



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th September 2019

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 9th September	Meet the Teacher - Rabbits	3.15
Tuesday 10th - Friday 13th September	Foxes and Otters Residential Trip to Little Canada	
Tuesday 10th September	Meet the Teacher - Badgers	3.15
Wednesday 11th September	Meet the Teacher - Squirrels	3.15
Friday 13th September	Meet the Teacher - Hedgehogs	3.15
Monday 16th September	Clubs Start	
Thursday 19th September	Forest School starts for Otters Class	am/pm
Friday 20th September	PTFA Film Night	3.15-5.30

A Word from the Head

Welcome back to the start of a new year. As ever, it is meeting up with the children again which makes the start of term so special as they return to school, full of energy and covered in smiles.

Nuts Challenge

Yet again, Easebourne Primary should be proud of its staff and its PTFA. Last Saturday, this doughty band showed the children how to go MAD and make a difference by entering the NUTS Challenge to raise money for the PTFA which will benefit the children at our school. Congratulations to Heidi Coates, Malcolm Meaby (currently seconded to Stedham), Andy Taylor, Jo Purser, Richard Parr and Gemma Purser.

Parking

Parents will have noticed that the lines in the car park have been repainted. We all know we are under pressure with the number of vehicles that enter the site each day and this pressure is currently increased while we have contractors' vehicles on site with the work on the roof. We will be working on possible ways to alleviate this over the term but would ask, in the meantime, for parents, where possible, to walk to school, lift share or park and stride, using nearby off-site parking. Another way of helping is to use the drop-off zone as it is intended to be used, dropping your child and then moving off, as soon as you are confident that your child is safely within the school. Parked cars massively reduce the flow of vehicles at the front of the school. If you do need to talk to the office staff, please be patient and wait to find a parking space first.

Gates

In light of parish council concerns that the park might be targeted as an unauthorised encampment site, the school gates are being locked from 7pm till 7am and at the weekend for the foreseeable future. The pedestrian gate will remain open. We apologise for any inconvenience that this causes our families and the community beyond.

Roof

Parents will have noticed that the roof is currently undergoing substantial renovation. This will not only resolve the leaks which have been getting worse over time but will, we hope, make the roof robust enough to support photovoltaic cells in the near future. The contractors have worked closely with the school to minimise disruption.

School Games Mark (from Heidi Coates)

We are delighted to announce that we, Easebourne Primary, have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include higher and more frequent attendance at intra-school sporting events, children progressing to level 2 and 3 county competitions, a wider variety of sports clubs on offer that have led to more competitive and enjoyable events (such as Goodwood Runners) and further inter school house competitions. We have also had great success in increasing the amount of children from a wide range of backgrounds that are engaged with PE and sport. All of which we hope to continue to as higher standard this academic year.

We are extremely proud of our children for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are so pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to a applying again in 2020!

Daily Mile Initiative (from Heidi Coates)

As part of our efforts to retain, and increase our level of award on the School Games Mark, we are going to implement a version of the daily mile. As I am sure you are aware, PE/Sport and staying active has become an increasingly high subject on both schools' and OFSTED's agenda.

Guidelines from the NHS state that in order for children to maintain a basic level of health, they should be engaged in at least 60 minutes of physical activity EVERY day. This ranges in the form it takes, from moderate activity (in the playground) to vigorous activity (such as running).

As a result of this we are going to implement an incentive that engages all children, from Dragonflies through to Otters.

This time of 'vigorous' activity will take the form of running and skipping (with Skip2Bfit and a variety of circuit training activities) and will take place at the end of lunch time. Children will be split into house colours and will participate in activity for 15 minutes every day before re-entering the classroom to continue their learning for the afternoon. Children should make sure that they have trainers in school as running will take place on the field and sturdy shoes for both activities are needed. Teachers will be there to supervise and can join in, as positive role models for the children.

Summer Reading Challenge

It is great to see, from the certificates and medals that have come in, that our children have been busily reading over the holiday, amongst everything else they have been doing. Each certificate that comes in is displayed on the house board in the hall and earns a valuable house point. They are coming in thick and fast – make sure yours comes in, if it hasn't already.

Summer Activity Booklet

We are also very keen to see your children's summer booklets. We will be making a display of these shortly. Please do send them in if you haven't already. Don't forget house points are available for those children who completed the Space Chase A-Z quiz. Please ensure all booklets are handed in by Friday, 13th September.



TIGHT WRITE 13

There were three Tight Writes in the summer activity booklet to keep children busy over the summer. Please make sure your child tracks any that they might have completed over the holiday and brings them in. Meanwhile, here is the latest Tight Write. As ever, children should write about the image in no more than 50 words. The deadline is Thursday, 19th September. A larger image should be attached to the e-mail with the newsletter in case you want to print it off.

