

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**

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A WORD FROM THE HEAD

We have finally reached the end of an extraordinary year, in the middle of a remarkable heatwave. It really has been an unforgettable year, with so many new situations and arrangements to negotiate! On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for being so supportive and flexible and understanding – it could have been much more difficult! I would also like to pay tribute to all of the staff at the school who have repeatedly gone above and beyond to make this year work and give your children the best year possible.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to some of these amazing staff – Nicola Holben, Annabel Lunskey, Celia Jordan, Rachael Wildman, Elaine Ford, Libby Harvey and Richard Parr. We thank them for all that they have done for the school and wish them every success in their new lives.

Congratulations are due to Richard and Kim on the birth of their baby girl, Summer. We also send our warmest wishes to Becci Glanville who will be getting married over the summer – may the sun shine and the confetti fly! Miss Glanville will be returning as Mrs Parker.

Finally, we say goodbye to Abbey and Tommy (Y1), Alfie (Y3) and of course all our Year 6 students. We wish them well for the next school.

And now to other stuff.

We are hoping for normality in September – parents/carers will be told more at the end of the summer holidays. Please note information regarding clubs will be released at the beginning of term.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Thursday, Otters Class went to our final church service. We were split into our residential groups, and taken to the minibuses. When we arrived, we walked through the churchyard, sanitised our hands and sat on the yellow church carpet one last time. Derek then began the service. We placed three items on the altar, and six of us read poems and prayers. Mrs Pilcher filmed the whole thing. Our leaver's service was an occasion to remember and this is only the beginning of our journey.



KEY DATES

02.09	First Day of Term
02.09 & 03.09	INSET Days
07.09-15.09	Meet the Teacher Zoom meetings
09.09	Forest School for Otters starts
25.10-29.10	Half-Term
17.12	End of Term

SUMMER HOLIDAY ECO CHALLENGE

Parents and carers will remember that we have, for the last few years, sent out a summer activity booklet. This year, with our Eco-Warriors having achieved Green Flag status in the Eco Schools initiative, we have decided to try a new environmental initiative, **Eco Challenge 2021**. There is an information sheet attached, along with this newsletter, but essentially children (and their families) are encouraged to **Enjoy**, **Discover** and **Help** the environment this summer. If a child can bring back evidence of all three, they might qualify for a special Eco Summer Challenge badge. More details can be found on the Eco Challenge sheet attached.

WILD WORLD HEROES

E4S Community Awards

Every year, we are fortunate enough to have the support from the **Lodsworth Map Group**. They donate £140 which is distributed between selected children across the school for their contribution to the environment or community. This year, we have focused our class teacher nominations on Community and children have been recognised for their contribution to a sense of community within the school or beyond. Our congratulations go to Hope and Fergus (Y1), Luke and Isla (Y2), Rosie and Alais (Y3H) Bailey and Lunar-Mai (Y3D), William D and Rosa (Y4), Ruby L and Rafaela (Y5), Freya and Nate who will receive a £10 book voucher as their prize.

A WORD FROM THE HEAD CONT..

Can I remind you all again about the **Summer Reading Challenge** Reading is such an important skill and it underpins learning across the curriculum. I see confidence and pleasure in reading as one of the greatest gifts a primary school can give its children and I strongly urge you to participate in this amazing annual opportunity. It's free and it can so often motivate reluctant readers, especially with parental support

A child who hasn't nailed reading is at a significant disadvantage and we desperately want all of our children to keep reading throughout the summer. So please, if you haven't already, sign up!!! All children who take part will receive a house point in September.

Last Sunday, Nellie (Y4), having been chosen as one of the ten national KS2 finalists, went to London to compete in the **Poetry By Heart** finals. Nellie had submitted two videos of the poems she chose to become the school representative and you can see her recitation of Answer to a Child's Question (Samuel Taylor Coleridge) on the PBH website: <https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/performance-gallery/> You can read an account of her experience on page 9.

