

# 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**



Friday 7 January 2022

## A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Welcome to 2022 - Christmas seems a long time ago now and Santa's Grotto (see News story) a distant memory! It was lovely to see everybody back and the school term started with real excitement.

COVID-19 remains a key concern. I hope you have all received the school's revised risk assessment. You will have read that we continue to use ventilation as a key means to reduce the risk of infection in school. This means that the recent cold weather outside has inevitably led to a cold snap inside as well over the last two days. I would therefore ask parents and carers to ensure that their children come in wearing sufficient layers to stay warm, without the need to keep their coats on in classrooms. We understand that these layers may not fit with the school colours, but would ask that they are plain in colour, ideally avoiding designs.

From Tuesday 11th January, confirmatory PCR tests following a positive LFT are to be temporarily suspended. People who receive a positive lateral flow test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Finally, can I ask parents/carers not to send children in with the new misting water bottles. I can see that these are ingenious devices and would be really useful in a range of situations, but they are not very helpful at school where the temptation to mist is often too great to resist. Thank you for your understanding.

### COVID rate around school



## FORTHCOMING DATES:

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| 10.01       | Meet the Teacher (Badgers) via Zoom   |
|             | PTFA AGM (Postponed to 24th January)  |
|             | Badgers Viking Experience Day         |
| 10.01-14.01 | Bikeability week (Otters)             |
| 11.01       | Meet the Teacher (Rabbits) via Zoom   |
| 12.01.      | Meet the Teacher (Squirrels) via Zoom |
|             | Forest School starts for Badgers D    |
| 14.01       | Meet the Teacher (Hedgehogs) via Zoom |
|             | Swimming starts (Rabbits)             |

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term we are exploring the value of hope - look out for the giant letters going up in the Library next week.

The Christian Feast of the Epiphany, started 6th January, and Derek explained that it celebrates the time when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the three kings, bringing hope to the world.



## KEY DATES:

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| 21.02—25.02 | Half Term |
| 28.02       | Inset Day |
| 03.05       | Inset Day |
| 06.06       | Inset Day |

## NEWS STORY

Congratulations to the PTFA. Incredibly, last term's Christmas Fair raised almost £1,700 for the school whilst providing a great experience for the children when life has been difficult for so many.

The PTFA have further exciting events planned for the year and are always looking for additional volunteers.

Why not come along to their AGM which is scheduled for 7.45am on 24th January.



## NURSERY AND EYFS

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas.



Early Days Nursery welcomes 3 new children this month & we hope that they settle in well. Children have returned happy & some have made the transition up from Caterpillars to Ladybirds now that they are 2 years old. We have been talking about Father Christmas visiting,

Happy New Year Everyone! It has been lovely to see all the Dragonflies again and we have had a great, if very chilly week!

We have been noticing the ice in the garden. We brought some inside and watched what happened to it. When it turned back to water we put it in the freezer and when it came out it had changed back into ice again!



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"I got a dinosaur bike, an orange one", "I got a tea set, not with food though".

"It's hot inside so it melted...if it goes in the freezer it will turn to ice again!" Alice

"The water has turned to ice!" Rosie

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The houses have now all chosen the charities they will be supporting this year:

## Blue—Winston's Wish

Green—World Wildlife Fund

Today saw a cake sale organised by Green House, raising money for the Charity WWF.

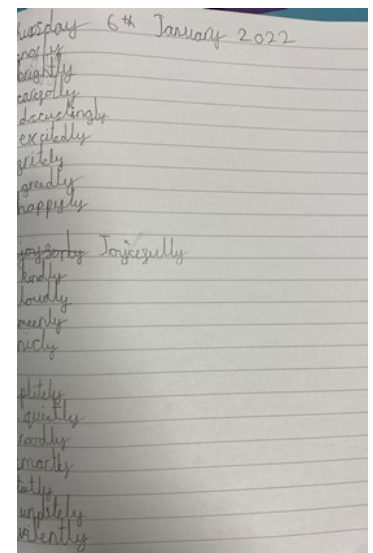
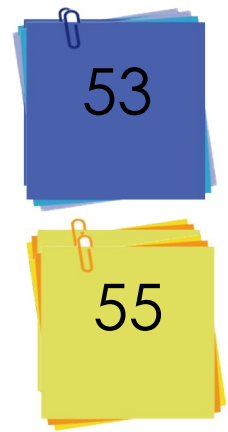
Watch out for news of further events.

