



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th November 2018

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 12 th November	Remembrance Service @ St. Mary's Church (KS1 and KS2 only)	10.30
Tuesday 13 th November	Badgers Trip to Butser Ancient Farm Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week	9.00-3.00
Friday 16 th November	Children In Need- Non-uniform (£1.00) PTFA Film Night	3.15-5.30
Tuesday 20 th November	Hedgehogs C Visit to Wizzbits Toy Shop	am
Thursday 22 nd November	Hedgehogs P Visit to Wizzbits Toy Shop	am
Friday 23 rd November	Flu Immunisation for Yr R,1,2,3,4 and 5 Tops for Tombola (Non Uniform in exchange for Tombola gift) Book Club	3.15-4.15

A Word from the Head

Staff Update

At half-term, we welcomed Will Stevens as our new Premises Manager and Liz Mitchell as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1. As many of you may know Sue Wakeford, Teaching Assistant in Year 2 and our longest serving member of staff, is recovering from surgery. Following a couple of setbacks Sue is now on the road to recovery. The children and staff have already sent her a card to wish her well. The staff are also contributing towards a bouquet for when Sue returns home and intend to purchase some vouchers from Cook to make home life as easy as possible. If any parents would also like to contribute, please give your donations to the Office.

Tree Planting

420 free trees, from the Woodland Trust, have arrived to strengthen our labyrinth and need to be planted. Having seen what was involved in planting 420 trees last year, along with the willow for the outdoor classroom, parent and volunteer help would be very much appreciated. Four official planting slots are in the diary, when children will be planting with the help of adults. If you can help with any of these, we would be delighted.

- 13:00-14:30 Wednesday
- 09:00-10:30 Thursday
- 11:00-12:00 Thursday
- 10:30-12:00 Friday

Equally, if you would like to be involved but can't make any of those times, just let us know and we can explain what needs doing and that would be another bunch of trees planted!

Poetry Festival

Last Friday, we were joined by Ann Marchand, Jo Lorimer-Green and Geoff Allnut for our annual poetry recitation competition. There were exactly 100 entries which was really encouraging and the judges just managed to squeeze everybody into the morning. Each child who entered won a point for their house and the winning house was Blue House, with 29 entries. The judges noted that the children were challenging themselves more this year, many choosing the more difficult poems to learn. Next year, we may dispense with categories for the different age-ranges and just grade the poems in terms

of challenge so that the children can decide just how much they feel they are able to challenge themselves.

The KS1 Winner was Eleanor B, the Lower KS2 Winner was Charlie W and the Upper KS2 Winner was Roberta. The overall joint winners were Eleanor (Y2) and Roberta (Y5). Eleanor recited 'The World's Most Popular Mother' by Lindsay Macrae whilst Roberta recited 'Talking Turkeys' by Benjamin Zephaniah. Two additional awards were made to Natalia (Y5) and Tabitha (Y4) for their original poems.

Today, Steve Tasane has been with us, holding workshops with the different phases from KS1 up to Upper KS2. Everybody should have been invited to the Poetry & Pasties celebration today (3.30-5.00) where Steve Tasane and Geoff Allnutt, both performance poets, will present prizes to those picked out for special mention (see below). In addition, Steve will perform some of his poems and also read extracts from his new book, 'Child I', a book about children living in a refugee camp. Steve will be signing copies of his book which Geoff, his friend, tells me would be appropriate for 9-11 year olds. Children receiving prizes will have the opportunity to recite their poem again at the event.

"Full of hope and sure to move young readers, while educating them about this important topic"
 Tes (Times education Supplement) This Summer's Hottest Books For Children

"Heartbreaking, moving...impossible not to be deeply touched while reading it"
 Booktrust

"A sad and beautiful story about survival, friendship and hope. A book for children that all adults should read"
 Patrice Lawrence

		Recitation
YR (Dragonflies)	Winner Highly Commended Best Effort	Max Emma & Keeley Carlo
Y1 (Hedgehogs)	Winner Highly Commended	James Bailey, Poppy H & Sebastian
Y2 (Squirrels)	Winner Highly Commended Commended	Nellie Ayla Scarlette-Lily
Y3 (Rabbits)	Joint Winners Commended	Elinor & Jessica Emilia & Ruby
Y4 (Badgers)	Winner Highly Commended Commended	Charlie W Sam Harriet & Jem
Y5 (Foxes)	Winner Highly Commended Commended	Roberta Sian Izzy P
Y6 (Otters)	Winner Highly Commended Commended	Theo W Kitty Sophie

Parking Plea



I have had several reports of parents parking in such a way that their vehicles have compromised the children's safety when crossing the car park or blocked other vehicles in. We have, as we know, the good fortune in having a car park far larger than many of our neighbouring schools, but we also know that it is still not as big as we would like. First in all of our priority lists should be keeping the children safe and I would ask all parents to bear this in mind when parking. Parking near the zebra crossing clearly compromises the visibility of our children and makes the journey to and from school more dangerous for those children who are able to walk with or without their parents. Equally, leaving a car

unattended when it is blocking other cars is antisocial. Please use the car park as thoughtfully as you can. In the meantime, if you have suggestions that would lead to safer and more efficient use, please do let us know.

