



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Dates for the next 2 weeks

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Last swimming session for Rabbits Class	am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Offers Class visit to Chichester Harbour	9.00-3.00
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Dragonflies Class – Animal Man visit	pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Tops for Tombola (Non Uniform) – <b>Please note change of date</b> Rother Valley Football Tournament (school team) PTFA Sponsored Walk, Jog, Run	am pm
w/b Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	SRE Week	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Squirrels Class visit to Winchester Science Centre	8.30-3.00
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming starts for Badgers Class	am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for new Reception parents September 19	6.00
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Badgers Class visit to Haslemere Museum Foxes Class visit to Chichester Harbour	9.00-3.00 9.00-3.00

## A Word from the Head

Dear Parent

In this newsletter, I have to announce the end of an era. Sadly, Sue Wakeford, who has worked at Easebourne Primary School for 25 years, will be retiring at the end of the term. During that time, as Sue remembers below, she has occupied a range of roles. Sue has, in short, made a huge contribution to the school and will be familiar to huge numbers of local children and adults, many of whom will be parents themselves. There will be an opportunity to say goodbye and thank you properly later in the term.

On behalf of the staff may I wish you a very restful half-term.

### Family Prayer Adventure Map

The Family Prayer Adventure Map (with stickers) is a fun-packed resource which is being given to 330,000 school children, in Years 4-6, in Church of England and Methodist Schools. Your child should have brought this back to you.

The 11 days of prayer start in half term on Ascension Day (May 30<sup>th</sup>) and finish on Pentecost Sunday (June 9<sup>th</sup>).

There is also an accompanying Family Prayer Adventure **Journal** where families can go deeper during the 11 days. The Family Prayer Adventure **podcasts** are a fun and engaging way to help families pray together. There is one following each daily theme of Thy Kingdom Come, and they are about 10-12 minutes long.

These resources are available at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/prayer-adventure-map>



## Parking

We have previously asked that parents refrain from parking in the cross-hatched area of the far car park. However, it would appear that several parents have returned to parking there even though this behaviour greatly increases the chance of an accident, particularly one involving a child. It also means that emergency vehicle access is compromised. We will therefore be placing cones out again at key points. Please help to keep the car park a safe place for everybody.

## Change of Date – Tops for Tombola

As we now have two classes out on a trip, we have changed the date for Tops for Tombola to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Children can come to school in home clothes in exchange for a gift for the bottle tombola for the Summer Fair.

## Lunch Time Award

Congratulations to Year 6 who have won the lunchtime award for showing consistent good manners and clearing their tables. This is a new incentive introduced by the Midday Meals Supervisors. The award consists of the opportunity to sit on the top table, complete with tablecloths and squash and each child receives a little muffin and a couple of treats.

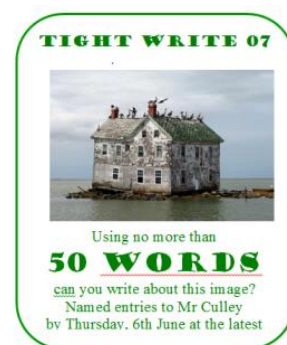
## School Uniform

We asked in the last newsletter for greater adherence to our school uniform code. However, we have noticed a number of children still wearing inappropriate footwear and non-regulation kit. Please could you make a concerted effort over the half-term to ensure that your child returns to school correctly dressed not only for class but for PE.

# TIGHT WRITE

Congratulations to James (Y1), Lewis (Y1), Tristan (Y2), Ivy (Y3) and Harriet (Y4)

for their winning entries for Tight Write 06. Meanwhile, here is Tight Write 07 – a separate image will be attached to this e-mail for those families who would like to print it off.



## Staff update – A word from Mrs. Wakeford

Dear Children, Parents, Grandparents and Carers of Easebourne,

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to you all as I will be retiring at the end of the summer term.

I have been a Teaching Assistant at Easebourne for 25 years and have worked with various classes starting in Reception, then moving to Year 5 and finally Year 2. There have been a few changes of Headteacher along the way and I have seen many staff members join the school, leave to start a family, progress their careers or retire.

My responsibilities have changed significantly over time. I have been a dinner lady, pool supervisor, PTA Chair and many other roles besides. At the start of my school career there were only 100 children on roll, some classes were in mixed year groups and we didn't have a single computer. The most dramatic change has been the move to this site. Most notably, I am now welcoming children of past students into present classes – frightening!

All in all my time has flown by and through all the different pressures of my job I have enjoyed it and will be sad when I use my purple pen for the last time and say goodbye. I wish all of you the very best in the future. Sue Wakeford

## Warning – Tick Season

Ticks are found all over the UK in parks, gardens, woodland, heathland and long grass. We are now well in to tick season so please be vigilant and take precautions.