Community Week

Last week, as you know, was Community Week. Over the first four days, each class had one or more activities. (The activities originally lined up for Foxes and Otters were reallocated because of their self-isolation.) Each class has written about their activities in the newsletter. Friday's finale was Estate Blitz Day. After a number of visits to the school and much discussion, workers from the Cowdray Estate tackled a wide range of significant jobs around the school site. They made many improvements during their long day, including restoring our crumbling raised beds, levelling and making safe the paving that was becoming more uneven at the top of the tall steps to the field, giving the labyrinth a short back and sides, replacing missing fence rails by the car park, sorting the unstable steps up to the en-

trance and creating and painting planters for EYFS.



We are so fortunate to have this strong relationship with the Cowdray Estate and are very grateful to them for all they do for us. Community Week has also seen the school experimenting with merchandise!

Community Badges

Before Community Week, I had challenged children to design a badge that carried a simple community message, perhaps with a focus on kindness or friendship or respect. Lots of badge designs poured in and, although I had only wanted one from each year group, in the end, there were ten designs that I simply couldn't say no to and these were turned into badges last week by the Badge Queen, Mrs Cobbold. These have been selling for 50p over the last two days. This cost covers not only the cost of the badge each child will wear, it also pays for a second badge. The bonus badges have been added to cards made by the children during Community Week. These cards have messages and have been personalised for each of the residents of the three local nursing homes and each of the Cowdray employees who gave up their time to support our Community Week.

Earlier in the term, Mrs Daley had launched a t-shirt design competition and the three winning designs were transferred onto t-shirts so that every child would receive one. Today, we have also been selling small calico bags for £1, printed by Jem (Y6) with two of the children's t-shirt designs. The proceeds from these sales will go towards the work of the Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors next year.

PTFA NEWS

We are overwhelmed with your support for 'It's Not Fair, Summer Fair'. We would like to say thank you to everyone that has donated. We are utterly proud and bursting with joy to say the **Total is £1,425**. It's just a massive achievement for all parents, school staff, relatives and members of the community to get us to that whopping amount. Thank you all. What a great way to kick off the summer holidays in a Conga style and we wish you all a fabulous summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September. Fingers crossed for bigger and better events.



SPORTS UPDATE

Sports Day

I know that the children have been very keen to know the winners of our very strange Sports Day this year and I am pleased to finally have those ready.

Firstly, I'd like to thank the numerous members of staff that allowed Sports Day to happen in the capacity that it... thank you all for being totally awesome and understanding, adapting to the requirements of this year.

Also a HUGE well done to the children who were flexible and understanding of the situation – who still put in their absolute all and blew us away with their camaraderie and sportsmanship – WELL DONE EVERYONE!

As each class participated in their sports day, I was totally unaware of what the results might be. There was a huge impact made by the Year 3 classes but final results are as follows:

1ST PLACE YELLOW HOUSE

2ND PLACE BLUE HOUSE

3RD PLACE GREEN AND RED HOUSE

Well done to Yellow Team – you absolutely smashed it and a massive pat on the back to everyone else for taking part in this year's Sports Day, you are all brilliant!

Year 5 Dance Festival

I would like to congratulate Year 5 for their

amazing dance that Mrs Stevens worked incredibly hard with Foxes to create. The routine involved several different sports to 'The eye of the Tiger'. The dance had to be based on the School Games Values: determination, honesty, respect, passion, team work and self-belief. Huge congratulations to them for receiving SILVER! Points were awarded on interpretation of the theme, performance and drama skills choreography, staging and entertainment value. I am incredibly proud of all those that took part and thank you Mrs Stevens



for all your hard work in making it happen. Well done Foxes!

Walk, Jog, Run

Well done to all of our children who took part in Walk, Jog, Run over the course of the last two weeks. The children have encountered some challenging weather but every class completed their laps albeit in a different form this year. Thank you to the PTFA who provided the children with a medal and little sweet treat. We hope to be back to some form of normality with parent support and encouragement in the near future!

NURSERY AND EYFS



The lovely Cowdray team have painted our Nursery garden sheds and made a new sandpit for Ladybirds! We also have new planters so we can get some trees next term. Lots of junk modelling has happened in Bumble Bees this week, "I made Reggie the dog", "I made a diesel train". What a term & lots of luck at big school to all of our Bumble Bees! We'll miss you! Xxx



asked Farmer David, "To the MOOOvies!" said Jack.

