



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL Half Term Edition "The Scoop"

20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

## Early Days Nursery

New Caterpillars have settled in well this term!

Our new outside area has a fenced off space now for our non-mobile babies and they are loving it. They produced some amazing Firework pictures last month.

Ladybirds have had a busy term making their own Ladybirds, creating a class Family Tree and enjoying their new outside space with Get-Set-Go climbing blocks.

Bumble Bees visited Durleighmarsh Farm for a Pumpkin Walk.....unfortunately they were a little late so they dug up carrots instead. On their return to Nursery, they made vegetable soup with leeks, carrots and potatoes - Emily gave the soup a thumbs up & said it was "yummy".



## Dragonflies Class

This half-term, amongst other things, Dragonflies have been learning about all the people who help us. We had a visit from Rich, the fireman, who told us how we could stay safe in our homes by making sure we check our smoke alarms and stay well away from hot things. He taught us a very useful rhyme too - "Lighters, matches never touch, they can hurt you very much." Mrs Mayhew's daughter was in our class for the morning and she had to dress up in a fireman's outfit, she looked very funny because it was so big.



We continued our topic on people who help us and were very lucky as Phoebe in our class has a daddy who is a police officer. He came to visit us at school in his police car and showed us all the things he uses to catch the 'baddies'. He even had something called a Taser gun and if there are some very bad people, he could use it to give them electric shocks!



We have also had a really exciting trip out in the minibuses to the Chichester Minerva Theatre where we saw The Gruffalo. We all thoroughly enjoyed the production; everyone had a fantastic time. Dragonflies would like to thank the PTFA for subsidising this trip and enabling us to go and see the show.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we had our Stay and Play. Lots of parents and carers were able to stay and everyone had fun joining in with our Christmas activities. Then, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, we all took part in our Nativity Tableau down at St Mary's Church. We dressed up and joined in with the carol service.



We finished off our term with our Christmas Party, we were all allowed to wear our party clothes and we had Christmas lunch in the hall followed by dancing and Pass the Parcel back in class.



## Hedgehogs Class

Year 1 have had a fun couple of weeks preparing and performing in the Christmas Nativity Play. Our thanks go to all parents for their support in supplying costumes and to all those who attended the matinee and evening performance. The children had a blast and are ready for their speaking parts next year!

Year 1 have thought about what makes a celebration and the importance of light at such events. They have acted out the story of Sita and Rama, which is part of Diwali, a five-day festival of lights, which coincides with the Hindu New Year and celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Continuing with the theme of Festival of Lights, we have read about Hanukkah and discovered that it too uses light in the celebration and that it lasts for eight days.

In maths, we have been looking at using part/whole models, number lines and objects to add and subtract within 10. We recognised 2D and 3D shapes and some properties for each.

In Art, we have had Mrs Buchanan to help us make candles for Advent with crayon rubbing and dyes - they look fantastic! Mrs Buchanan also helped the children to recognise some features of their home and draw using proportions. The children have also made some fantastic firework pictures whilst finding out about the Gunpowder Plot.





## Squirrels Class

This half-term, we have been exploring 'Festivals of Light' and investigating Hindu Diwali, Jewish Hanukkah and Christian Advent. We have explored the festivals through religious stories and traditions. We have enjoyed learning about the love of Rama and Sita, the braveness of the Maccabees and the importance of Advent as the countdown to celebrating the birth of Jesus.

In maths we have been exploring the four operations of subtraction, addition, multiplication and division. We have continued to enjoy the challenge of Times Tables Rockstars; we hope that your child is having fun with the challenge at home. We have continued to build on our key writing and reading skills and thank you for your continuing support at home with reading.

## Firewise Visit

Our pupils learnt about fire safety. We were able to learn from real firefighters, finding out about stories from their jobs. We learnt a safety rhyme

Matches, matches never touch,  
They can hurt you very much.

