



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

## Dates for the next 2 weeks

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| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | Squirrels P Class to Marwell Zoo<br>No Tennis Club  | <b>8.50-3.00</b>          |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | Rabbits Class to Petworth House   | <b>9.00-3.00</b>          |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> | SENDCo Drop In<br>Open Evening for Prospective Parents of Children Starting School September 2020 | <b>8.30-9.30<br/>6.00</b> |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | Environment Day<br>Book Club (Years 4-6)  | <b>3.15-4.15</b>          |
| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | Parents' Evening – No after school clubs, except Tennis   | <b>2.45-6.30</b>          |
| <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | Flu Vaccinations  |                           |
| <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b> | Parents' Evening – No after school clubs, except Hockey   | <b>2.45-5.30</b>          |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | PTFA Fairies and Scaries  | <b>6.00-8.00</b>          |

## A Word from the Head

It is with great delight that I can announce that Joe and Tanya Payne are expecting a baby. Tanya's maternity leave will start towards the end of the spring term and we will be advertising for a teacher to cover this shortly after half-term. In the meantime, we wish her well with her pregnancy.

## Vote for Easebourne Park

Can I urge parents to mobilise their friends, family and neighbours to vote for Easebourne Community Space and Play Park in the forthcoming South Downs Design Awards' People's Choice. The Parish Council have put so much of their time and energy into creating this amazing family resource right on the doorstep of the school to benefit our community. Our children are extraordinarily lucky to have such a tremendous resource, not only that, but the project is ongoing. Thanks to the dedication of the council to this project, it has continued to develop and more plans are in hand. Taking the time to vote for this project would be a small way of showing what an impact it has made and how grateful we are. There are more details further on in the newsletter, but here is the link:

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/south-downs-national-park-design-award/peoples-choice-2019/>

## Heavy Horses

On Tuesday, we received a visit from two very impressive individuals who towered above not only the children but also all of the adults! These were two Canadian Belgian heavy horses. They were brought to the school by David Mouland who has 10 of these massive animals at his stable in Fordingbridge. They arrived in a huge transporter and David gave up his whole day to talk to the children about his horses which he had brought over from Canada. Although this breed is the most numerous of the heavy horse breeds in the world, there are very few in the UK and almost all belong to David. Though intimidating in stature, the horses were very gentle with the children and the visit was a great success. David was accompanied by Jumbo Lovatt who had kindly arranged the visit for the school. Jumbo is a well-known figure in the world of heavy horses and also a highly respected commentator in the field. During the day, he explained a little about heavy horses to the children. You can hear Jumbo in action this weekend when he will be commentating at the Weald & Downland Museum in Singleton for their Autumn Show – see <https://www.wealddown.co.uk/events/autumshow/> for more details.

## Poetry Recitation

We have come to that time of year when children settle down to the challenge of learning a poem for the poetry recitation competition on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. This year, it is slightly different as I have asked staff to suggest one or two of their favourite poems. As a result, the bar has been raised and we are asking more from the children, as you will see when you look at the range of poems emailed to you today. There are also more poems to choose from and, this year, only three categories, i.e. Reception, KS1 and KS2, though ambitious children are welcome to choose poems from a higher category if they wish. As ever, their performances will be judged by a panel of three judges.

There will also be other events this year involving poetry so watch this space!

## TIGHT WRITE 13

Congratulations to the winners of Tight Write 13: Alfie G (Y2), Phoebe (Y3), Ben (Y3) and Jessica (Y4). All of the winning entries from the last four Tight Writes are now displayed in the school so that everybody has a chance to read them. Here are two of the winning entries:

It was a stormy night. A creepy fish with long human arms and sharp pointy nails jumped from the dark and stormy water. There were more fish all with dark and black legs and feet. They were wearing shoes!

By Phoebe, Year 3



Me and him sitting there, waiting for the fish to come. I had this strange sensation in my body that something odd was about to happen but I didn't know what. Suddenly, there was an arch of water over us. We had changed into half-man half-fish. We could breathe underwater!

By Jessica, Year 4



## TIGHT WRITE 14

The new Tight Write has just under two weeks to run. Entries need to be in by Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## Space Chase A-Z

In the Summer Activity Journal, you may remember that there was a Space Chase A-Z competition. This proved very popular and attracted many entries. There was, however, a slight glitch within the competition in that an image of a solar eclipse was printed instead of a lunar eclipse. One way or another, families found their way around this, some working with lunar eclipse, presumably guessing or not noticing that there had been an error, whilst others used their ingenuity to produce an alternative solution using solar eclipse, annular solar eclipse or simply eclipse as the answer. Anyway, to cut a long story short, great care was taken to ensure that everybody who deserved a prize got one – in all, there were 23 winners who all won a small prize and a house point. Well done, everybody!

## On-line Maths Practice (from Mrs Bedford)

As a school, we would like to encourage children to focus on using Times Table Rockstars (5-10 minutes a day) to improve their knowledge and recall speed of the times tables. This is because these core facts underpin a significant amount of the maths - from multiplication and division to fractions and area - that your child has to learn. If this information recall can be made automatic, it frees your child's working memory up so that they can concentrate on understanding a question or new concept rather than on performing a calculation.

In addition, some of you may have noticed that your child's login and password for Sumdog no longer works; this is because the school has taken the difficult decision not to renew its subscription to this site. However, if your child enjoys the games and would like to continue to play them at home, family subscriptions are available either for free (access to 6 games) or for a very small monthly fee.