It was great to see Hedgehogs back in the New Year and hear all their news from Christmas. We are doing lots of practise using full stops and capital letters this week and used these to write our stories of the Three Little Pigs which we will be continuing next week.

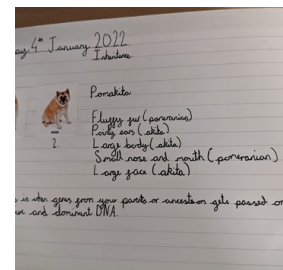
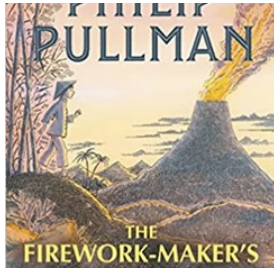
This week, Squirrels have started to think about our new topic 'Coastlines'. In PE, we pretended to be crabs and practised galloping sideways and changing directions, we also pretended to roll down sand dunes, learned about log rolls and teddy bear rolls. In English, we read the story of Max, a chip loving seagull. We recapped nouns, adjectives and verbs and have started to think about adverbs to describe the verbs.

"Mitzvah means to do a good deed for someone. To be kind to them, look out for people and be loving to them." George

"Max perched by the sea waiting eagerly for the fish" Olivia







## KS2

Rabbits - Happy New Year! We have packed lots of exciting new activities and information into our first week back, including learning that our new topic is 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles'! We are looking forward to learning what this entails. We have also started our new book in English 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. We are already left on a cliff-hanger going into the weekend. Next week we start our swimming sessions which we are really looking forward to.'

Badgers H and Badgers D - On Wednesday, we shared the story of Beowulf around the fire with ale and bread (well hot chocolate and a biscuit), just like the Anglo Saxons and Vikings would have done back in the day. We listened to the modern day version of the story and then parts of the original 8<sup>th</sup> century poem. It was difficult to understand because the language then was so different. We'll be writing our own poems based on the story over the next few weeks.

Foxes - This week, we have started our geography topic 'Sow, Grow and Farm', which has been really interesting so far. We have been learning about different types of agriculture. However, the most exciting part was when we took the computers out to learn more about allotments in Chichester. We searched for the locations using Google maps and it was harder than we first thought! In maths, we have been looking at how to answer multiplication questions using place value counters, Dienes, expanded method and the short compact method. By Will Yr 5

Otters - On our return to school this week Year 6 started off the year with Science. We are studying evolution and inheritance. We had great fun exploring inheritance by considering what characteristics new dog breeds might have! We looked carefully at the parent dogs and considered what genes they could pass on to their offspring.

### TIGHT WRITE

The first Tight Write of 2022 will be a little different. Children and adults are invited to choose an inspirational character, real or imaginary, and explain in up to 50 words, why they think they are special. In Tuesday's assembly, I talked about Desmond Tutu who died on Boxing Day, and I have used him as my example. I hope there will be enough entries to make a display in school of these Bright Light Tight Writes.

Desmond Tutu was a South African priest who eventually became the Archbishop of Cape Town. He campaigned against apartheid, the system that segregated races and favoured the white people in South Africa. Tutu supported peaceful protest, keen to avoid racial violence. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.

"It was really fun and the story was good. The hot chocolate kept me nice and warm."

Alex

"It made me feel like we were real Vikings. The hot chocolate tasted like water though."

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