



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th July, 2019

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 15th-Wednesday 17th July	Offers Class Residential to Stedham Camp	
Tuesday 16th July	Fantastic Finish Rabbits and Badgers	1.30
Wednesday 17th July	Fantastic Finish Hedgehogs and Squirrels	2.00
Thursday 18th July	End of Year Celebration Service @ St. Mary's Church (School only)	11.00
	Leavers' Assembly	2.00
	Leavers' BBQ	6.00
Friday 19th July	Last Day for Children	
Monday 22nd July	Inset Day	
Tuesday 23rd July	Inset Day	

A Word from the Head

It's been a busy couple of weeks!

Congratulations to Foxes and Otters Classes on their fabulous production which followed some of the adventures of Jason and his Argonauts as they searched for the Golden Fleece. Our thanks go to Andy Taylor, Tia Bedford, Katie Stevens, Louise Ashcroft, Cindy Pilcher, Emma Parry, Steph Abbott and Shirley Manning for all that they did to help the children pull off this hugely enjoyable production so late in the year and in such hot weather!

Congratulations, also, to all the children who competed on Sports Day. Particular congratulations to Isabella L and Theo W who led Red House to victory. Our thanks to Heidi Coates for organising the event and to parents for attending and supporting.

I'd also like to congratulate Emma Sharp, Malcolm Meaby, Tanya Payne and Andy Taylor on completing their O2 Climb recently, raising £631.50 for the school in the process.

Well done to Rabbits Class for winning the lunch time scheme where points are awarded for manners and good behaviour. Enjoy your reward.

On behalf of all of the staff, may I wish you all a happy and relaxing summer holiday. For those whose last child is moving on to secondary school, I wish you and your family well for the future; as a member of the school community, you and your child are always welcome to drop in, particularly as staff like to hear how children are getting on.

PTFA

I'd like to thank Jo Purser for organizing such a successful Walk Jog Run this week. The children threw themselves into the event and I'm sure it will raise a substantial amount of money for the school.

Talking about raising substantial amounts of money, Janet Lambert, the PTFA Chair for the last three years, stood down this week. Janet has steered the PTFA with energy, creativity and determination and has managed, in that time, to fund one of the school's two minibuses each year, install Clevertouch screens in all classrooms, as well as finance a host of smaller items. In the time Janet has

been Chair the PTFA has raised in excess of £24,000. It's never an easy role, in terms of both the physical workload and the engagement and mobilisation of busy parents and Janet has done a magnificent job over the last three years. Thank you, Janet, on behalf of the school community.

Staff News

This term, we say farewell to Leann who has been a key part of the Early Days team for five years. She will be very much missed. We wish her every success for the future and thank her for all that she has done for the children in the nursery in that time. Gemma Chamberlain, currently in Bumble Bees, will be taking on a temporary Childcare Practitioner role in Ladybirds for the Autumn Term.

We also welcome Robyn Davidson as our School Direct student for next year. Robyn will be known to many as a past parent of children at the school. Robyn joins us for most of the year (she will have a second placement elsewhere in the second half of the spring term) and will be working with Andy Taylor in Foxes Class.

Summer Activity Journal

As in previous years, your child should come home with a summer activity journal

KIT Books

This year, for a range of reasons, we are amalgamating our three termly KIT Books into one for the whole year. There is an environmental benefit as this will cut down paper wastage as there are less covers and the 'standing items' in each book are only produced once. It also brings with it a saving on staff time as the books only need to be produced once. Both of the above also bring with them a financial saving to the school. Finally, you and your child will have a more complete overview of the year which we feel will be beneficial. The down side is that the books will need to survive for a whole year and we will be encouraging children to take good care of them and would appreciate parents' support in this. We hope not to need another print run during the year so we have printed off a few spares in case one goes missing or needs replacing, but these will be available for £1.

Seaford

We recently welcomed students from Seaford College as part of their Community Action Day initiatives. Parents may remember that, last year, students came and designed a mosaic on the central planter in the courtyard. This year, running with an idea suggested by Karen Bellamy, a parent and the mastermind behind the children's planting activities this year, the students built a planter out of old pallets. This feature links our raised beds outside the school and will give a great growing space for strawberries. Our thanks go to Angie who accompanied the team and to Karen Bellamy and Richard Parr for the preparation and liaison involved.