Remembrance Service – KS1 and KS2 only

On Monday 12th November, the school, with the exception of Dragonflies Class, will be walking to St. Mary's Church to take part in a ceremony to honour and remember those who have died in service to their country since the end of the First World War. We will leave school at 10.15am to arrive for 10.30am and be back in time for lunch. We would be very grateful for any parental help to walk the children to and from church. Please make sure your child has a coat in school. Those children who belong to the Guiding or Scouting family are welcome to wear their uniform to school.



Anti-Bullying Week (wb 12th November)



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and we want to mark this by joining in with the Anti-Bullying Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 13th November. We are not treating this as a fundraiser, simply a graphic way for the children (and staff) to join together to show that bullying is not okay at Easebourne Primary School by wearing odd socks. It stands to reason that children might want to make this message clear by wearing eye-catching and possibly clashing socks!

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 16th November. This year the theme is 'Do Your Thing'. To tie in with Film Night the children will be able to come to school in their pyjamas or onesies for a donation of £1.00.



Flu Immunisations – Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Just a reminder that flu immunisations for the above classes are on Friday 23rd November. For those of you who have requested a vaccination for your child please ensure you read the following:-

Eligibility assessment on day of vaccination

- Has the parent reported the child being wheezy over the past three days
- If the child has asthma, has the parent reported any reason why vaccination should be postponed? eg. Use of oral steroids or, an increase in inhaled steroids in the past 14 days?
- Does the child have any contraindications today for the Nasal Flu Vaccination

If any of the above statements apply on the day, please hand a note containing any relevant information for the nurses into the office, so that we can pass it on to the medical team.

School Photographs

This week your child should have come home with their individual school photograph. Photos can be ordered online at www.SmileYellow.com using the password found on your proof card or returned to school with the correct money or cheque made payable to Yellow. The closing date for orders is Tuesday 20th November.

Library Books

Please ensure all overdue library books are returned as our stock is currently quite low. We would be grateful if parents could help their children to look after our school library books and use the Junior Librarian System appropriately. 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.

Procedures in the event of school closure due to inclement weather



The decision to close the school in the event of inclement weather is not taken lightly and is based on the safety of both pupils and staff, some of whom have to travel quite a considerable distance.

Should we have to close at any point during the winter months, we will endeavour to make a decision by 7.30am and the closure will be posted on the school's website at: <http://www.easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk> Closures will also be posted on the West Sussex County Council website at: <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk> we will also send a text message to parents.

There may be circumstances when the decision is taken to close during the school day due to rapidly changing weather conditions. In these cases parents will be sent a text message. A member of staff

will remain at the school with the children until the last child has been collected.

Given that information about school closure is communicated by text please ensure that you inform the school office of any changes to your number. If the school is open and your child is unable to get in, please notify the office by 9.00am leaving a message on the absence line. After-school clubs will be cancelled if the weather conditions are poor. Children should wear appropriate clothing for the conditions, including waterproof footwear to go out to play i.e. wellington or snow boots and a change of footwear for class. A coat, hat, a pair of gloves and a change of socks would also be advisable.

Sumdog House Competition

A new Sumdog House Challenge for Years 1-6 will be starting on Friday 23rd November at 8am (running until Thursday 29th November at 8pm) and we would like as many children as possible to take part!

Children answering at least 100 questions will earn a house point. Any child answering 1,000 questions over the course of the week, will become an Easebourne Sumdog Ninja and be invited to play for the school in future competitions. They will also receive a new Ninja Agent membership card!

Please note that your child's username and password can be found in their Kit Book. The school code is easebourne-primary-school. Please also be aware that your child's level is determined by the site, not the school. If your child has not been on Sumdog for a while, it may be worth them spending a bit of time on it before the competition starts, as they may be asked questions that are either too easy or too hard. Please do not worry if this happens, as this is how Sumdog works out the appropriate level for your child.

Good luck!



