

Easebourne C.E. Primary Newsletter

In a safe, loving environment built on the strong Christian values of **faith**, **hope** and **love**, we want our children to **ACHIEVE**, to **BUILD** and to **CONNECT**



17 December 2021

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Following on from last week's KS1 production and the Christmas Fair, this week has been no less busy at school. We have watched YR put on a beautiful Christmas Tableau at the Carol Service and enjoyed Fantastic Finishes in KS2, including a debate about climate change (Y6), a 'Make Do and Mend' fashion show (Y5), presentations about the Romans (Y4) and making ratatouille and tacos (Y3). Then, to wash it all down, we had Christmas lunch, Christmas parties and enjoyed an afternoon of *Easebourne's Got Talent!*, with KS2, hosted by Master of Ceremonies, Andy Taylor.



The situation with COVID continues to alter with regular updates on the news. We are monitoring changes in guidance to schools and will let you know if and when these will have an impact on how the school is run. In the meantime, thank you for all that you are doing to keep your families and the wider school community safe. Finally, on behalf of all of you, I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work throughout the past year. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work alongside them in 2021.

I wish them, and you, a restful Christmas break, a happy New Year and good health.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we all enjoyed our Carol Service with Derek at St. Mary's. Dragonflies acted out the Nativity beautifully, Hedgehogs and Squirrels sang songs from their recent Christmas Play and Key Stage 2 performed a range of carols and seasonal songs. It was wonderful to share this special time together in our Church as we remembered the true meaning of Christmas.



FORTHCOMING

DATES:

04.01	Spring Term Begins
Meet The Teacher	Via Zoom at 4pm
05.01	Otters
07.01	Foxes
10.01	Badgers
11.01	Rabbits
12.01	Squirrels
14.01	Hedgehogs
17.01	Dragonflies

KEY DATES:

28.02	INSET Day
03.05	INSET Day
06.06	INSET Day

NEWS STORY

PTFA Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported, volunteered and attended the Christmas Fair last week. It was fantastic to be able to hold a Christmas event for the children and having most of it outside didn't seem to dampen any spirits. We could not have run the Fair without the support of both parents and staff. We raised an amazing £1,700 to help support the work of the school. Thank you all!

If you would like to help raise much needed funds for the school, organise great events for the children and meet other lovely parents, the PTFA would love to hear from you. Whether you can give an hour or more, every bit helps. Our next meeting will be 7.30pm at the school on 10th January, and this will be our AGM.

Have a fantastic Christmas

Ruth, Fiona and all of the PTFA



THANK YOU

As we come to the end of a year made more challenging by COVID, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who make such a difference to your children's lives at school - our governors who provide the school with support and challenge, regular volunteers who support the children with their learning or through clubs and the PTFA who work so hard to raise much-needed additional funds for the school. Thank you, too, to everybody who has contributed to the Reverse Advent Calendar for Stonepillow. The generosity of the school community really is wonderful. Happy Christmas!

NURSERY AND EYFS

Woohoo! We made it through another tricky term but we've had lots of learning and fun along the way. A big thank you to all of our wonderful children, supportive parents & AMAZING staff team. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2022!

enough to invite 2 family members to come down and join in with the service and see them in costume. The class did such a super job, they looked so sweet and we were very proud of them all. Then, on Thursday, we had our Christmas lunch and party. We played musical statues, bumps and pass the parcel and we had a really good boogie!



This week, Dragonflies have had a very busy, fun filled week. Easebourne Primary School had their Christmas service down at Derek's church on Tuesday and Dragonflies got to dress up as the Nativity Tableau. They were lucky



"I had a very important job, I had to carry Mary." – Ava (aka the donkey)

FUNDRAISING

Over the last year, several parents have asked if there is a way in which they can donate to the school. We have now produced a simple form which increases any donations from taxpayers by 25%, through the Gift Aid scheme. The form is attached in case any parents or carers would like to use it to donate to the school. Christmas means presents for children and presents for Christmas often prompts a spring clean shortly afterwards to make space for new items! If you find this happening in your house, please bear in mind that our library, Wraparound and after-school Lego club would be grateful for any books, games, Lego, etc. that need a new home.

