



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

## Dates for the next 2 weeks

<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Forest School for Foxes Class	
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Rev. Derek Welsman to visit Foxes Class PTFA – 'Break the Rules' Fundraising	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christingle with Rev. Derek Welsman	<b>pm</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch and Parties – Home Clothes	<b>pm</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day – House Charity Fundraiser (£1.00)	

## A Word from the Head

The Christmas fairies have been decorating school this week and it's now looking very festive. Although quieter than normal for this time of year, Squirrels and Hedgehogs have been busy practising their play, Wraparound have been making tree decorations, and contributions to the Stonepillow Reverse Advent Calendar are steadily coming in. Despite the many restrictions we are certainly trying to get into the Christmas spirit.

Our School Business Manager, Elaine Pimm, is unwell and will not be returning to school until the New Year. Our thoughts are with her and we send our best wishes. If you have a query that Elaine would normally deal with, please contact either the office or me.

## RATE Parent Survey

We are looking to enrich the children's primary school experience by properly investigating what and how our parent/carer community might contribute. We know that, amongst our parents and carers, there are **R**esources to be tapped, **A**ccess opportunities, **T**ime to be given and **E**xpertise to be passed on. If we don't take steps to find out about these, we lose the benefits that they could bring to the children.



This is the rationale behind a **RATE** Survey (see the link below). Please have a look – we have made it as short as we can. Without a systematic approach, community input is haphazard and opportunities are often simply overlooked. Every member of our community is unique and each will have different things to offer. As the responses come in, we can then begin to incorporate what our wonderful community has to offer our children's education.

Here is the link <https://forms.gle/UqSZtsfLMHVpWr8Y8>

## PTFA

We are very lucky to have a great PTFA who refuse to be stymied by COVID and have been thinking of ingenious fundraising ideas to raise funds for the school. Here are brief details of two of these exciting fundraising initiatives.

## Break the Rules Day

I really am rather surprised to hear myself recommending this initiative, but it does sound like good fun. There are more details below in the PTFA section, but essentially this is a tempting way to raise extra funds for the school next Friday. I'm looking forward, I think, to seeing what this produces! My only bit of 'humbug' is to ask that any broken rule is reversed over the weekend by the Monday.

## Sponsored Run

This is another great PTFA idea. This time, it will take place over the Christmas holiday. To make this happen, the PTFA have joined forces with the Parish Council and, again, more details can be found in the PTFA section below. We'd love to see photographs of children taking part so please do send them in.



Finally, my apologies are due to the PTFA. In the last newsletter, I mistakenly reported that the site had raised £17.50 since we started to use it, when in fact that was only the total for the last 30 days. Since then, it looks like the school has already gained 46 new supporters and the amount raised in the last 30 days has risen

to £56.32. This brings the easyfundraising total for the school, since our link was set up, to £1,607.24 and we now have 145 supporters. This is really wonderful news for the school and I would like to thank the PTFA and everybody who has contributed to this momentum. But please don't stop there – anybody you know can choose to use easyfundraising to benefit the school and it really is a case of the more the merrier.

## Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors

This week our RRS Ambassadors met over lunch for the third week running. Here is their report.

In our meeting this week, we discussed Article 20 of The Pocket Book of Children's Rights which says -

If a child cannot be looked after by their family, governments must make sure they are looked after properly by people who respect the child's religion, culture and language.



For example, if their parent has an illness, they are poor or they gamble and lose all their money, foster care, godparents and adopters will step in and look after the child.

Also, the RRS Ambassadors are working on an anti-bullying booklet which will have different sections, containing information about bullying and how to stop it.

Elijah and Harriet

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to all those families who have already dropped off donations to the trolley as part of this year's Reverse Advent Calendar. Please keep your donations coming. They will be delivered to Stonepillow shortly after term has finished.

## Christmas Arrangements

We may be in bubbles and not singing but the show can still go on! Hedgehogs and Squirrels Classes have been busy preparing for their Christmas musical 'Children of the World'. Their performance will be filmed next week and shared with the school and parents via Google Classroom, an awesome trailer is already available to view.

Dragonflies are busy preparing for 'A Warm and Fuzzy Christmas Story', a Nativity Play specially written for Early Year Foundation Stage. Their performance will be recorded and shared with parents via Tapestry.

On Tuesday 15th we will be joined by Derek for a Christingle collective worship by Zoom to the whole school. On Thursday 17th December, children can come to school in their home/party clothes. Please bear in mind children will still be going out at break and lunchtimes. Unfortunately, we are unable to have a whole school Christmas meal this year as we cannot accommodate all of the children in the hall. However, each class will eat lunch in their bubbles with crackers supplied by school and enjoy some festive fun in the afternoon.

On the last day of term, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper or hat for a donation of £1.00. All donations will go towards our House Charity Fundraising. Please don't feel like you need to buy something new, a home decorated item is just as much fun.

## Clubs

Once again, because of the Bubble guidance, the clubs we can provide next term will be significantly reduced and what would previously have been offered as a KS2 club, open to children from Y3 to Y6, will now need to be restricted to individual classes. Details of the reduced offer can be seen below. Next week you will receive a Google form to complete if you would like your child to join the club allocated to their class.