On Monday and Tuesday, Dragonflies visited the Cowdray Home Farm. The visit was led by Farmer David Ulliyott, who manages the farm. The visit started with a tractor and trailer ride from the works yard down a bumpy track to reach the farm; from the trailer the children saw views of fields, horses and Cowdray House.

Dragonflies have also had several visits to their new classroom to see their new teacher for September, Mrs Clipston. She read them stories and gave them activities to do during their visits. She has also been into Dragonflies classroom to read stories to them there.



When the children arrived at the farm, Farmer David took them inside a large shed to see the calves. Some calves were only a few hours old! It was very exciting but the children had to remember to be quiet because some of the calves were sleeping.

"We are all really looking forward to being Hedgehogs in September!"



Next, Farmer David showed the children some big farm machinery including tractors and the combine harvester. He explained how farms work all year round and showed the children all of the different products that come from the wheat they grow and the cows they milk. Farmer David said that "farming is magic" and by the end of the visit all the children agreed.

On the trailer ride back, Dragonflies enjoyed talking about the cows and telling jokes. "Where do cows go on a Saturday night?"



T-SHIRT COMPETITION

It was such a delight to see all pupils go home with their printed t-shirts this week. Following our competition to create a design to celebrate the end of lockdown, we have been busy printing and pressing transfers onto all the shirts. The winning designs were created by Harry L, Alfie T and Harriet M.

We must say a huge thank you again to the Midhurst Arts Society for their generous donation, but also a big shout out to Danni Loasby and Lynsey Barnett (Dragonfly parents) for their invaluable time helping to press, fold and organise all the t-shirts, with some help from Lizzie and Rosie from the Midhurst Arts Society.



KS1 _- HEDGEHOGS

Community week was as exciting as it was busy for Year 1. It started with finding wellies that fitted and moved swiftly on to half the class hopping on a mini bus and making their way, with Mrs Mitchell and parent helpers, to visit Cowdray Estate Parks and Gardens. We were met by a hugely enthusiastic crew of Cowdray workers ready to share their wealth of knowledge on maintaining the Estate parks and gardens and who knew there was so much to do? The children were given some gardening attire and set to work planting bedding plants in an enthusiastic manner, following directions beautifully. The gloves became a favourite item of apparel when they got back to school, despite the weather (and the requests to put them away!). They were introduced to the tractor and mower which were used for cutting grass. The children were fascinated as Cowdray members explained and demonstrated how they both worked, and the best bit was the children got to have a go sitting in the tractor! This put huge smiles on the children's faces and, although time was ticking, the Cowdray crew were very patient and answered questions, which everyone seemed to have! The children got to try on some PPE equipment and had a go at digging fence holes. The morning finished with a very important litter pick. Tuesday, we did it all again, with just as much enthusiasm from the other half of the children and the Cowdray crew.

While all of this was going on, the children at school reflected on people in the community, especially those who live in residential homes. The children were keen on the idea of writing to individuals at these homes and set about using their best handwriting to introduce themselves and tell the resident what they enjoy doing at school. They practised their capital letters, full stops and question sentences. They all wrote beautifully and finished the card off with a drawing of something they enjoyed.

To go with these letters, Mr Culley had set the school the challenge of making badge templates on the theme of Community. This was another project that we completed during the week. The children thought about what community meant to them and carefully drew and coloured a badge template. The ones picked from our class will be amongst those made into badges and given to the residents.

A brilliant week with a great group of children!



Eco-Warriors News!

On Tuesday, our **Eco-Warriors** went down to meet Derek, Phil Stringer (St Mary's eco lead) and Roger Sked (churchwarden) at St Mary's Church to learn about a **churchyard challenge** for next year from St Mary's. Our Eco-Warriors have been asked to regularly survey the wildlife and plants in the part of the churchyard that has been left to become a wild meadow. This area of the churchyard, below the war memorial, has had seeds of wild flowers, collected by the congregation, broadcast across it and already looks to have an interesting range of plants. We look forward to finding out what our Eco-Warriors discover!