House Fundraiser

Green House are keen to start their charity fund



raising for WWF with a
Cake Sale

**Friday 7 January at
3.15pm**

Please support their
efforts

KS1

Hedgehogs have had a fun final week at school before the Christmas break. We have enjoyed looking at how Christmas is celebrated around the world. This linked well to the work we have done in Geography. In particular we looked at Iceland where as part of their Christmas celebration they have a Christmas Eve book flood. We designed a book cover for someone in our family and talked a lot about books and how they can be enjoyed all together.

We have made nativity boxes which we painted throughout the week and finished off by adding the characters to tell the story of the nativity.

We enjoyed our Christmas party which the children planned themselves with some good ideas for games and things to do.

Squirrels have also had a fun last week of term "I liked the maths because it was sometimes tricky and sometimes easy" Katie. "I liked being on Accelerated Reader" Freddie. "I liked making snowflakes with Mrs Manning" Phoebe. "I liked designing our own Christmas jumpers" Ollie.

We are looking forward to the holidays: "I'm looking forward to opening my presents with my family" Harriet. "I'm looking forward to going to Scotland" Rory. "I'm looking forward to seeing all of my cousins and friends" Olivia. "I'm excited about sleep!!" Fergus (and Mrs Payne)



Nolan "I enjoyed making my Christingle. The orange is the world, the sweets are the good things in the world. The ribbon is God's love for the world and the glow stick is Jesus being the light."





KS2

What a busy first term we have had in Rabbits class. We literally haven't stopped, it's been fun, if a little tiring! Last week we did A LOT of cooking, including making some delicious tacos. We learnt to keep meat and vegetables safely, to be respectful of others diets and ensure that we are being safe in the kitchen. Take a look at the photos of us cooking our tacos. We have also been enjoying Forest School this term where we had fires, s'mores and hot chocolate. We also learnt about the trees and making stars out of willow! We are looking forward to starting Swimming after Christmas and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This week lots of Badgers 4H overcame their stage fright and took part in the class round of Easebourne's Got Talent. We had musical numbers, comedy acts, magic and dancing before the all-important voting began! It was wonderful to watch these performances – good luck for the real thing 4H!!

After a busy week of assessments last week, we have been winding down and finishing off... it was lovely to see children applying their artistic learning this week on 'colour and contrast' - using templates and watercolours to create pictures with analogous or complementary colours. We had Christmas music on in the background and enjoyed a bit of a sing-along to some festive favourites!

This week, Foxes performed a 'Make do and Mend' Fashion Show to Otters Class. In the last few weeks, we have been working behind the scenes creating garments for the show! We have worked in groups of two or three, unpicking, adding and sewing onto the items we chose at the start. "I believe we all really enjoyed the process of it all" Rosa

This week, Year 6 performed their Fantastic Finish for children from Year 1 to Year 5. We debated the topic "Do primary schools have a responsibility to help stop climate change?" As a class, we worked together to write speeches and conduct research to make our arguments powerful. Overall, the 'for' side won and we agreed that we should be working to try to prevent the effects of climate change. Watch this space to see what Mrs Clipson and the Eco Committee come up with to help!

EASEBOURNE'S GOT

TALENT

There was a wealth of talent on show at yesterday's competition, from magic to science and drumming to comedy. Nellie (Y5), rapping/singing *Coffee for your Head*, and Chloe (Y6), with a video showcasing her amazing motocross ability, tied for second place. But the highest scoring act, with a full set of 10's from the judges, came from Isla (Y3). Isla's beautifully sung number from 'Annie', with acting and dance was a worthy winner.



Farryn 'It was fun to learn something new and to be able to cut fruit and vegetables'

Tillie 'IT was good and yummy and delicious!'

Nora 'I was crying. The onions made me cry'

Have a great Christmas

Johnny Carter