



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th September 2018

Dates for the next 2 weeks

Monday 10th September	Clubs Start Meet the Teacher - Otters	3.15
Tuesday 11th September	Headteacher Open Door Meet the Teacher - Foxes	3.15 3.15
Wednesday 12th September	Meet the Teacher - Rabbits	3.15
Friday 14th September	Meet the Teacher - Badgers	3.15
Monday 17th September	Meet the Teacher - Squirrels	3.15
Tuesday 18th September	Meet the Teacher - Hedgehogs (both classes)	3.15
Friday 21st September	PTFA Film Night	3.15-5.30

A Word from the Head

Welcome back to everybody! I hope you have all had a good summer and were able to enjoy the remarkable weather. This term, we welcome our new reception children and Joshua, Amelie, Max, Daniel, Lillie-Mai, Dulcie, Billy, Nicholas and Isabella who have joined us further up the school. We hope they will be very happy at Easebourne. We also welcome Samanta Echo who will be leading the new nurture unit with Debs Thomas and Annie Cafferty who is the new SENCo. We are currently advertising for a teaching assistant in Year 1 but Kim Ford is covering until we appoint a permanent member of staff. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Graham Stonard at the end of the month. Graham has been the school's premises manager for five years and has taken fantastic care of the building and grounds and we will be sad to lose him but we wish him well. We are currently advertising to try to find a worthy successor. If you know somebody who might be interested, please do ask them to contact the school.

Let's Go MAD!

This year, we are focusing on going **MAD**, i.e. **M**aking **A** Difference. In Monday's assembly, I shared a video of 9-year-old Khloe Thompson who has been making a difference to homeless women (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pm9caVmwBiM>). On Tuesday, Malcolm Meaby's assembly focused on children applying to advertisements for various roles in their classes to make a difference. We want your children to make a difference and we want to celebrate their efforts in school.

Last Saturday, a team of six doughty parents and teachers went **MAD** when they stepped up to take on the Nuts Challenge, raising money for Easebourne to enhance our Forest School facilities. It was, by all accounts, a painful and exhausting ordeal but they came through! Well done to Charlotte, Natalie, Jo, Andy, Heidi and Debs. If you have not already shown your support but would like to, please go to their My Donate page, <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/easebournegonuts> or you can hand a donation into the front office. Thank you

Meanwhile, back in Easebourne, the Parish Council team, led by Mike Noble and Ian Milne, went **MAD** and organised the official opening of Easebourne Park in glorious sunshine. It was a great event and the children are loving the spacious and creative new place to be. Parents, if they haven't already noticed, should be aware that there is a pond in the far corner of the park as, depending on their age, children will need appropriate supervision.

Over the holiday, Izzy in Foxes Class went **MAD** too...

The Little Princess Trust is a charity in the UK which supplies and funds High quality wigs for children and young adults up to the age of 24 who have lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment and treatment for other illnesses free of charge.

If you would like to donate your hair it must be seven inches or more and it must be dry cut and in good condition. It can not dyed, treated, be deadlocks or hair extensions.

After finding out a bit about the little princess trust I decided that I wanted my hair cut short to donate to another child. I had nine inches of hair cut and it is now the length of my shoulder blades.

Before the cut I was quite nervous but excited as well and it felt a bit better knowing that my hair would make another child very happy.

Now I've had it cut I really like it and it feels nice to know that my hair will be put on another child's head and will make them feel a lot better.

If you want to find out more about The Little Princess Trust their website is littleprincesstrust.org.uk.



Well done, Izzy!

Another person who went **MAD** over the summer was Malcolm Meaby. Mr Meaby cycled from John O'Groats to Chichester to raise money for charities including Stonepillow. When I last asked him, they had raised over £9,000 of their £10,000 target. The trip was 731 miles in length and they did it in 10 days!!



Every two years, a small group of parents and Year 5/6 children have joined me for the Big Sleepout in aid of Stonepillow. We build cardboard shelters and sleep outside Chichester Cathedral. The group collects sponsors to raise money for the charity for the homeless. If you and/or your child would like to go **MAD** and take part, please let me know. This year it will be on Saturday, 13th October. You can find out more at <http://stonepillow.org.uk/the-big-sleep-out-2018/?css=normal>.

New Newsletter

We are trialling a new approach to classroom news in the newsletter this year. Each half-term, children will produce a round-up about what has been going on in their classes. We hope that this will lead to richer reports and half-termly bumper issues full of interesting stuff. The newsletter will still be released fortnightly but other editions will focus on information for parents.