House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Summer Reading Challenge	17	14	9	15
Who Am I? (100% Correct)	0	4	3	3
Who Am I? (House Totals)	1	10	4	7
Week 1 House Points	4	2	1	3
Maths Challenge	1			
Week 2 House Points	2	4	3	2
Week 3 House Points	1	4	3	3
Week 4 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 5 House Points	2	4	3	1
Week 6 House Points	3	2	4	1
Pumpkin Carving Competition	19	11	21	11
Week 7 House Points	2	4	2	3
Week 8 House Points	4	3	3	1
Week 9 House Points	1	4	3	1
Half Term Reading Challenge	17	20	24	15
Poetry Competition	26	23	29	22
Total	102	113	115	89

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Film Night

The ever so popular film night is back next Friday 16th November and this time the film is 'Boss Baby' rated (U) Universal. Tickets will go on sale next Monday 12th November at £2.50 per child, price includes a bag of popcorn and a bottle of fruit drink or water. For all new parents of children starting this year, the PTFA run a film night for the children of the school from Dragonflies through to Year 6, normally 4 times per academic year on a Friday afternoon. It runs after school till around 5.30pm (times may vary slightly depending on the length of the film, you will be notified by school if its any different). Children are more than welcome to bring their pyjamas or onesie's to change into and it has been known for some of them to bring in pillows, duvets, blankets and teddies to cuddle up to. On this occasion your child may already be in their pyjamas for Children In Need. With any of our events we will need volunteers to help beforehand, during the film and cleaning up afterwards. If you are able to help in anyway please contact the school office, the PTFA Facebook Page or Jo Purser (joint secretary of the PTFA and a mum of a child in Hedgehogs and Bumble Bees).

This event is for the children of Easebourne Primary School Reception Class through to Year 6 only. Unfortunately, we do not have the adult-child ratio to include children from nursery, however if you would like to help during the event and have a younger sibling they are more than welcome but will be your responsibility throughout the event.

Christmas Fair

Our School Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 30th November between 5.30pm-8pm. Tickets are now on sale at £1 per person, forms should have gone home in book bags by now, or, there are some spare forms and envelopes by the post box if you do not have one.

There will be a Santa's Grotto, various stalls from class gifts to mini hampers, Year 6 pocket money stalls, a bar, cakes & sausage rolls, a raffle and a disco for the children. This is one of our big events and one of the children's favourites, if you would like to help before, on the day or afterwards please contact us via our Facebook page 'Easebourne Primary School PTFA', through the school office or email Jo Purser

at madjopad@yahoo.co.uk. There will be a list going up in the Foyer next week, if you are able to help on the evening please could you write your name on the list by the stall you would like to help on.

Also, bags for items for pint pots will be going home in the next few days, if these could be filled with sweets, pencils, small party bag toys etc.... and brought back into school by Friday 23rd November it would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, raffle tickets are going home in book bags this weekend, they are priced at £2.50 per book or 50p a ticket. Any unsold tickets need to be returned to school by Wednesday 28th November as do all sold ticket stubs and money.

Happy Bags

A reminder that we will shortly be sending home Happy School Collection bags. This is a great fund raiser and gets rid of unwanted CLEAN cloths, shoes, bags, belts, bedding (not duvets or pillows please). We are paid by weight so the more we donate, the more we receive. The clothing is sold to people in emerging countries giving them good quality clothing at reduced costs.

Dates for your Diary

- * Friday 16th November, PTFA Film Night 3.15pm-5.30pm, 'Boss Baby'
- * Friday 30th November, School Christmas Fair 5.30pm - 8pm
- * Friday 7th December, Happy School Bag Collection



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Half Term at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



Easebourne Owls After-School Club will only be open until 4.15pm on Friday 30th November, due to the school Christmas Fair.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Beacon Lighting Event

Commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1

Cowdray Polo Field, past Cowdray Farm Shop

Sunday 11 Nov, gathering from 6PM, Beacon Lighting 7PM



**MIDHURST
Town Council**

Reading the names of the fallen, Last Post, Prayers, Reveille, Church Bells, Choir, Refreshments.



Kindly supported by Cowdray Estate.





Easebourne Park



November Planting Session

Another chance to get involved is when we will be planting hundreds of heathers, hedgerow saplings and trees on:

12th, 13th & 14th November - 9am to 4pm

For more details and to let us know if you can spare an hour or more, please contact:
Easebourne Parish Council
e: parishclerk@easebourne.org
t: 07342 166188 www.easebourne.org



Freddie, Charlie H and Harley proudly pictured here having won the Cowdray Cup in Worthing on Sunday 4th November.