KS1 - SQUIRRELS

During Community Week we were very lucky and we went to Cowdray. We visited the works department where we met Dave, Simon and Nick. We looked around at the machines in the works department and we were given some information about how some of the machines work.

We then were given materials like wood, screws, screwdrivers and a drill to help us make a bird box. We worked in partners to do this. We were given a demonstration of how to make the birdboxes first.

We made the birdboxes by first of all being given a kit of wood. There were 6 pieces of wood and they were different sizes. Then we were given some screws and we had to put them in the correct holes – the holes had already been made in the wood but we had to make sure they were the right size and that they lined up. We used a screwdriver to fasten the screw into the hole. Some of us used a drill for that part – we were cheating really!

We hope that the birds will enjoy nesting in the boxes as we have decorated them so that they will attract birds during the winter months. We are so lucky to be able to take some of the birdboxes home as the materials were all provided by the wonderful staff at Cowdray.

A massive thank you to staff at Cowdray who helped us to understand how to make the birdboxes and let us take them home, we had a fantastic time and can't wait to go back to learn new skills.



This year the House Cup goes to

BLUE HOUSE



Congratulations to House Captain Dara and Vice-Captain Cecily

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KS2—RABBITS H

On Thursday last week, we left school and walked to a spot near the polo fields, under a line of lime trees at Cowdray. We could see the ruins in the distance. The weather was sunny, quite hot and there was a gentle breeze. We met a man called George and he is the Cowdray Forager. He told us about which plants are edible and which are not. He also taught us about how they grow.



We learnt that you should always pick edible leaves from higher up in a tree, because you don't want to be eating dog wee! You also should pick the smaller leaves because they're not so bitter from the chlorophyll.

Next, we looked at stinging nettles, which are a super food! When nettles have tiny flowers, you can't eat them, but you can make rope and tea out of them. You can eat the smooth, little, baby stinging nettles though. If you boil nettles, the needles will dissolve, and you never eat older ones. Did you know there is a nettle called a Dead Nettle which won't sting you?

After that, George showed us ground ivy, which belongs to the mint family, and it has a scalloped edge. We picked some and rubbed it between our fingers and it actually smelt like mint! Ground ivy can be made into tea and is used in herbal medicine.



And that wasn't all!! We came back to school for lunch and then travelled in the minibus to the polo fields at Cowdray. It was hot, sunny and cloudy by then and we were all excited and happy. Next, we got on a trailer and the driver was called Dom who was very kind and took us on a trailer ride, which was very

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We met Janey, the Head of Cowdray Polo, who introduced us to Charlotte and a polo pony called Harry. Charlotte showed us the tack that a horse needs to wear for polo. This was a saddle, bridle and bandages for their legs. We all got a Cowdray polo shirt to wear and keep which was an amazing treat! Just as we were leaving, a polo match started so we saw a little bit of that too. One of the best Thursdays EVER!!!!





KS2—RABBITS D

On Monday and Tuesday morning 3D visited the Cowdray Works Dept to join in with some activities. One group painted primed surfaces with water-based paint, another continued a part-built wall, filling buckets with a weak mix of cement and laying bricks with a trowel.

We were split into 2 groups. We did painting first. I painted the moon, rocket and an alien. We all showed our paintings and liked them all. Next, we did some building, and it was a race, the girls won. We got our coats and left. My favourite part was the building. - Finley

I learnt when you build a wall you need to smooth the cement and fill in the gaps. My favourite bit was building the wall and kicking it down. - Layla

Yesterday we did brick laying and then painting. I really enjoyed doing the painting because it was fun, and I made a nice little house. My favourite part was painting on the tile. — Alfred

When we went down to Cowdray we did two interesting things. We painted, and we made a brick wall. I painted the Euros tournament and all the other things in football. When we built the brick wall, the girls were first to the top but at the end we had to smash it down. - Gill

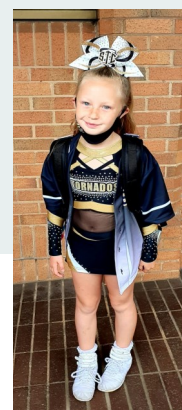
The class also had the opportunity to meet Jason Mayhew from Cowdray. He brought along 6 Gundogs to demonstrate their skills.

