

# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th October 2018

### Dates for the next 2 weeks

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	School Nurse Drop In	8.30-9.30
	Year 6 MRC Experience Day	9.30-12.30
	Open Evening for Prospective Parents of Children Starting	6.00
	School September 2019	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Environment Day PTFA Fairies and Scaries Family Social	6.00-8.00
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening – No After School Clubs with the exception of Tennis	3.30-7.30
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Tapestry Introduction for Parents - Dragonflies	2.30
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival @ St. Mary's Church (School Only) Parents Evening – No After School Clubs with the exception of Ukulele and Aspire	11.00 3.30-6.00
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY	

#### A Word from the Head

Our Year 5 and 6 children are now back from their residential. The weather was good and they enjoyed a wide range of activities at Gaveston Hall. The residential was made possible by the time and effort that the staff team put in and, on behalf of all of the children, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team and, in particular, Andy Taylor, for his organization of the trip – taking 55 children away for 4 days involves a fair amount of preparation, time, effort and good humour!

#### **Poetry Week**

The poems have been chosen and your child should have received a list from which they can make a selection. You and your child can also access the poems on the Parent Info section of the school's Moodle. I do hope that there is a poem that appeals enough to every child so that they will want to learn one. There is also the judges' evaluation sheet to help children understand what they will look for in a poem recital. Just a reminder that the recitation competition is on the morning of Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Winners will be invited to recite again for an audience at the Poetry and Pasties event the following week on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November (3.30-5.00). Last year, the performance poet, Justin Coe, read some of his poems, two of which are in the current selection. This year, we will be joined by another talented performance poet, Steve Tasane, who has worked with the children before. Do put Poetry and Pasties in your diary – all are welcome!

#### **Stonepillow**

On Saturday, 13th October, a small group of Year 5 and 6 pupils will take part in the 'Big Sleepout', outside Chichester Cathedral. These children, as well as experiencing a little of what it is like to be homeless overnight, will be trying to raise funds for Stonepillow, the Chichester based charity for the homeless. I am sure that they would be delighted to receive any sponsorship and more details of who is taking part and how you might support them will be sent out when final participants have been decided early next week.

#### **Environment Day**

Next Friday is our annual Environment Day. This year, it will assume the form of taking simple care of our school environment, both building and grounds, following the theme of Making a Difference. Classes will brainstorm ways in which they can show pride in their school. Later on this term, another element will be the planting of a second batch of hundreds of hedging saplings from the Woodland Trust. These will be interplanted between those planted last year to mark out the labyrinth and we hope that as many children as possible will be involved.

#### Flu Vaccination - Year R to Year 5

These forms were sent home earlier this term. Please ensure they are returned by the beginning of next week. A form must be returned for each child, even if you are opting out. There is a section on the form to accommodate this.

#### **School Nurse Drop In**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, from 8.30-9.30am, our new school nurse, Stephen Jenner, will be available for any parents who may wish to talk to him. He can discuss a variety of issues such as sleep, toileting, bedwetting, behavior, fussy eating, healthy eating, exercise or any other aspect of physical or emotional health.

# Tapestry Meeting for Parents of Children in Dragonflies Class – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm

Please come to this important meeting where you will be able to collect your password which will enable you to view your child's own online learning journal. If you are unable to make this time, please let us know next week as passwords will expire.

#### **Parent Consultation Evening**

We have arranged two consultation evenings where you can discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. They will be on:

Monday 15th October – 3.30-7.30pm and Thursday 18th October 3.30-6.00pm

This week you should have received a link to your mobile phone or email address which takes you to our online booking system where you can select a time convenient to you. If you did not receive this, or need help booking an appointment, please contact the school office.

Mrs Coates is unable to be here late on the Monday so will run a later session on the Thursday.

Nurture Team - We would like to use Parents Evening as an opportunity to invite you in to say hello. The Orchard, our new Nurture space at Easebourne Primary, is led by Debs Thomas and Samanta Echo. Please do drop in and have a look around. . We are incredibly excited to now have a provision like this within our school, the first of its kind in West Sussex, and are eager to answer any questions. You will find us next to Otters class.

SENCO - Mrs Annie Cafferty, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, will also be available on the Thursday and if you would normally meet with the SENCO you can request a joint meeting with your child's class teacher by adding a note to your booking.

#### Harvest Festival (School Service)

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am in St. Mary's Church Please make sure your child has a coat in school as we will be walking to the church. If any parents are available to help walk the children down to church please let the class teacher or office know.

#### Scholastic Book Club

This term's Scholastic Book Club is up and running and your child should bring home the latest catalogue today. For every £1 you spend on books, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards to purchase books for our school library. The deadline for orders is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **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.

#### **Starting School Reception September 2019**

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 they can start school in September 2019. From Monday 1st October 2018 to Tuesday 15th January 2019, you can apply online on the pupil Admissions Application website at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Once you have submitted your online application you will receive an automatic email acknowledgement confirming that your email has been received. Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries and Children and Family Centres for parents who do not have access to a computer. Paper forms will only be issued to parents on request by phoning 0333 0142903 and forms need to be sent back to the Pupil Admissions Team by recorded delivery. Applications made after the closing date cannot be considered until all other applications have been dealt with. Online applicants will be notified which school their child has been offered by email during the day of Tuesday 16th April 2019. Other applicants will be sent a letter by second class post, posted on 16th April.

# Easebourne Primary School

# OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 10th October 2018
6pm — 7pm
For parents of children

starting school in
September 2019

Meet the Head and teachers and take a tour of the school

## **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
Total	30	46	29	35

## **EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS**

#### Fairies & Scaries

Tickets are selling fast for the event on Friday 12th October. If you've not ordered yours yet, please do so soon to avoid disappointment. We have been unable to get a mobile hot food van for the evening, however the Bricklayers Arms in Midhurst have very kindly agreed to cook a chilli and vegetable curry which will be served with bread/nachos for £3.50 per portion and hot dogs for the children at £2.50. We are in need of volunteers to help decorate the school during the day, run the stalls and clear up in the evening. Please let Janet Lambert know if you can help in any way at ignetlambert0378@amail.com.

A reminder that carved pumpkins should be brought in on the morning of the 12th October along with donations of cakes and savouries.

#### Christmas Cards

The children will shortly be undertaking Christmas artwork ready to print into Christmas Cards. We are trying a new system this year where the work will be sent home and parents will be able to order a variety of products online using a unique code, before returning the work to school to be sent off and printed. It is intended that ordering this way will be easier for everyone. Look out for posters at school detailing products and for your child's work which will come home before half-term. The order closing date will be Sunday 28th October. More information and reminders to come before half-term.

#### Christmas Fair

Our school Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 30th November between 5.30pm-8pm. Tickets will go on sale shortly after half term. There will be a Santa's Grotto, various stalls from class gifts to mini hampers, a raffle and a disco for the children. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see or happen at this event please let us know. 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. A letter will go out after half term to all heads of family with more details about the Christmas Fair.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

- \* Friday 12th October, Fairies & Scaries, 6pm 8pm
- \* Thursday 8th November, PTFA meeting 8pm (in the conference room at Easebourne Primary School)
- \* Friday 16th November, PTFA Film Night 3.15pm-5.30pm (film to be confirmed)
- \* Friday 30th November, School Christmas Fair 5.30pm 8pm

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Midhurst Park Survey

The Midhurst Town Council is looking to improve the Carron Lane Recreation Ground and would like local children to be involved in this initiative. To this end, they have produced a questionnaire which was emailed to parents today. They would be really pleased if as many children as possible could complete the survey by 12<sup>th</sup> October.

