

Chestnuts Primary Newsletter



Founder Member of the Green Lanes Co-Operative Trust (www.greenlanescooperativetrust.com)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What fabulous cakes you have all brought in for the Bake Off—we have some serious talent here at Chestnuts! Please come along to the Winter Fair tomorrow and help us eat them!

Have a lovely weekend and I will see you all on Saturday from 12.30pm.

Cal Shaw
Head Teacher



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Friday 9th Dec	5.30pm—7.30pm	Film: Arthur Christmas
Saturday 10th Dec	12.30pm—3.30pm	Winter Fair
Tuesday 13th Dec	10.00am	Violin Concert
Tuesday 13th Dec	4.30pm—6.30pm	Junior Carol Concert in Chestnuts Park
Wed 14th Dec	9.45am	Guitar Concert
Wed 14th Dec	From 11.40am	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15th Dec	5.30pm—7.30pm	Film: Santa Claus The Movie
Friday 16th Dec	9.30	Nursery & Reception Nativity Play
Friday 16th Dec	2.00pm	Years ! & 2 Nativity Play
Monday 19th Dec	5.30pm—6.30pm	Infant Disco
Monday 19th Dec	6.45pm—8.00pm	Junior Disco
Wed 21st Dec	3.30pm/3.35pm	End of Term
Wed 4th January	8.55am	Back to School



PHOTOGRAPHS

If you would like to order your child's photograph through school please return it to the office by Monday morning at the latest. THANK YOU



Christmas Lunch

We are thrilled that so many of you have decided to join us for lunch, we will all enjoy a delicious meal together.

As you can imagine, feeding nearly 500 people takes some careful planning! We have written down the estimated sitting times for each class to give you an indication of when you can expect to eat. **The time stated is the earliest time that we expect to go into the lunch hall; this is the ideal time for you to arrive.** But please do be patient as it is likely that you may not actually reach the dinner hall until later than this- the children are going to be very excited and will probably take longer than usual to eat their lunch.

Please note that if you have more than one child in school, you will need to pick which **one** of them that you will dine with as it is just not possible to call the children in out of their classes. Please also remember that is you can only have a meal if you have booked in advance. Thank you for your understanding and support on this.

Class	Estimated Meal Time
Blue & Green	11.40am
Purple & Red	12.00pm
Orange & Yellow	12.15pm
Beech & Elm	12.30pm
Cedar & Maple	1.00pm
Palm & Sequoia	1.15pm
Oak & Willow	1.15pm

We thank you in advance for your patience.





Social Media Reminder

Many of you will know that over the last few weeks we have been reviewing and tightening up our procedures and practices around the school's engagement with social media. The Governors and I take very seriously our duties of protection for our staff, children and school reputation. Whilst we clearly appreciate that many of our parents and friends use social media in an everyday social context we would ask you to always think very carefully before posting comments or images that relate to the school, our staff or any of our children. Please remember that we are protecting the identity of some of our children hence pictures of children, other than your own child, should not be posted. If you have concerns or comments about your child's education this is always best shared face to face or via closed email directly with the your child's class teacher. We strongly believe that our staff should not be exposed to professionally negative comments on social media and will take action to protect them. Teachers are always keen to talk to parents and allay your concerns swiftly. You can make appointments via the school office, by contacting teachers directly on email or talking to them at the end of the school day.



Headteacher Recruitment Update

Since my last update at half term, the Governing Body have continued plan and prepare for the upcoming headteacher recruitment. As a reminder of the timetable, our advert will be published over the Christmas holidays and we will then be running tours for prospective candidates during the first couple of weeks of January. Interviews will take place towards the end of January, which means that (assuming we find the right candidate) the new headteacher will start at Easter.

I am also pleased to announce that we have recruited Maureen Duncan as an Interim Executive Headteacher for the Spring term. Maureen has previously held a number of leadership roles, including headteacher, at various London special schools. We have appointed Maureen for two days a week to work alongside Carole Newton (who will be Acting Headteacher) and Sandy McNicholl (who will be acting Deputy Headteacher) during the Spring term. Maureen will be coming in to some of the Christmas events over the next couple of weeks to meet as many of our children and parents as possible before she starts in the New Year.

Finally, thank you to all those who participated in the consultation on the draft Vision Statement. Your feedback has helped us to develop the Vision Statement and will help to inform the headteacher recruitment process. We will publish the final Vision Statement soon.

Hugh Merritt
Chair of Governors

Term Dates 2016/17

Spring Term

First Half	Wednesday 4th January	Thursday 9th February
Holiday	Monday 13th February	Friday 17th February
Second Half	Monday 20th February	Friday 31st March

Summer Term

First Half	Tuesday 18th April	Friday 26th May
Holiday	Monday 29th May	Friday 2nd June
Second Half	Monday 5th June	Friday 21st July

Inset / TAD Days (School closed to pupils)

Friday 18th November
Tuesday 3rd January
Friday 10th February

Bank Holidays (school closed)

Friday 14th April
Monday 17th April
Monday 1st May



There is a chance that TAD days will change but we will let you know if this happens.



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