On Thursday 15th July we did something called Gundogs. We saw dogs called Fin, Magic, Cooper, Drake, Widgeon and Bertie. My favourite was Cooper and Cooper is a Cocker. He is a dog that likes cuddles and jumping. The person that brought the dog to us had something that sent up a rocket, the dogs ran after it. - Tyler

My favourite dogs were Drake the Labrador and Magic the Springer Spaniel. I liked Magic because she was playful and full of energy and bouncy. Drake was friendly and a Field Dog Champion. Drake came over me and licked my shorts, it was a fun experience to see the Gundogs. I liked when Jason shot the rocket and the dogs chased after the scent to find the dummy. - Tiana

Today we went on the field and Jason got out some dogs but one at a time, but the last time there were three. Jason showed us the tricks the dogs could do and after that Jason fired some dummies and the dogs tracked the dummies and everything was really fun. - Igor

My cheerleading career is very fun. I get to travel all over the world and earn medals and trophies. My cheer team is called Lighting Strikes and Thunder Bolts. I'm a base. I base people who fly. Flying is where people underneath hold your legs, well your feet, and flick the flyers in the air. My favourite part of cheerleading is tumbling. I can do a back walkover, front flip, back flip and I am only 8. I can do loads of tumbles not just those 3. You also make lots of friends there — I have loads. My first ever competition was in 2019. Through lockdown I practised loads. Cheerleading comes with sprained wrists and ankles, bruises, scrapes and cuts. I'm in the gym every day! (Coco—Rabbits Class)





KS2—BADGERS

Would you recognise a roe deer if you saw one? Badgers Cass have been finding out. On Tuesday morning, we walked across the field to a trailer pulled by a big, red tractor. A man called Steve rode the tractor to Cowdray forest and on the way, we saw a deer.

We got off the trailer and a man called Jason, who is a deer stalker, taught us all about the dashing deer. He said that there are three species of deer in the forest: roe, muntjac and fallow. He told us that when they shoot the deer, they don't feel it, they run away and faint. He also told us that deer meat is called venison.

After that, a girl called Nina told us about her job which was looking after trees and making tall thin trees and short fat trees. We went on a walk with her through barley fields. The barley was as soft as a bunny tail! Did you know that some of the plants in the forest haven't changed since dinosaurs were alive? Nina's walk was fun and she let us jump in muddy puddles!

We also had the opportunity to have a go at golf last week and we met a man called Tim who is the manager of the golf course. We thought that it was very inspiring to meet a professional golfer.

Tim taught us that there are three parts to a golf club; the top is called the grip, the middle is called the shaft and the bottom is called the face. We learned that when you play golf, you need to stand with your feet as far apart as your shoulders. He showed us how to chip a golf ball and some of us found it really hard. We liked trying to hit a target but it was much harder than Tim made it look. Did you know that if someone yells "Fore" then you need to duck!

We went on a walk to see the birdboxes that we made in school a long time ago and then we went to the yard and got to sit on tractors and buggies and beep the horns! Everyone enjoyed it, we are so lucky that Cowdray invited us.

Feeling nervous, Nellie, Rosa, William and Mrs Nixon walked to Cowdray Farm Shop to interview Lord and Lady Cowdray and Rupert Titchmarsh.

Rupert is the manager of the farm shop and café. He told us that they use as little single use plastic as they can to help the environment. They also try to avoid shipping from different countries.

After we interviewed Rupert, we had a little break and went to play Pooh Sticks at the bridge by Cowdray Ruins. William won! On the way back to the café, we played tag.

Did you know that Lord Cowdray has 4 classic cars! Two of them are Porsches, one is a Jaguar E-type and the last one is a ferocious Ferrari. Lady Cowdray told us that if she could have any superpower then she would choose to be able to walk on water! We were so good at interviewing that Rupert gave us strawberries and chocolate to eat!

