



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th March 2020

Dates for the next 2 weeks

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| Monday 16th March | Squirrels C Class Trip to the Southampton Seacity Museum RV Debate Competition at MRC (team from Year 6) | 8.30-3.00 11.30-2.30 |
| Tuesday 17th March | Year 3 RV All Sing at MRC | 9.45-12.00 |
| Thursday 19th March | Choir sing at Voice in a Million at Wembley (Postponed) | pm and eve |
| Friday 20th March | Green House Charity Bingo Event | 3.15- |
| Tuesday 24th March | Fantastic Finish – Hedgehogs and Squirrels | 2.00 |
| Thursday 26th March | Last Forest School for Rabbits Class Fantastic Finish – Foxes and Otters | 2.00 |
| Friday 27th March | RV Arts Festival at MRC (Dance Club to perform) Clubs Finish Red House Cake Sale | 9.45-12.00 3.15 |

A word from the Head

Staff Changes

Sadly, I have to tell parents that Sue Cobbold will be leaving us early in the summer term. Sue has worked at the school for 15 years and is part of the school's fabric. During this time, Sue has worked in the office, as a classroom assistant both in class and with small groups and individual children. Sue has also supported individual children as a learning mentor and, most recently, she has taken on the library, training up successive teams of librarians, organising initiatives such as World Book Day and masterminding the delivery of Accelerated Reader. Sue will be joining the staff at Haslemere Library and will be greatly missed. I am sure you will join us in wishing her well in her new job.

Coronavirus

We receive daily updates about Coronavirus from the DfE. Children are washing hands frequently with soap and water and frequently used surfaces such as door handles are being cleaned several times a day. Parents may be interested to watch these two videos with their children to reinforce good hand hygiene.

How to wash your hands properly

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance: <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

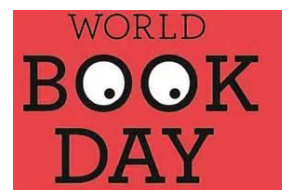
We are also preparing for possible school closure. If, as seems likely, schools across England are closed, we intend to put the following in place:

- Class teachers will use Teachers2Parents e-mails to contact all of the parents of the children in their class with an overview of the organisation of class learning during this period of closure and with their individual school e-mail addresses; teachers will check their e-mails twice a day, replying to any parent queries.
- Class teachers will prepare a 2-week learning pack for each child, indicating the prioritisation of the learning – this will include maths, reading, writing, spelling and additional activities. The packs will be collected by parents from school and will contain any necessary stationery.

- Moodle will be used as the virtual learning platform with details of the learning sent out, along with links to websites and additional learning resources. The Office will ensure that all parents have log-in details for Moodle so that they and their children can access it.

World Book Week – Thursday 5th March

On World Book Day, children were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and they had the opportunity to hear staff read their favourite book.



The librarians also held a 3D model competition. Children created characters from their favourite book to hang in the library. The library now looks even more splendid, with the new book characters on display. Our congratulations go to the winners whose names are displayed in the library.

Fairtrade

Two recent events have been celebrated at Easebourne CE Primary School. One, Fairtrade Fortnight, encouraged us to reflect on the situation of those often struggling to make enough to support their families whilst the other, World Book Day, encouraged us to celebrate just how rich the world of children's literature is, for children and adults alike.

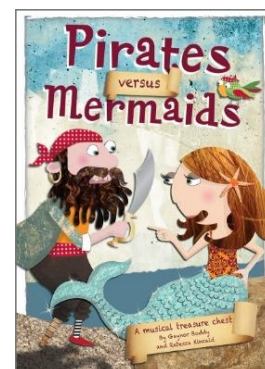


In Fairtrade Fortnight, our houses competed to bring in as many labels from Fairtrade items as they could in an inter-house competition. It reminded the children just how many products there are where shoppers can be sure that producers are receiving a fair price for their labour. Children brought in everything from the more obvious products such as coffee, tea and biscuits to slightly less obvious ones like flowers and vanilla bean extract! And, of course, there was lots of packaging from chocolate! After school, on the two Wednesdays in the fortnight, children sold Divine chocolate bars sourced through Traidcraft. Trade was brisk and the children sold 148 bars!

Rabbits and Badgers Performance

This term, Years 3 and 4 will be performing 'Pirates versus Mermaids' an upbeat musical linked to their topic work.

There will be a matinee performance on Tuesday 31st March at 2.00pm and an evening performance on Wednesday 1st April at 6.00pm. As there are only two classes involved, we will not be issuing tickets but please be sensible with numbers attending.



Dragonflies Stay and Play

Parents/Carers with children in Dragonflies Class are invited to a Stay and Play session on Friday 3rd April from 8.40-10.00am.

Ukulele Concert

The Parents/Carers of children in Rabbits Class are invited to watch the pupils performing on Friday 3rd April from 9.45 – 10.15 in the Music Suite. The children and their West Sussex Music Service teacher, Chris Eaton, are very much looking forward to showing you what they have achieved so far and hope that you are able to attend.

Clubs

Please note that clubs finish for this term on Friday 27th March. The new clubs list will be emailed to parents on Friday 27th March and in the interest of fairness no forms will be accepted until Monday morning. Forms should be returned by 3 pm on Tuesday 31st March. 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 Cooking Club, 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. In particular, we are looking for **support** with a Gardening Club on a Thursday (you do not need to be an expert) and a Running Club on a Monday 3.15-4.15pm.