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. The Summer Reading Challenge hasn't finished yet! In West Sussex, it runs until Saturday, 15th September so, if you haven't quite finished or if you forgot to participate or were away for the summer, there is still time to enter if you're quick! 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. The email address on the back of the booklet for sending in any of your photographs has had some problems but should be working now. Don't forget house points are available for those children who completed the quiz. Please ensure all booklets are handed in by Friday, 14th September.



Train to Teach information Events

If you are interested in teaching, the School Direct programme may be for you. It is aimed at graduates seeking to become outstanding qualified teachers in their local schools.

Monday, 10th September 4.00-6.00pm
Monday, 24th September 10.00-11.30am
Wednesday, 10th October 4.00-6.00pm
Tuesday, 13th November 4.00-6.00pm
Tuesday, 4th December 4.00-6.00pm
Monday, 17th December 10.00-11.30am

For more dates and to book your place, visit

www.tesla-tsa.com/news-events

or contact 01428 724324 x 248

or e-mail admin@tesla-tsa.com

Meet the Teacher

For Years 1-6, our Meet the Teacher sessions start 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 2019

On Wednesday, October 10th, 6pm – 7pm, we will be holding an Open Evening for parents who have children starting Reception Class in September 2019. 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 it's recently extended outdoor area. We do hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to meeting you all.

Contact Details, Educational Visit and Permission Forms

Children in Years 1-6 will receive these forms to take home this week; 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 should have received a copy of their Data Collection Sheet. Please check all details are correct, sign and return to school.

All new children who have joined further up the school will have their data collection sheets sent home for checking shortly.

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. Sumdog and websites for homework such as MyMaths

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

The club membership lists are 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 enrolment forms and subs, please ensure these are handed in before the club starts.

Secondary School Transfer

On Monday, 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, 10th September and the national closing date for applications is Wednesday, 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.

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Ava in Badgers Class who completed the summer challenge and gained a house point for Green House

House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Week 1 House Points	4	2	1	3
Maths Challenge	1			
Total	5	2	1	3

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

Our first PTFA meeting of the school year will be this coming Wednesday, 12th September, at 8pm in the school conference room. You are all very welcome to join us for wine and nibbles and I'd especially like to invite our new Dragonflies' parents to come along, meet other parents and hear about the kind of fundraising events we run. We'll be organising our annual events - Fairies & Scaries, Christmas Fair, film nights and the Summer Fair, but we always welcome fresh ideas to fund raise for the 2018/19 projects which are Forest School enhancement, additional interactive whiteboards for the remaining class rooms and additions to the library. In addition to the school newsletter, you can also find out about PTFA events via our Easebourne Primary School PTFA Facebook page.

Film Night

The ever so popular film nights start back on Friday 21st September 2018. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 17th September at £2.50 per child. The price includes a bag of popcorn and a bottle of fruit drink or water. For all new parents of children starting this year, the PTFA run a film night for the children of this school only, from Dragonflies through to Year 6, normally 4 times per academic year on a Friday afternoon. It runs after school till around 5.30pm (times may vary slightly depending on the length of the film). Children are more than welcome to bring their pyjamas or onesie's to change into and it has been known for some of them to bring in pillows, duvets, blankets and teddies to cuddle up to. With any events we will need volunteers to help beforehand, during the film and cleaning up afterwards. If you are able to help in any way please contact the school office, the PTFA Facebook page or Jo Purser (joint secretary of the PTFA and a mum of a child in Hedgehogs and Bumble Bees).

Unfortunately, we do not have the adult-child ratio to include children from nursery, however if you would like to help during the event and have a younger child they are more than welcome but will be your responsibility throughout the film.

The name of the film will be confirmed shortly.

COMMUNITY NEWS

This month The Tall Dog Business Support Services in Midhurst is getting its fundraising hat on for local children's charity Chestnut Tree House.

Firstly we have had a huge, cuddly tiger kindly donated to us and we invite you to join in our Name the Tiger competition for 50p from next Monday 10th – Friday 21st September. A name will be drawn from a hat on Monday 24th and that lucky person will be the proud owner of our over-sized furry friend!

Also, Vicki Harrison, Director of The Tall Dog, is living life on the edge on 29th September when she does her bit for the fundraising by abseiling down Arundel Castle. You can help Vicki raise money for this great cause by donating directly to her fundraising page - <https://www.justgiving.com/TallDogAbseil>. JustGiving sends your donation straight to Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

The proceeds from both events will be going to Chestnut Tree House, the children's hospice for Sussex, Brighton and South East Hampshire caring for 300 children and young adults from 0-19 years of age.

Pop in and meet our tiger from this Monday 10th in the Tall Dog office on Rumbold's Hill, Midhurst or donate online for Vicki's fantastic abseil challenge.

Thank you for your support!