## **Environment Day (from Mrs Clipston)**

Recently, we started the journey to becoming an international, Green Flag Award Eco-School. The programme is designed to raise environmental awareness amongst young people and in England it is run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. Internationally, the programme is the largest educational programme in the world, present in nearly 70 countries, with millions of children participating. Our school is now part of this global community, working to create environmental change for the benefit of our children and future generations.

The Eco-Schools programme empowers pupils, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and can also lead to financial saving. Being an active member of the programme will be something your child will remember for the rest of their life.

Every school taking part in the Eco-Schools programme around the world follow the same simple Seven Step framework. This usually takes schools between one and two academic years to complete. After achieving our first Green Flag, our school can continue in the programme and achieve multiple Green Flags whilst continuing to work on and promote environmental issues. One of the most exciting things about the programme is that the process is designed to engage the whole school and its wider community.

We are starting this process on Environment Day with each class looking at one of the following topics:

Biodiversity, Energy, Global Citizenship, Healthy Living, Litter, Marine Conservation, School Grounds, Transport, Waste and Water and sharing what we already do as a school and why it is important to the environment.

If you would like to get involved in the Eco-School programme by sharing your time, ideas or skills, please contact us directly. We will keep you updated of our progress.

We hope you are as excited about our eco-journey as we are.

## **Parent Consultation Evening**

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

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 2.45-6.30pm and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2.45-5.30pm

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 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.

## **Individual School Photos**

The school photographer is due in school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to take individual photographs of all our children, including those attending Early Days Nursery. Please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper/cardigan. Siblings within the school will automatically be photographed together but if you would like a family photograph with younger siblings, please let the office know. These photographs are taken at the very beginning of the day, from 8.30am, so it is essential you arrive promptly.

## **Tapestry Meeting for Parents of Children in Dragonflies Class – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</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 as passwords will expire.

## **Harvest Festival (School Service)**

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Thursday 24<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 have recently brought home the latest catalogue. 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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Pencil Cases**

As many of you are aware, at the end of last term we sent a letter to all parents of children in **KS2** asking that they supply stationery items for their child.

Although this was not requested, a number of children in KS1 have also decided to bring in a pencil case. There are ongoing issues with this, namely concerning competition over novelty items and "borrowing". This aside, but more importantly, we are still trying to teach children how to grip and use their pencils correctly and will often use pencils with triangular supports. Other items may be included in a plain case but they should comply with the list below but we would reiterate that, at this time, parents of children in KS1 are not required to provide these articles.

Below is a reminder of the equipment for KS2 and we would like to thank our parents for supporting this initiative.

All items should be plain, standard school equipment (not novelty or scented). Any unsuitable items will be returned. Please do not include Tippex.

Plain pencil case Small enough to fit in your child's drawer

Pens When a pen licence has been achieved, two handwriting pens i.e. Berol/Manuscript Black ink only (not biros)

Green biro

Pencils At least four (HB type)

Rubber Plain white

Pencil sharpener Canister style

Ruler 15cm

Glue Stick One

Whiteboard pens Two, black

## **Starting School Reception September 2020**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 they can start school in September 2020. From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, you can apply online on the pupil Admissions Application website at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Other applicants will be sent a letter by second class post, posted on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Starting Secondary School September 2020**

A reminder that the deadline for applications for secondary school transfer is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.



**Easebourne Primary  
School**

# **OPEN EVENING**

**Wednesday 9th October 2019**

**6pm — 7pm**

**For parents of children  
starting school in  
September 2020**

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

## **House Update**

|                           | Green | Yellow | Blue | Red |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|------|-----|
| Week 1 House Points       | 4     | 1      | 3    | 2   |
| Week 2 and 3 House Points | 4     | 1      | 4    | 4   |
| Summer Reading Challenge  | 26    | 14     | 14   | 19  |
| A-Z Space Challenge       | 3     | 5      | 9    | 6   |
| Week 4 House Points       | 4     | 2      | 1    | 3   |
| Week 5 House Points       | 3     | 1      | 4    | 3   |
| Total                     | 44    | 24     | 35   | 38  |





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



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>  
October

8.30am-4.30pm

£16.00 per morning/afternoon, £32.00 per full day

*Children aged from 2-11 years*

*Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place*

***Please note if you wish to book your child into a breakfast club or after school provision this must be booked in advance in order to ensure we can adhere to the correct child/staff ratio.***

**Tel. 01730 815046**

**Email [ect@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:ect@easebourne.w-sussex.sch.uk)**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### **Easebourne Park needs your vote!** (from Parish Council)

Please vote for Easebourne Community Space and Play Park in the forthcoming South Downs Design Awards' People's Choice category. The awards recognise projects that honour and enhance the local landscape.

You have till midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October and the winners will be announced on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Voting is online at <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/south-downs-national-park-design-award/peoples-choice-2019/>

The South Downs National Park is an iconic cultural landscape. For more than five millennia the communities and people living here have made their mark.

The South Downs Design Awards were launched earlier this year to celebrate innovative and inspirational projects that have made a standout contribution to the landscape, heritage, built environment and local communities of the National Park.

The 'People's Choice' award gives communities in and around the National Park the opportunity to vote for a design project that honours and enhances the landscape of the South Downs National Park whilst also meeting the highest standards in sustainability.