Vine House

Following on from Badgers Class's visit to Birthday House during Community Week, pupils from Year 3 visited Vine House. Both sessions were very successful, with the children performing and then socialising with the residents. A huge thank-you to Katie Stevens for organizing these two trips. We hope to build further on these two links next year.

Biodiversity Study

We are blessed with a wonderful site, both in terms of its location and its range of ecosystem. As part of Community Week, all classes took a part of the school grounds and looked carefully at the biodiversity that they found there. This is the start of an ongoing project to fully discover the richness of the flora and fauna that surrounds us at school. When the results of this term's focus have been drawn together, we hope to share them with the school community. Watch this space!

TIGHT WRITE

Congratulations to Rosie D (Y1), Kevin (Y1), Harrison (Y2), Florence (Y2), Ella (Y2), Morgan (Y4), Izzy P (Y5), Roberta (Y5) and Bella G (Y6) on their winning entries to the last Tight Write. Mrs Clipston won the staff Tight Write, as her entry was judged to be the best by a panel of Year 6 pupils.

Meanwhile, there will be several Tight Writes to choose from in the Summer Activity Journal which should be out by the end of next week. Children can choose as many images to write about as they wish and are always welcome to submit more than one entry for an image if they like. This time round, two children each wrote three very different pieces to accompany Bailey's drawing of a black robot.

Inset Days for 2019/20

Monday 2nd September

Friday 25th October

Friday 14th February

Monday 1st June

Monday 20th July

A diary will be emailed to parents before the end of term.

Library Books

Please ensure all library books are returned to school by the end of this term. We would be grateful if parents could help their children to look after our school library books and remind them to use the Junior Librarian System appropriately (scanning out and back in). We monitor the Junior Librarian system closely and children are made aware if a book is overdue. Any child that has an overdue book for longer than half a term will receive a letter asking for the book to be replaced or the cost covered by their parent. If children have a book outstanding at the end of the academic year a letter will be sent in September.

If you have any suitable books at home that you no longer require, then do please think of donating them to our library, we are always grateful for new stock.

Summer Reading Challenge

Every year, we encourage our pupils to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and this forms the first house competition of the new academic year - every child who gains a certificate will earn a point for his or her house. Next week, a representative from the West Sussex Library Service will speak in assembly about this year's challenge, 'Space Chase'; celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the challenge will help space family, the Rockets, in their thrilling mission to recover books that have been borrowed by cheeky aliens. It's free for families to take part and you have all summer to collect fun rewards as you read and complete the challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge starts in your local library on Saturday 13th July.

End of Year Celebration Service at St. Mary's Church

On Thursday 18th July, the whole school will walk to St. Mary's Church to take part in a service to celebrate the end of the school year. This is a school only event, but classes will need volunteers to help walk the children to the church at 10.30am. Please let the office know if you are available.

Leavers' Assembly and Barbecue

Thursday, 18th July is Leavers' Day. Year 6 parents and grandparents are invited to the Leavers' Assembly at 2.00pm, where the children celebrate their time at Easebourne and will be presented with a yearbook. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this and to Emma Sharp, Louise Ashcroft, Sharon Bennington and Lizzie Mayhew for compiling it. Year 6 parents and siblings will also have received an invitation to the Leavers' BBQ and games, which will be held in the evening from 6.00pm.

Fantastic Finish

The Fantastic Finish for Rabbits and Badgers Class is on Tuesday, 16th July at 1.30pm. Parents and carers are welcome to join them and experience some of the topic work on Ancient Egypt that they have been involved with during the term.

Hedgehogs and Squirrels' Fantastic Finish is on Wednesday, 17th July from 2.00 pm. They will be focusing on their respective topic work of "Inventions" and "Robots", parents and carers are welcome to join them too.

Clubs

Thank you for returning your completed club forms. A draft list of club memberships will be displayed in the front office window and by the outside door to the canopied area before the end of term. Please use this as a guide as there are always changes at the beginning of the term. Payments for clubs need to be paid during the first two weeks in September and before clubs begin. Any cheques handed in this term will not be banked until September. Please could parents not take photographs of the lists and put them on social media forums. We know you are trying to be helpful but these lists contain children's names and should not be shared in this way.