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 20th March**. For every £1.00 you spend on books, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards to purchase books for our school library.

Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

This provides funding to the school not only to fund a free meal but to support eligible pupils with their learning and help towards the cost of school trips, buying educational equipment and with the purchasing of school uniforms.

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in receipt of state benefits which give entitlement to free school meals for their children should register even though their child is entitled to Universal Infant Free School meals.

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 handcream that contains nut oils.

TIGHT WRITE

The winners of Tight Write 22 will be announced next week.

Here is the next challenge.

TIGHT WRITE 23



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

Named entries to Mr Culley
by Thursday, 26th March at the latest
Prizes to be won!

House Update

House Charity Fundraising

Blue House

This year, Blue House is raising money for Macmillan, and as you know we had a film night fundraiser. We raised £220 in total from this event and with the £40 contribution from Christmas Jumper Day it brings our total to £260. Well done Blue House and thank you to everyone who supported us.

By Martha and Rufus, House Captains

Green House

Green House are holding a fun Bingo event for families straight after school next Friday, 20th March. Your child should have brought home a booking form for this occasion in the last couple of days. There are a number of great prizes to be won so do your best to support them and raise money for the Blue Cross.

Red House

Red House will be holding their cake sale and baking competition on Friday 27th March. Please support them by donating or buying a cake or both! Funds raised will go to the Elizabeth Foundation which assists children with hearing impairment.

Yellow House

Yellow House are running an Easter Raffle in support of the RSPCA. Tickets are currently on sale at the office but will also be available to purchase at breaktimes and under the canopy after school next week. There are lots of prizes including an Easter hamper, eggs, activity kits and some very cute bunnies. If you could send your child to school with a £1.00 to buy a strip of tickets this would really help our cause.

Please support these worthy charities and the children's efforts. Thank You

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| Total from Autumn Term | 173 | 138 | 161 | 143 |
| Week 1 House Points | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Week 2 House Points | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Week 3 House Points | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Week 4 House Points | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Week 5 House Points | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Week 6 House Points | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Week 7 House Points | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Week 8 House Points | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Library Model Competition | 8 | 2 | 5 | 12 |
| Half Term Reading Challenge | 31 | 32 | 31 | 29 |
| Week 9 House Points | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Total | 241 | 186 | 218 | 214 |

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EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual PTFA Easter Egg Hunt will be held throughout the school day on Thursday, 2nd April 2020. We are now accepting Easter Egg donations in multiples of Cadbury's Creme Egg size or smaller and individually wrapped if possible. This is one of the children's favourite events. Each class has the opportunity to go and look for coloured plastic eggs hidden outside under the trees and together with

one small special bunny. All the children receive a chocolate egg to take home at the end of the school day and the child from each class that found the bunny will also receive an extra prize. All children with allergies that could be affected by 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 marked with their full name and class. 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 escort 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 pta@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 2 April

Friday 1 May

Wednesday 13 May

Friday 15 May

Friday 5 June

Saturday 27 June

Easter Egg Hunt

Quiz Night

PTFA Meeting

Film Night

Tops for Tombola

Summer Fair



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Easter Holiday Club



*We will be running a holiday club on
Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th,
Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th April*

8.30am-4.30pm

Morning, afternoon or full day sessions available.

£16.00 per morning/afternoon, £32.00 per full day

Payment must be made in full at the time of booking to guarantee your child's place

For all day sessions, children will need a packed lunch (snacks & refreshments provided)

Children aged from 2-11 years

Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place

Tel. 01730 815046

Email ect@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk

*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.*

*Currently, Easebourne Owls Before/After-School Club are unable to take on any weekly
regulars, however ad-hoc bookings may be made if there are available spaces. Please
note that - In accordance with our 'Fee Policy', we will charge full fees if places
are booked & cancellation notice is less than 24 hours for children attending
Easebourne Owls Club facilities.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Work starts on next stage of development for Easebourne Park

Many of you will have seen that work has now started on the next phase of the development of Easebourne Park.

Construction of the wooden shelter is underway and is due to complete in early April. Once it's up we'll be adding an extension to the perimeter path around the shelter and installing two more picnic benches.

We're also planting a number of very mature trees which we hope will give a little instant shade this summer. Other addition in the coming weeks will include a traditional see-saw, a large community noticeboard and a BBQ area!

We do hope residents will enjoy the new facilities.

All of this has been made possible after our successful bids for funding from Chichester District Council, The Grange Community Association, The National Lottery and the South Downs National Park Community Infrastructure Levy.

Call-out for Green Volunteers

Midhurst Green Volunteers have been helping to keep growth at bay on High Path and Wheelbarrow Castle and doing a fine job. Feedback from Easebourne residents has been very positive but we need more people to come forward to join this initiative.

If you have appreciated the work that's been done along High Path and Wheelbarrow Castle so far and would like to see other areas of the village maintained to the same high standard, please come and help. The next Easebourne project is the path from Wheelbarrow Castle down Dodsley Lane to Egmont Road, planned to take place on Saturday 4 and 18 April from 8.30 for a couple of hours.

Please email parishclerk@easebourne.org if you can help.

Annual Village Litter Pick - a date for your diaries.

To coincide with the national springtime Keep Britain Tidy campaign, the Parish Council is organising an Easebourne litter pick on Sunday 29 March. Meeting place is Easebourne School in the top car park. All equipment will be provided. The more volunteers, the merrier. Timings to be confirmed.

