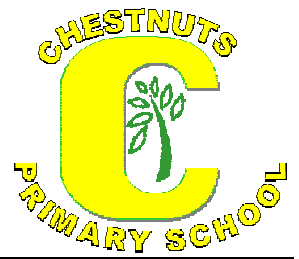


# Chestnuts Primary Newsletter



Founder Member of the Green Lanes Co-Operative Trust ([www.greenlanescooperativetrust.com](http://www.greenlanescooperativetrust.com))



Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term. As usual we have a lot going on for this half term so please keep an eye on the newsletter or the website.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in your pyjamas on Wednesday 1st March to celebrate World Book Day! The theme for this year is "Reading in Bed".

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Duncan & Ms Newton  
Executive Head Teacher & Acting Head Teacher



## School Uniform Reminder

It is lovely to be able to identify Chestnuts children going out on trips, sitting in assembly, playing in the playground and walking to school because of our distinctive yellow and brown uniform. There is an expectation now that all items of indoor clothing that our children wear follow our uniform guidelines. Unfortunately there are some children coming to school in leggings, T shirts and hoodies which are brightly coloured and definitely not yellow or brown.



A reminder that the school uniform is

- \* Plain yellow or gold polo shirt with collar (with or without Chestnuts logo)
- \* Plain yellow or brown jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the logo)
- \* Plain black, brown or grey trousers, skirts, shorts, leggings, tights or tunics or combinations
- \* Yellow check dresses
- \* Comfortable shoe with a low heel

Uniform is available from [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues) or you can buy a yellow polo shirt or a brown jumper / cardigan from any supermarket and we sell Chestnuts badges, which can be ironed on, from the school office.

### PE and swimming kit

We are a healthy school and it is important that our children understand the need to change their clothes appropriately for both PE and also swimming. However, there are far too many children who are coming to school not properly equipped. It is essential that they take part in physical education but also need to change out of their day clothes to ensure appropriate personal hygiene. We will, therefore, seek to provide anybody who does not have PE kit with suitable clothing for that session. We are sure you will agree that being in their own clothes is preferable.



**REMINDER—there is absolutely no smoking permitted anywhere on the school site—this includes the playground.**

## ESOL English Classes

Parents from North Harringay Primary School and Chestnuts who regularly attend English classes had great fun cooking different dishes from their Culture last week. Through reading recipes and following instructions, they all practised their English to improve it. Everybody had a chance to taste a variety of cuisines (Turkish, Bengali, Greek and others) and share their recipes. If anyone is still interested in free English classes, contact the office for further information.



### On-Line Payments

As a way of Chestnuts moving forward and reducing the queuing times in and around the office in the mornings and afternoons we are going to be slowly moving away from taking cash in the main office, and moving towards online payments for School Dinners, After School Clubs, Holiday Play Scheme, Trips, Concerts etc. We need to be in a better position to deal with more important queries during these crucial times of the day and moving in this direction will benefit you and the children.

### Assembly Date Change

Sequoia Class assembly has been moved to 15th March.

Cedar Class assembly has been changed to 22nd March

## Class Assemblies

Elm Class did a fantastic assembly on 8th Feb all about volcanoes and their properties. We learned that there are 3 types of volcano—composite, shield and dome. Elm Class also did an experiment where they demonstrated an eruption live!

Parents Comments:

*Enjoyed every minute of it—well done!*

*Really liked the live experiment—explosive!*

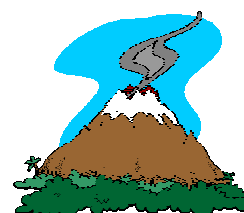
*Great assembly Elm class. I learnt a lot about volcanoes and I loved the experiment. Well done—great work!*

*It was a fantastic assembly*

*Excellent assembly Elm Class—well done!!*

*It was amazing “lova-ly” assembly.*

*It was a beautiful assembly. Well done.*





# Celebrating World Book Day



## Reading in Bed Day

On Wednesday 1st March, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, our pet Author, Karen McCombie, will be with us in her pyjamas for a Reading in Bed Day.

We invite all children (and staff) to dress in their onesies, pyjamas or dressing gowns and bring in a favourite book to share. Karen will share her favourite books and her newest projects with the children. It would be great if parents wish to join in until 10AM— why not bring a book to share with your child's class and come to meet Karen in our library?