We Are Writers

If you ordered a copy of this year's edition it is now available for collection from the school office. For those who have not already paid, the cost is £5.99.

Chartwells Meals and Cool Milk

Please remember when ordering milk or lunches for September to **adjust your child's class name and year group**.

Children currently in Year 2 moving up to Year 3 in September will no longer be eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals but can order a hot meal for £2.35 a day from Chartwells or bring in a packed lunch. To order a hot meal please log onto www.mealselector.co.uk for more information. The order must be placed on-line by midnight on Sunday a full week in advance of the week they are required. Parents wishing to change their meal schedule after placing their order (e.g. in the event of term time holiday, school trips etc.) must make on-line alterations prior to the cut-off point for the week in question, alternatively you can contact the Chartwells office via telephone or email. A credit will only be issued if they receive 5 full working days notice. In the event of absence from school due to sickness, meals may be cancelled provided Chartwells receive notification by 10.30am on each day of sickness.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in September you are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. You do not need to register and order through the website. The school will order these meals for you. This will include any promotional/festive special meals. Current Reception and Year 1 children will receive a letter before the end of term giving them the option to opt in or out of Universal Infant Free School Meals. This must be returned by the end of term.

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.

Second Parent Request

In the case of families where parents are separated or divorced it is the school policy to provide second copies of correspondence if requested by the parent. Please provide the school with an up to date address, email and telephone number and keep us informed of any changes to the information provided. We will send:

- a newsletter fortnightly by email
- a diary termly by email. Dates can also be found on the website
- an invitation to parents evenings in the Autumn and Spring Term
- a report, which will be posted at the end of the Summer Term

We will also email or post any other important letters or invitations but will not send second copies of general letters regarding trips, swimming, Forest School etc.

Music Lessons

We offer music lessons in woodwind, brass, strings, recorder, piano, ukulele, drums and guitar. If you are interested in your child having lessons please speak to the office for more details or see below. Guitar is offered by Jamie West who you can contact on jwest73@me.com. Drums are taught by Steve Thornley, for more information look at drumnut.co.uk. For all other lessons please contact West Sussex Music Service.

Medicines

If we hold medication for your child in school, please make sure you collect it from the office on the last day of term. We will send medicines home with a new form to complete for the next academic year. Please ensure you check the expiry date on all medicines and wash out any pumps. We have arranged a number of days before the term starts when the office will be open, Friday 30th August 9-12.30 and Monday 2nd September from 10.30 – 3.30. **It is essential that you return any medication before the start of the new term.**

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Total From Spring Term	271	296	288	272
Easter Reading Challenge	31	30	28	32
Week 1 House Points	1	4	4	2
Week 2 House Points	1	2	3	4
Week 3 House Points	4	4	2	2
Week 4 House Points	4	1	2	4
Week 5 House Points	3	4	1	2
Week 6 House Points	1	3	2	4
Week 7 House Points	1	3	3	4
Half Term Reading Challenge	21	32	21	25
Week 8 House Points	2	2	3	4
Week 9 House Points	2	2	3	4
Week 10 House Points	1	4	3	2
Sports Day	31	35	36	38
Week 11 House Points	1	3	4	3
100% Attendance This Term	20	26	27	23
100% Attendance Whole Year	15	18	15	15
Total	410	469	445	440



Congratulations to Yellow and their captains, Leah and Charlie, on winning this year's House Challenge Trophy.

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Walk Jog Run

Thank you to everybody who volunteered, came to support and ran with the children. It was an incredible Thursday afternoon, all the children were amazing and they all looked like they were having lots of fun. We were blessed with the sun and managed to get the hose out to give everyone a much needed sprinkle with water as they ran underneath. It's always one of the bigger events to organise

and I would like to say a massive thank you to my partner in crime Natalie Garnett, we couldn't have done it without you, thank you so much for sharing the workload. Thank you also to all the team on the day for all their hardwork, you should all be proud of yourselves, your help & support is really appreciated. A special shout out to Richard, Mr Meaby, Mrs Waugh, Mrs Bennington & Mrs Harvey.