"We set off for London on Sunday, it was super hot! When we arrived we went to our accommodation and then to join everyone for dinner. After that we went to The Globe to watch Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. It was brilliant and so exciting to see the theatre I would be performing in the next day! We got an earlyish night and I woke up early very excited and quite nervous - my tummy felt like it was filled with jumping beans!

After breakfast, we went to The Globe and I sat and waited. My bubble was called and we left our mums and went backstage. The moment had arrived! When it was my turn, I stepped forward and took in the three tiers of balconies! I took a deep breath like mummy said and performed *Russian Doll*. Once I started my nerves went and I did my best. I got a very loud round of applause and some cheers and mummy whistled!"

Nellie—Badgers Class





KS2—FOXES

We thoroughly enjoyed our residential trip to Condover Hall. There were many squeals of excitement and cheers of encouragement throughout the week. This was especially evident on the trapeze where we challenged our fear of heights and turned into acrobats, flying through the air. Some of our favourite activities were the aerial trek, kayaking and conquest (laser quest). Everyone really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. Well done, Team Foxes!

Last week, whilst Foxes class were isolating, we were visited virtually by a carer from Birch Trees care home. Beth told us about the residents and how they had been impacted by the global pandemic. We decided to write letters to spread a little happiness. We hope to receive some letters back in the near future.

This week we have been taking part in the Big Butterfly Count. Foxes were treated to an amazing wildlife spectacle. We spotted several species including red admirals, meadow browns, and small coppers and recorded our results. Amazingly, as we shared our findings, a pair of swallows flew in and out of the gazebo and fed their chicks. We sat still and watched them fly in and out, whilst we discussed their life cycle!



TIGHT WRITE

You might remember that there were four **Tight Write** images in Tight Write #50. Winners were as follows:

Library: Hope (Y1), Max, (Y2), Tilly (Y2), Emmy (Y2), Igor (Y3D), Sheila Cooper (Family)

Carousel: Keely (Y2), Isla (Y2), Harvey family (Family), Mrs Hulbert (Staff)

Figure: Oscar (Y2), Nate (Y6), Ms Daley (Staff)

Hill: Hattie (Y1)

There was also a prize for Pat Bellamy who cleverly wove all four images into her 50 words – sheer genius!



KS2—OTTERS

Year 6 had an amazing week at Condover Hall – it was truly an unforgettable experience! We had many highlights, but we would like to share a few of our favourites with you. We all pushed ourselves to the limit with our bravery, reaching new heights (literally!) every day. In particular, we found abseiling, trapeze and sensory trail really challenging, but we all tried our absolute best.

We loved kayaking and canoeing! Many of us hadn't been on the water for quite a long time and were feeling a bit nervous (including Miss Glanville) but we had so much fun. The game 'Battleships' got pretty competitive and a few children even ended up in the water! We also had to complete challenges like swapping boats with a friend or dancing like a carrot cake. We even got the chance to have a splash about in the water at the end of the session to make sure we were well and truly wet.

The trapeze was one of the greatest challenges – you had to climb to the top of the wobbly pole, leap into the air and try to catch the trapeze pole. The whole experience was a bit like Marmite: you either loved it or hated it!

One of the most special things was being able to spend a week sharing a room with our friends. We got up to a little bit of mischief (don't tell the teachers!) like playing hide and seek in our rooms and playing top trumps. We felt a bit grumpy in the mornings though when the teachers came to wake us up!

It was really lovely being able to spend some quality time together as a class, for instance watching the Euro 2020 Semi-Final and going to a silent disco. We did breakdancing, moonwalking and sang the YMCA: our new class anthem.

We sang songs, cheered with our friends and even saw some wild animals. Thank you Condover Hall for a fantastic week!

Have a great summer, everybody!

Johnny Culley

A message from Natalie
a Y6 parent

Dear Mr Culley, Miss Glanville and the wonderful friends and parents that gave me sponsorship for my skydive. It was one of the most amazing experiences I have had. A friend told me, before I jumped, that it would be like walking into a windy picture and that was exactly what it was like. Beautiful and peaceful and totally exhilarating at the same time. If anyone ever gets the chance, you must try a skydive. We raised a lot of money for a wonderful charity. Many thanks