We also learnt how to put out fire on your body  
by using the technique STOP, DROP, ROLL



We ended a fabulous half-term with our 'Superstar' production. We were very proud of each child for their enthusiasm and commitment. We hope you all enjoyed the play. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## Rabbits Class

This half-term, Rabbits have continued their topic work about The Victorians. We have learned about the railways and about the life and works of Charles Dickens. To celebrate the end of our topic, we had a visit from Paul Ulson who taught us about how the Victorians made Christmas the festival that we know and celebrate today. Paul also showed us how to do some braiding, make Victorian Christmas bundles and great silhouette art.

In maths, we have been mastering our 3 and 4 x tables and solving many different number and word problems involving multiplication and division. We have become so good at this that we can help Mrs Payne out when she makes 'baby brain' mistakes!

In science, we have continued to look at the human body. We have looked at the functions of our skeleton and begun to name some of the more obscure bones. We have thought about how our skeletons support and protect us and help us to move. We looked at the similarities between all living things, thinking about the characteristics that all living things (humans, animals and plant) have in common. We designed 'Plant Child,' a child who looks like a human but eats and breathes in a similar way to plants.

In RE, we have been looking at stories that both Jews and Christians read in the Bible and we have been thinking about the different symbols that Jewish people use to help them to remember these stories and God's promises. We will be continuing with this after Christmas.

We began "Buddy Reading" with Dragonflies this half-term and have enjoyed remembering how we used to learn phonics and new, tricky words when we were in Mrs Catchpole's class.

Our ukulele concert was a roaring success, we demonstrated our new skills in singing, rhythm and ukulele playing. We are excited to continue with this after Christmas and to perform, once again, to the parents later in the year. Mrs Payne filmed some of the concert and is happy to show any parents who missed it but it cannot, unfortunately, be put online.



Have a wonderful Christmas break and thank you for all of your support this term

### Badgers Class

This term, most children in Badgers Class entered the poetry competition. We chose a poem and learnt it in class and at home, ready to recite to a panel of judges. This led to a visit to Birthday House so that we could perform the poems to the residents.

In addition, this term, we have been learning about William Morris, who was a famous textile designer. We tried our hand at designing and printing in the style of William Morris. We have also been learning about Dr Barnardo, who was a selfish boy but grew up to be very kind and who helped more than 8,500 poor children.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we held our Fantastic Finish. We were lucky to have a visit from the historian, Paul Ulson, who talked about what a Victorian Christmas would have been like. We created Victorian Christmas cards, wrote with quills and took part in lots of other fun activities. Earlier in the week, we were able to bake Victoria sponges with Mrs Wakeford which we shared with our visitors in the afternoon, accompanied by a glass of Prosecco (actually elderflower sparkling water). At the end of our fantastic afternoon, we were able to take home some of the things that we had created with Paul and a slice of cake!



### Foxes Class

This half term has been busy. At the start, some of us participated in the Poetry Recital Competition. For Anti-Bullying Week, we wore odd socks to school to show that everyone is unique. We were also lucky

enough to have a visit from Portia from the Novium Museum who came to talk to us about Space. Foxes Class went to the Minerva

Theatre to watch 'The Butterfly Lion' following our behind-the-scene trip and workshops. The performance was wonderful and the actors gave great performances.





We have also all enjoyed Forest School with Lucy and Chris. We all took part in carol singing either at Birch Tree Nursing Home or Vine House. On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, KS2 went to MRC to watch a pantomime performed by Year 10 students.

It has been a brilliant half-term and we are looking forward to 'Easebournes Got Talent'. By Tabitha and Ava

## Offers Class

### Interfaith Morning

This event was held in our Sports Hall and we were joined by lots of Year 6 pupils from neighbouring Rother Valley schools. Mr Culley had arranged for representatives from five different faiths to come and talk to us all. There was a Buddhist monk from the Chithurst Monastery, Hamza, a regular visitor and a Muslim, David, who talked about the Jewish faith, Mr. Singh, who was a Sikh and, of course, Derek who was representing Christianity. We worked in groups and learnt a lot of facts about each religion. Did you know for example that:

- Buddhist monks have to eat before 12 p.m. They also shave their hair off every full moon.
- Muslims can read Arabic and they have to pay 2.5 percent of their wealth to charity.
- Jews don't eat dairy after they have eaten meat and use different pans for different foods.
- In Christianity, the colour of the season of Remembrance is red and in Lent it is purple.
- And, lastly, Sikhs have a special golden palace at Amritsar and they have to wear a turban.