Day	Year	Club	Leader	Cost
Monday	Rabbits H	Skip2Bfit	Mrs. Stevens	£1.50 x 10 £15.00
Monday	Otters	Let's Get Logical	Mrs. Pilcher	£1.50 x 10 £15.00
Tuesday	Rabbits D	Skip2Bfit	Mrs. Stevens	£1.50 x 10 £15.00
Wednesday	Foxes	Craft	Mrs. Cella	£1.50 x 10 £15.00
Wednesday	Squirrels	Fun2Bfit	Mrs. Stevens	£1.50 x 10 £15.00
Thursday	Hedgehogs	Art & Craft	Mrs. Mitchell	£1.50 x 10 £15.00
Thursday	Badgers	Shoebox Story Scenes	Mrs. Cobbold	£1.50 x 10 £15.00

Clubs will run for 10 weeks commencing w/b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January and finish on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

If a club member is not attending a session then the office must be informed. Collection after clubs is from your child's allocated pick-up point. Children will not be allowed to leave unaccompanied, unless your child is in either Year 5 or Year 6 and has permission to walk home at the end of the day.

Clubs will cost £15.00 for the 10 week sessions. All clubs can be paid using the online payment system in the first week of the new term. We will still accept payment in the office and cheques should be made payable to Easebourne Primary School.

## Wraparound

Next term we will continue running Breakfast and After School Wraparound provision:

- Breakfast Provision (08:00-start of the day) @ £4.00 per session
- After-School Provision (from end of school until 17:30) @ £10.00 per session
- After-School Provision (from end of school until 16:15) @ £5.00 per session
- After-School Provision (from 16:15 if your child has a club) @ £5.00 per session

To book email [wraparound@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk) or phone 07399058781

## Forest School

After Christmas, it will be the turn of Badgers and Rabbits Classes to take part in Forest School.

The sessions for Badgers and Rabbits D will be led by Mrs. Wall-Palmer and run as follows:

Badgers - first half-term, starting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January, am or pm sessions.

Rabbits D – after half-term, starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, am or pm session

Rabbits H sessions will be led by Mrs. Hulbert. Half the class will have their sessions before half term on Monday afternoons and the other half after half term. The first session will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

## Starting School Reception September 2021

The deadline for applications for children starting school in September 2021 is Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all those who supported our fund raising, we raised a staggering £318.45. This will be much appreciated, as so few volunteers were able to collect on behalf of the British Legion this year.

## Children in Need

Congratulations to Foxes Class, the final figure for their sponsored silence was £406.00. A special mention to Bea who raised a magnificent £115.00. The total fundraising for this event was an amazing £706.

## TIGHT WRITE 40

Congratulations to Alba (Y1), Oscar (Y2), Lucien (Y3), Alfie N (Y3) and Gil (Y3) for their winning entries for Tight Write 39.

Using no more than

## 50 WORDS

can you write about this image?

Named entries in to Mr Culley by

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the latest



## House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Week 1 and 2 House Points	4	3	2	1
Week 3 House Points	4	3	2	1
Week 4 House Points	3	3	4	1
Week 5 House Points	1	3	4	3
Summer Reading Challenge	3		1	4
Week 6 House Points	2	4	3	2
Week 7 House Points	1	4	4	2
Poetry Competition	21	25	24	20
Week 8 House Points	4	2	4	1
Week 9 House Points	4	2	4	1
Week 10 House Points	1	4	3	2
Week 11 House Points	2	1	3	4
Week 12 House Points	4	3	1	2
Total	54	57	59	44

### ***FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER!***

For one day only, Mr Culley has agreed to a Break the Rules Day for all the children on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is designed to be a fun day for the children after a hard year and to raise some much-needed funds for the school. Below is a list of the rules that can be broken for this one day. £1 enables you to break one rule and an additional 50p for each extra rule broken. All you have to do is choose which rules to break, pop your rules on a piece of paper and return it in an envelope with the appropriate money. Each class will have a collection box for the envelope to be placed in for quarantine purposes.



### **RULES TO BE BROKEN**

- Wear fancy dress ☐
- Wear pyjamas ☐
- Wear your own clothes/favourite outfit ☐
- Crazy or coloured hair ☐
- Face paint ☐
- Odd socks ☐
- Wear a fake tattoo ☐
- Wear a hat ☐
- Eat your pudding before your lunch ☐

But remember, this is for **one day only**. On Monday, the rules go back to normal.

### **Lap-Land Fun Run (19<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January)**

To add a little festive fun the PTFA will be running a virtual **Lap-land Fun Run** where children will be encouraged to help raise funds through sponsorship by completing laps of Easebourne Play Park (we suggest one lap per year of their age). We don't mind if they run, walk, skip or jog, it's the taking part that counts! Plus they can look out for the festive characters along the route and fill in the missing letters on their route map.

Children will be encouraged to dress in something festive and email us a photo. All participants will be emailed a printable certificate for taking part and when they return to school they will receive a medal.





This is a fundraising event and any contribution for their efforts will be very much appreciated, so please ask friends and family to donate.

As we can't all race on the same day for obvious reasons, you can complete your laps of Lap-Land on any day during the holidays. The Lap-Land fun run is a great way to get some fresh air and exercise and will help entertain the kids too!

A race pack with sponsorship form and details for our Just Giving page will be sent out in school bags at the end of term.



The banner features a festive background with snowflakes, holly leaves, a Christmas stocking, a gift box, and a Christmas tree. The text is as follows:

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feel good shopping | **£33M**  
Raised

**Help us raise FREE donations**  
when you do your Christmas  
online shopping.

**easy** | **JOHN LEWIS** | **M&S** | **GROUPON** | **Boots** | **Argos** | **moonpig** | **Booking.com**

You **Shop**. 4,300 sites will **Donate** to us. For **Free**.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Easyfundraising. We're pleased to say that in the last 30 days our cause has raised £52.17 and recruited 46 new supporters. Keep up the good work!