



# ESA Newsletter

## Gnome Hunt Special

### April 2024

First of all, a big thank you to those who have personally sponsored or who have found local businesses to sponsor gnome displays. Sponsorships play such an important role in making the Gnome hunt a successful event, and it is a wonderful way to celebrate the local businesses around us.

We continue our plea for sponsorships so if you know of anyone who might like to advertise their business then please do get in touch. Sponsorship letters were sent home before Easter, but if anyone needs another copy please just ask.

#### Upcoming events

- 27<sup>th</sup> April- Quiz night
- 17<sup>th</sup> May- Summer disco
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Owl class bake sale
- 8-9<sup>th</sup> June- Gnome Hunt
- Date TBC- Sponsored read

#### Some key dates;

Gnome displays due in before May half term.

Donations for bottle tombola between now and May half term.

#### **Gnome Displays**

This year we have decided that the displays will be made by the volunteers rather than the businesses themselves (unless they are feeling particularly creative and have offered). Thank you to everyone who has already put their name down. If you can't remember what you have volunteered for please ask Fi (Samuels Mum).

We have 5 displays still awaiting volunteers. If you fancy a creative project and can offer a small amount of time to make a display we would be very grateful.

For our new families who haven't created gnome displays before all we need is a display which is waterproof (ideally) and based upon your Story/fairytale and of course featuring the all important Gnome.

In the next few weeks we will let you know when you can collect your Gnome to include in the display, we will ask Mrs Jones to post on DOJO when you'll be able to collect these from the playground.

We are asking this year for the displays to be handed in before May half term please, this is to ensure we have plenty of time to check we have all 33 displays but we also need time to match them to their allocated sponsor.

#### **We need you**

This year like every year, we will need volunteers to help make the fundraising weekend a success. Last year it was lovely to see so many Parents, Grandparents and the School Staff team offer their time over the weekend. Not only did it help the weekend run smoothly but it also means we can provide more fundraising activities which ultimately means more funds can be generated. In the next couple of weeks a rota will appear outside every class with a pen, please do take the time to see what we need help with over the weekend and please volunteer any time you have. Even if you can do a couple of hours during the day, setting up or tidying away it is all greatly appreciated.



### **Tell me more about the weekend.....**

There have been lots of Gnome talks behind the scenes planning this years event and we are all very excited about the new Story/Fairytale theme. We have some wonderful displays planned and we are also very excited that 4 of the displays will be made by some of the Children in school during an after school Gnome making club with Stephanie and Fi.

You will start the trail by collecting your map from School for £3, you will also have the chance to purchase a magical wand before setting off on your adventure into storyland. The displays will be distributed around Eastcombe and you may even see a real-life Gnome as you explore the beautiful village. They are very friendly and last year were more than happy to pose for a photo and hand out some treats. During the trail there will be an ice cream stop if you need some refuelling. The trail will end at the Village Hall which will be transformed into a once upon a time story where you'll be able to come and have some refreshments and enjoy some games and some stalls.

This year we have some new games planned, plenty of prizes to be won and activities for all age ranges.

We are currently sourcing prizes for the Raffle, more information on how to buy tickets will follow. There are some amazing prizes on offer already including a Family ticket for Giffords Circus, so it's well worth buying some tickets and entering the draw.

We will also be running a bottle tombola so we would be very grateful if you could donate a bottle for this. Please can you hand these to Charlotte, Rue, Stephanie or Fi ideally between now and half term please. It can be anything from a bottle of bubble bath to a bottle of wine.

### **ESA meeting**

There will be an ESA meeting in the run up to the Gnome Hunt. We welcome all parents who can to attend. But if you are volunteering at any point during the weekend, this will be the perfect opportunity to ask any questions or make any suggestions. We will let you know as soon as this is arranged, to give as much notice as we can and hope to see you there.

### **And finally**

The quiz night has been rearranged for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that it is payment on the night, but you will need to register your place no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> April by emailing

[eastcombegnomehunt@gmail.com](mailto:eastcombegnomehunt@gmail.com)

Come and enjoy a simple night out, bring a bottle, some team mates and help to raise some funds for School whilst having fun.



**EASTCOMBE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS**

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

Doors open at 7.00pm  
Quiz will start at 7.30pm  
Bring your own bottle and snacks

**SATURDAY 27TH APRIL**  
**EASTCOMBE VILLAGE HALL**

Please email - [eastcombegnomehunt@gmail.com](mailto:eastcombegnomehunt@gmail.com)  
to register your teams table no later than the 22nd April

Up to 6 players per team  
Payment is required on the night  
£5 per person  
Your support is really appreciated

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do get in touch.