### Space Workshop

On 5<sup>th</sup> November, Offers had a visit from a lady called Portia who works at the Novium Museum. She taught us about the International Space Station, gravity and space in general. Our favourite activity was an experiment with a ping pong ball, hairdryer and net. We had to hold a ping pong ball up in the air with a hair dryer and guide it into the net.



Another activity was matching sentences describing parts of a job and pairing them up with the person who does the job. We got all the answers right with the help of Mrs Bedford.

The last activity was to try to identify the role of different items used in space: a parachute, a pair of gloves, a space helmet and some see-through tin. Then Portia showed what damage a grain of sand could do to the ISS by firing an ear plug at a cardboard box. The demonstration was cool. By Sian and Phebe



### Easebourne Owls Out-of-School Club

Busy times for After-School Club. We now have two netbooks for the children to use. This week we've been making lots of Christmas crafts to take home. It's been a bit of a glitter-fest!



### The Eco Committee

After the school review last term, the committee decided on the three areas of improvement that they thought would be the most beneficial for the school. They chose Recycling, Energy and Marine.

The committee worked on an action plan for the school (displayed in the main hall) that would enable us to work towards our goals of becoming a more eco-friendly school under the above headings. They created posters to inform the school of what can and cannot be recycled (Recycling) and how to save energy in the classrooms (Energy). The next project they are working on is to create an information sheet to help make lunch boxes, especially for school trips, more eco-friendly (Marine). So watch this space!

Part of the action plan is to monitor and evaluate the school's progress and the Committee will be focusing on this part of the plan next term. With all this in place we are ready to go for the Bronze Award which we will be applying for next week - wish us luck!

If you would like to be involved in the Eco Committee, we would love to hear from you, no previous experience is necessary, just a desire to make a difference. Contact the school if you would like to join us.

## Easebourne Choir

**Cowdray Farm Shop Tasting Day** – On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, a group of children from Year 5 and 6 went to The Cowdray Farm Shop Tasting Day. We sang lots of Christmas carols and were given biscuits and hot chocolate. We all really enjoyed ourselves. By Eloise and Lucy.

**Carol Singing at Birch Tree Nursing Home** – Year 5 went to Birch Tree Nursing Home to sing Christmas carols. The residents sang along and there was also a baby dressed as an elf dancing to the music. They gave us mince pies and we talked to the residents. It was fun.

**Macmillan Tree of Hope** – At the Tree of Hope, Easebourne sang two songs: One Call Away and Gerry's Song. It was an emotional experience. Afterwards we went outside to see the lights being turned on. By William

**Midhurst Christmas Street Party** – Some children from Years 5 and 6 sang at the Midhurst Christmas Street Party. We sang 5 songs on a stage in the Market Square alongside children from Midhurst, Stedham and Conifers. It was very enjoyable. By Nick

**Cowdray Pensioners Christmas Lunch at the Golf Club** – On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December we went to the golf club to sing Christmas songs and carols. Afterwards they were very generous and we were given a drink and chips in the bar. It was really good fun. By Archie G

### Friendship Tea at Easebourne Refectory

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Mrs Stevens took eleven children to St. Mary's Church to sing. We sang Christmas carols to some elderly people. One lady called Grace turned 103 years old on Tuesday. There were four ladies sat in the front row and if you added all their ages up, it would be more than 400. After we had finished singing, we were given a bag of treats each. They had also made some lovely cakes and sandwiches for us to share. By Roberta.

**Vine House** – On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Year 5 dressed in elf hats and sang Christmas songs to the residents of Vine House. They really enjoyed it and clapped after every song. After the singing we chatted to them and had a chocolate biscuit. By Freddie