To reduce the chance of being bitten

- Cover your skin while walking outdoors and tuck your trousers into your socks
- Use insect repellent on your clothes and skin
- Stick to paths whenever possible

- Wear light-coloured clothing so ticks are easier to spot and brush off

Only a small number of ticks are infected with the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. A tick bite can only cause Lyme disease in humans if the tick has already bitten an infected animal. But it's still important to be aware of ticks and to safely remove them as soon as possible, just in case. Many people with early symptoms of Lyme disease develop a circular red skin rash around the tick bite often described as a bull's eye.

For more details on how to safely remove a tick etc. please refer to the NHS website on ticks and Lyme disease.

## Community Week

The week beginning Monday, 24th June will be Community Week. The focus will be on the community and the environment. We are looking for any adults, particularly 'creatives', to support the week's events. If you are available at any point during the week, do let us know.

## SRE (Sex and Relationship Education)

SRE begins on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. As last year, parents are welcome to view the episode which we use from the series 'Living and Growing'. If there is a demand, a screening of the episodes will take place starting at 9.00am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please let the office know if you will be attending. You can view the school's SRE Policy under 'Policies' in the Parent Information section on the website.

## House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
<b>Total From Spring Term</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>Easter Reading Challenge</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Week 1 House Points</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Week 2 House Points</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Week 3 House Points</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Week 4 House Points</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Week 5 House Points</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>318</b>

## EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

**EPS Business Advertising Leaflet** - A reminder that 10<sup>th</sup> June is the deadline to send in your business details to Emma Chapman ([ejc.eshel@outlook.com](mailto:ejc.eshel@outlook.com)) if you'd like them to appear in this term's EPS Business Advertising leaflet. This will be sent home to each family and is a great way to support each other and raise funds for our PTFA. Advertising space costs £25 per term which is considerably less than other local advertisers.

**Happy School Bag Collection** - You should have all received a Happy School Bag collection sack last week, please fill these with any unwanted clothing, shoes, bedding (not duvets or pillows), belts, hats, DVDs, CDs, gifts, games. Full details are printed on the bag. Collection is 17<sup>th</sup> June, so please return to school by then. The more we donate, the more money we make.

**Pop-Up Ice Cream Shop** - We'd like to run a pop-up ice cream shop at each school exit on Fridays after school from 14<sup>th</sup> June. We will need at least two volunteers at each exit to run it. It should take no more than 40 minutes to set up, sell and clear down. If you can help, please sign up in Reception. In addition, we need someone to lead this venture (order the ice creams, ensure we have volunteers etc). If anyone would like to do this, please let the office know or email [janetlambert0378@gmail.com](mailto:janetlambert0378@gmail.com). If we don't get enough volunteers or someone to lead it, I'm afraid we can't go ahead.

**Milk Bottle Tops** - Thank you to those who have already donated. We need lots of bottle tops for the Summer Fair so please continue to bring them in and deposit in the box in Reception.

**Children's Film Night** - Friday night was our last film night for this academic year and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and members of staff, who have taken time out from their busy schedules to help out. The next 4 film night dates (2019-20) will be announced in due course. Lastly I would like to say a massive thank you to all the children who have come along and supported our events.

**Walk Jog Run** - A letter has gone out in book bags today regarding WJR 2019, please do take the time to read it when you get a minute. There are spare letters and sponsorship forms in Reception if you would like one.

#### Dates for your Diary

- \* Tops for Tombola Day now re-scheduled for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June (**Please note date change for this event**)
- \* Sponsored Walk Jog Run, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June (Starts at 2.15pm, parents/carers can arrive from 1.50pm)
- \* Happy School Bag Collection, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June (bags will need to be in school by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June)
- \* Summer Fair, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June
- \* Fairies & Scaries, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October
- \* Sponsored Ready Steady Read by Usborne Books, October half-term
- \* Christmas Fair, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November



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



We will be running a holiday club on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

8.30am-4.30pm

£16.00 per half 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 Parish Questionnaire**

Have a say in the future of YOUR village.

Easebourne Parish Council has a team set up to create a document which will be used as a reference in any future developments in Easebourne. As you live in the parish and are the future of Easebourne we are keen that you are involved. The challenge is for you to create a drawing in which you share what you love about your village and what you don't like.

We are looking for something which is heartfelt and we will choose the winner based on the feelings expressed, not necessarily artistic skills.

The drawing will be used on the cover of the questionnaire which will go out to all residents asking for their ideas, and it will be included in the final document which will be around and in use for many years. So immortality beckons for the winner!

More details to follow.