Also thank you to everyone who has sponsored this event, all the money will be counted up by the PTFA next week. Please could we have all sponsorship money in by the end of the school day on Monday and the total amount will be announced shortly after. All the prizes will be given out in an assembly by the end of the week.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Janet Lambert for all her hard work and dedication to the PTFA. Janet has raised huge amounts of money for Easebourne Primary. Janet is standing down as Chairperson at the end of this term and she will leave a big hole in our team.

Nuts Challenge Summer 2019

On Saturday 31st August 2019, Mr Meaby, Mr Taylor, Richard Parr, Mrs Coates, Mrs Purser and Jo Purser (ptfa) are all taking part in the Nuts Challenge in Dorking. This is a 7km course over, under and through 100 obstacles, some of which, include cargo nets, mud pits, jumping into lakes and lots, lots more. We are tackling this course to try and raise much needed funds for Easebourne Primary School. An online sponsorship account will be set up within a week and if anyone has any spare pennies please sponsor us.

Jo Purser

A big thank you to everyone involved in the summer fair. It was a hot but enjoyable afternoon, and I'm very pleased to announce that we made a profit of £1,242 which will go towards this year's fundraising projects. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

As we come to the end of the school year, I have decided to step down as Chairman from the PTFA. I have been involved in the PTFA for 8 years, and Chairman for almost 3 but for a number of reasons it's time for me to hand the baton over. If anyone is interested in taking on the Chair's role please let either Jo Purser, Charlotte Hall, Mr Culley or the office know. There will be a full Chairman's handover document available and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you all for your support this school year, and I wish you all a very happy, safe and fun summer break.

Janet Lambert

Dates for your Diary

- * Film Night, Friday 20th September, 3.15pm-5.30pm**
- * Fairies & Scaries, Friday 18th October 6.00pm-8.00pm**
- * Sponsored Ready Steady Read by Usborne Books, October half term**
- * Film Night, Friday 15th November, 3.15pm-5.30pm**
- * Tops for Tombola (Non uniform in exchange for Tombola gift), Friday 22nd November**
- * Christmas Fair, Friday 29th November, 5.30pm-8.00pm**



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Summer Holiday Club



*We will be running a holiday club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
during the following weeks:*

w/c 22nd July

w/c 29th July

w/c 5th August

w/c 12th August

8.30am-4.30pm

Morning, afternoon or full day sessions available.

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

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

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.

Tel. 01730 815046

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Easebourne Park News.

Picnic-In-The-Park. *Help us celebrate the 1st birthday of Easebourne Park by joining us for a Picnic in the Park!*

Saturday 31st August from 1pm to 5pm. Live music, ice-cream van, bar, soft drinks, Cowdray Tuk-Tuk. Please place this event in your diary.

Toddler's Play Equipment. The installation of the Toddler's Fort will take place during the week commencing 15 July and will be complete before the start of the school holidays.

This imaginative Fort, echoing the form of the Cowdray ruins, is designed for pre-school children and has been acquired after much consultation with parishioners. Additionally, a fully accessible roundabout will also be installed at the same time and in the same general area after another generous donation to the community Park by the Boltini Trust.

Community multi-purpose covered shelter. Fund-raising and design has commenced for this next project for our community Park. This multi-use covered shelter was also identified as being a community priority as a result of our recent survey. Whilst designs are at an early stage, we plan that this robust open structure, designed to sit comfortably and in harmony with the Park, as well as inside the wider South Downs National Park surroundings, will comprise local timber kindly donated from the Cowdray Estate, involve minimal ground disturbance, and have a sustainable sedum grass roof covering. There will be a big inside space and some peripheral seating. The shelter will have a ramp to ensure full access for all. When? This depends upon success with fund-raising efforts. By the end of 2019 or during the first half of 2020 is the present aspiration.







You are invited to celebrate the 1st birthday of
Easebourne Park

With a PICNIC in the PARK!

Saturday 31st August 2019
1.00pm to 5.00pm

FREE cold drinks & cake

Live Music – The White Horse Bar
Cowdray Tuk Tuk - Ice Cream



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