Ryman Vouchers

We are collecting 'Vouchers for Classrooms'. For every £5 spent at Ryman you receive a 50p voucher to give to your school. If you have bought stationery from Ryman over the summer holidays and received a voucher, please hand them into the office.

Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher sessions continue next week. These give parents a chance to meet the staff who are involved in the class and learn about what is planned for the term, including ways in which they can support their child's learning. Please try to attend your child's session. If childcare is an issue for you, please remember that class teachers make arrangements for children to be supervised by colleagues.

Open Evening for Reception Class September 2020

On Wednesday, October 9th, 6pm – 7pm, we will be holding an Open Evening for parents who have children starting Reception Class in September 2020. There will be a talk by the Head and the opportunity to meet the Reception team. Year 6 guides will conduct tours of the school which will provide you with the opportunity to look round the Reception Classroom and its recently extended outdoor area. We do hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to meeting you all.

Contact Details and Educational Visit Forms

Children in Years 1-6 will receive these forms to take home today; please look out for a large brown envelope. It is important to update information on an annual basis in order that in an emergency our records and permissions are up to date. Please ensure you return signed paperwork next week.

Parents of children in Reception Class and all new children who have joined further up the school will just receive a copy of their Data Collection Sheet. Please check all details are correct, sign and return to school.

Parental Consent

Unless you inform us otherwise, existing parental consents for local trips and outings, photos and recordings, Forest School and cooking and tasting activities will carry over for this academic year.

Internet access permissions will also remain unchanged unless your child is progressing to a new year group where a different level of consent is required. In these cases, the relevant form will be sent home today.

Computer Access at Home

Please inform the school office if you do not have internet access at home as newsletters, diaries, clubs etc. will be sent to parents by e-mail. For those parents who do not have access, a paper copy will be available to collect from the school reception.

Please also let us know if your child has either limited internet access or no access at all at home. This is important as we are promoting a wider range of online resources, e.g. Times Table Rock Stars and websites for homework.

Paracetamol and Antihistamine Permissions

Previously we sent home a permission form asking for consent for the school to administer short term, non-prescribed, ad-hoc medicines (see above) if your child develops the relevant systems during the school day. It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the school if there are any changes to the completed form and to this effect there will be a termly reminder.

Clubs

Clubs for this term start on Monday 16th September. The club membership lists will be displayed in the office window adjacent to the school's front entrance doors. Some clubs have a waiting list; please note that, if your child misses two sessions in succession, their place will be offered to someone on the waiting list.

Please remember to inform the office if your child is not attending a session. This is particularly important for Year 5 and 6 children who have permission to walk home.

If you have not returned your club payment, please ensure these are handed in before the club starts.

Secondary School Transfer

On Monday 9th September, children in Year 6 will come home with a letter for parents regarding Secondary School Transfer. All parents are encouraged to apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. The online system will open on Monday, 9th September and the national closing date for applications is Thursday, 31st October. **Please note that applications made after the closing date cannot be considered until all other applications have been dealt with.**

For parents who do not have access to the Internet at home, free access has been arranged at all West Sussex Libraries and Children and Family Centres within West Sussex or a paper copy can be issued to parents on request.

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Week 1 House Points	4	1	3	2
Total	4	1	3	2

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

NUTS Challenge

So far we have raised £290 of our £500 target. If you have any spare pennies or pounds, little or big please click on the link below to donate to a wonderful cause ... helping keep children well equipped during their education!

You can donate using the link below which will take you to our 'Go Fund Me' page. The page will stay open until the end of next week. If you would prefer to donate cash please hand it into the office in a clearly marked envelope.

Many thanks

https://www.gofundme.com/f/hpdn2-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Poster Design Competition

The Parish Council have been in touch to tell us that they still have an issue in the park with some people not picking up after their pooch! We are so lucky to have the park and nobody likes it when dog owners don't clean up after their pets. Anyway, the Parish Council would love to have a powerful poster to put up around the park at key places to help remind dog owners what needs to be done. They have suggested a school competition to design a poster. I suspect there might be a prize for the winning poster(s) so why not start designing and bring your completed entries into school!



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Prospective Year 7 Open Evening

Thursday 26 September
6.30 - 8.30pm

Drop in Mornings

Tuesday 10 October
Wednesday 16 October
9.30 - 11.30am

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OPEN DAY

Midhurst Fire Station

Saturday 7th September 2019 10am - 4pm

- Children's Sand Art
- Practical demonstrations
- S squirt the Fire House
- Stalls and competitions
- Barbeque, Ice Creams & Refreshments
- Police and Ambulance displays
- Vintage appliances and displays



N.B. No parking is available on site please use the Grange Centre GU29 9HD approx. 7 minute walk.



Easebourne Kitchen Vacancy

*10 hours per week
term time only 11.30am-1.30pm*

No experience required as training will be provided.

Uniform supplied

We will need to apply for an Enhanced DBS
so ID will be requested

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