## £1 World Book Day Tokens

During the week, each child will be issued a special World Book Day token.

These can be used either to exchange for one of the specially published World Book Day books or for £1 off the full price of another book of his or her choice. This year's books include:



## Big Green Pop-Up Bookshop

This year, for the first time, we shall hold a pop-up shop throughout the day on Thursday 2nd March for children to use their tokens. Big Green Bookshop will be providing a range of £1 books and other great titles— so please ensure your child has extra money on the day if you wish them to buy! We'll be in the front playground before and after school and in the library at breaks.

They also have a fun day with authors at their shop on Saturday 4th—check their website - [http://www.biggreenbookshop.com/events-diary/info\\_6.html](http://www.biggreenbookshop.com/events-diary/info_6.html)

**Joffre White**

**Author of the magical, 'Frog' fantasy adventure series, will be visiting on**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

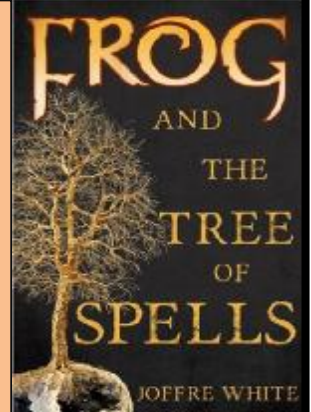
If you would like to purchase personally signed copies of his new book, they will be available on the day at a discount price. 'Frog and the Tree of Spells' – Paperback - £8.00 (rrp. £8.99)

[www.joffrewhite.com](http://www.joffrewhite.com)



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Joffre White – Author: [www.patronofreading.co.uk](http://www.patronofreading.co.uk)



## Code Club—Help Needed

The children have expressed an interest in setting up a code club here at school. I have had offers of help from two

volunteers but ideally we would need 2 more. If you would like to help out with this project (whether or not you have a background in computing) please let me know via the email

address below. Many thanks

Adrien Schellingerhoud

[maple@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:maple@chestnutsprimary.com)

Hi there,



We would like to say a big thank you to all that came to the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January. Numbers were low which was a shame. However, lots of items were discussed:

**FUNDING APPLICATIONS AGREED**

**£280** for Gym Equipment. It was also agreed that we would like to fund more equipment for other sports supported in the school in the future

**£360** for Year 3 trip to The Chocolate Factory.

**£162.91** for equipment for the Nursery

**£550** for year 6 revision guides. These are to be owned by the school and used again for other years.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR DIARY.

**AGM – THURS 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH - AT SCHOOL IN THE PARENT ROOM – 7.30pm**

As we announced in the last newsletter after 2 years co-chairing the PSA and having a wonderful time putting together the fairs plus other fundraising events, it is time for us to hang up our spreadsheets, volunteer lists and coffee cups and pass on to the next fabulous person to take on this awesome PSA!

Unfortunately to date we have had no expressions of interest in the position of Chair. The PSA is a registered charity and can only continue with the full support of parents and carers. Chairing the PSA is really rewarding and the only qualifications needed are enthusiasm for the school and the children. The current Chairs remain fully committed to the PSA and will support whoever takes up the reigns but we think it will be really positive to have a fresh perspective.

We really hope that someone will take over. Without the PSA there will be no events such as the Summer and Winter fairs and the children will miss out on those all important extras. The PSA raised nearly £10,000 last year. If anyone is considering putting themselves forward please let us know we are happy to answer any questions you have.

Lastly, we would like to say thanks to all the people that have supported us in our time as chairs. Nothing happens without a brilliant team of volunteers to make everything run smoothly and have fun doing it! Thank you.

Keep in touch

Clare, Sonya and Becky



CHOICES is a new service commissioned by the Haringey Clinical Commissioning Group that provides access to support the Emotional Wellbeing of Children, Young People and Families in Haringey. The service allows for

self-referral for parents and young people and offers a face to face appointment to discuss what the needs of the child, young person may be and to identify the appropriate support services.

If you have any questions or want to find out more information about the service please call CHOICES on 020 8702 3405 or visit the website [www.haringeychoices.org](http://www.haringeychoices.org) or e-mail the team [beh-tr.choices@nhs.net](mailto:beh-tr.choices@nhs.net) or the team manager Fuad Buraimoh