers locally are beginning to slowly come down, our numbers at school have been at their highest today with 26 confirmed cases, not including Early Days. (Yr R-2; Yr1-1; Yr2-2; Yr3-3; Yr4D-2; Yr4H-2; Yr5-14; Yr6-0)

We have put a number of measures in place, which at this stage we plan to maintain for next week. Depending on our numbers on Monday, we may take the decision to cancel clubs involving more than one year group. Wraparound will continue to operate in bubbles. Families struggling with child care as a result of a cancelled club will be able to use Wraparound at no additional cost but should contact the office to reserve a space. Please email me or let the office know of any further confirmed cases - both emails will be checked over the weekend. Thank you for your support in containing our current outbreak.



Last Friday, two minibuses full of KS2 pupils from the school went to Chichester Festival Theatre to see Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World. We learnt about some amazing women. Mia (4H) came back and wrote Bright Light Tight Writes about three of them! You can read what she wrote about Mary Anning later on in the newsletter. Thanks

to Jo Purser for driving the second minibus and to my two parent helpers.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term is Hope Term and HOPE has now joined FAITH suspended above shelves in the library.

Year 6 shared brief sketches of activists for black rights on Monday (Martin Luther King Day). Yesterday, we shared the parable of the mustard seed, learning how great things can come from the tiniest of beginnings.



THE WEEK AHEAD:

24.01	PTFA AGM
26.01	Football Tournament at Petworth -Team Yr 6
27.01	Tea with Mr C
28.01	Book Club—Y5 and Y6
28/01 and 29/01	Bags2School Drop Off
02.02	Year 5 Trip to Buddington Farm
04.02	Rother Valley Cross Country at MRC—Team Y3/Y6

KEY DATES:

21.02-25.02	Half Term
28.02	Inset Day
08.04	Last Day of Term
25.04	First Day of term
03.05.	Inset Day
06.06	Inset Day

NEWS STORY



Bags2School

Donations of clothes or linen to be dropped off at school (rear white door nearest to the car park) at drop off and pick up times on Thursday 27th & Friday 28th January.

Thanks for your support. PTFA

PTFA AGM

Please note the AGM will take place at school on Monday 24th January at 7.30pm.

Raisin Deckchair

Some of you will know of Jamie West, who has taught individual guitar lessons at the school for a number of years. Jamie is launching his new album, Raisin Deckchair, at The Old Library, Midhurst on Friday, 11th February at 7pm. Tickets (£12 with CD or Audio download) are available from jwest73@me.com.

SUPER SLEUTHS

Last year, we trialled an initiative called Super Sleuths with volunteers from Year 5 and 6. By asking questions during an e-mail correspondence with Mystery People from the community, the 13 Super Sleuths slowly put together biographies which they shared at a tea party at the end of the year. This year, 20 children have volunteered and they have just started to send their first e-mails out, collecting information to use in their writing. We look forward to reading their biographies at the end of the year.

NURSERY AND EYFS

Caterpillars have been singing 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' this week. They have painted their own beautiful stars with shiny paint! Ladybirds have been learning a tidy-up song, to the same tune, and helping to keep the classroom neat. Bumble Bees have made some class rules, "we need to walk inside in case we fall", "it's really good to say please and thank you". The children have also been learning the Makaton signs for please and thank you.



In Dragonflies this week, we have been practicing our capital letter recognition. We have also revisited our fine motor skills again, by sewing the capital letter at the beginning of our name. We have enjoyed singing the alphabet song too.

"I know all the capital letters in the alphabet!" – Charlie M

HOUSE CHARITY FUND-RAISING

Yellow House have decided to hold a Crazy Headwear Day to fund-raise for their charity YoungMinds. **On Friday 28th January**, you will be able to wear a crazy hat, wig or head-band to school and bring in a £1.00 donation to be collected by your Class Teacher.

Red House will be holding a Valentines themed bake sale on **Friday 11th February** after school to raise funds for their charity The British Heart Foundation.

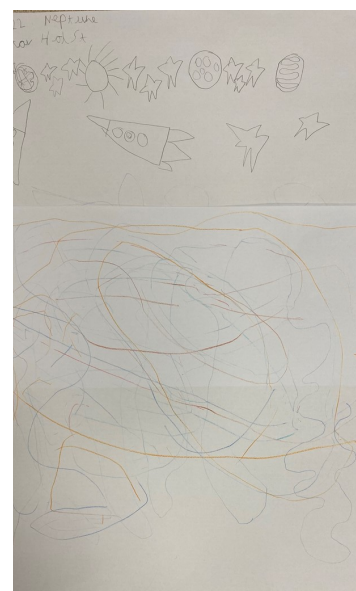
Blue House are hosting a disco after school on **Friday 18th March**, for their charity Winston's Wish. Tickets will cost £2.00 and include a snack and drink.

Look out for more details on all these events.

KS1

Hedgehogs - This week, we have been continuing our DT project of 'chop, slice and mash.' We looked at a range of fruit and vegetables and decided how we would prepare them. We studied, felt and tasted the fruit and vegetables and decided how we would describe them using lots of interesting words such as 'bitter' 'sour' and 'juicy'. We have looked at how these vegetables and fruits help our bodies stay healthy and in addition, what else we need to have a balanced diet. We have been looking at the Chinese New Year in PE and creating our own moves for each of the animals in the story of New Year. We then used these actions to come up with a sequence of movements in groups and enjoyed showcasing our finished creations to the rest of the class. Our favourite was the dragon.

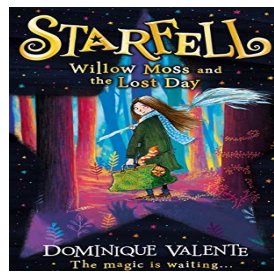
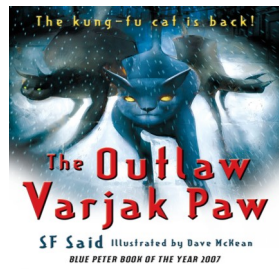
Squirrels - Our computing lessons have been linked to music. We played with Chrome Music Lab and were learning about how sound is linked to shapes. We listened to Gustav Holst's The Planets and specifically, Mars, Jupiter and Venus. On Wednesday, we listened to Neptune and drew pictures of what the sound might look like. "My drawing is the solar system. The zooming rockets are the loud bits of the music" Fergus. "When the music started, the line was flat and I basically followed it around the page." Alf W. In the section called Kandinsky on Music Lab, we brought our drawings to life which made us laugh a lot!



"We were cutting and eating fruit and vegetables to have a balanced diet and to keep our bodies healthy."

"When the lines get wide the music is loud and when they are small the music is quiet" Harriet and Phoebe. "I thought that Mars was loud, scary and deep" Hope. "Venus was deep too but it was quiet, soft and gentle." Theadora.





KS2

Rabbits - Have absolutely LOVED swimming on Friday - we have been counting down the days till we go again this week! Even though it was the first dip in a swimming pool for some of us, we had a great time and we were all very supportive of one another, we can't wait to go again! In art this week we have been looking at ammonites - they are amazing fossils created from sea creatures millions of years ago and have been the inspiration behind our motif designs. Eventually, we will make our own motif using Fibonacci's pattern to do this.

Badgers 4D - Despite the chilly weather, 4D have been out enjoying Forest School again this week. They have relished the opportunity to learn and play outdoors, following it up with a mug of hot chocolate whilst sat on a cosy fireside stump to warm up before returning to class. Meanwhile, back in the classroom, we have started looking at Design & Technology and are learning all about how packaging keeps food fresh and stops the microorganisms from causing the food to decay.

Badgers 4H - Monday morning saw the World Cup Book Tournament in 4H and the room was bubbling with excitement as 16 of our new Amazon Wish List titles vied for that cherished spot ... being the next 4H class reader. A couple of clear favourites emerged early on, alongside 'The Land of Roar' and 'The Griffin Gate' which gained a good number of votes each. The final was a fiercely contested battle between 'The Outlaw Varjak Paw' and the first book in the Starfell series: 'Willow Moss and the Lost Day'. It was neck and neck until the last few votes, but from tomorrow we'll begin hearing all about the latest adventures of the Kung-fu cat, as Varjak Paw makes a welcome return to 4H.

Foxes - This week has been a hard one because a lot of people in Foxes have had COVID. We have had to Zoom call them and we had to do the work at the same time in school. The good news is that we got lots done such as continuous line drawings, basketball, short division and non-chronological reports about allotments.

Otters - This term in Year 6 we have been focusing on balancing in gymnastics. The key to a good balance is to hold it still for 3-5 seconds and try to make it interesting! We have been gaining confidence with a range of balances - including going upside-down in bridges and handstands. It can help to use the wall or a bench to support you. Some of our favourite routings included adding transitions like spins or majestic leaps between each balance.

"An even harder bit about our week was Mr T was ill so we had Mr Mockler instead."

TIGHT WRITE

Entries are starting to come in for the Bright Light Tight Write. The doors are still wide open if you have somebody inspirational to write about in up to 50 words. Here is Mia's on Mary Anning, inspired by last week's theatre trip.

Mary was a fossil hunter. She had a dog called Tray. Tray only thought about bones. Mary was very good at fossil hunting. She discovered dinosaurs and other creatures. I think she is amazing because she was a very good fossil hunter. She is very fascinating.

By Mia, Year 4H

Have a great weekend,