

Chestnuts Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Please keep an eye on the website as we are updating all the class pages over the next few days. We intend to keep you better informed about all the different activities the children are doing in class as well as the homework that is due and any trips that are taking place. Please also remember that if you have any specific issues that you wish to discuss with your class teacher you can email them directly at {class}@chestnutsprimary.com (for example blue@chestnutsprimary.com).

Have a lovely restful weekend,

Maureen Duncan & Carole Newton

Easter Egg Raffle



Easter is fast approaching and we would like to ask for your help with our Easter raffle.

When you are shopping for your Easter eggs please could you buy an extra one and donate it to the school for our school raffle. We will then be selling tickets to the children for 20p and the proceeds will go towards class room activities for wet play.

Thank you in advance for your generosity

Year 3 Trip to the Chocolate Factory

Year 3 were lucky enough to go on one of the best trips ever because they went to the Chocolate Factory in Old Street. They learnt about the manufacture of chocolate from bean to bar with a chance to see a Chocolatier in action, temper their own chocolate and also make their own giant slab of chocolate which they decorated and then were able to take home little bags of it as a treat!

Year 3 would like to say a big thank you to the fantastic PSA who enabled the children to have this fantastic experience by paying for it.



Changes to Meals

We have decided to make changes to the way we offer school lunches for our children, as a way for us to ensure our kitchen makes the correct amount of food at lunchtimes.

From the beginning of next term parents will need to make the choice of whether their child has a school lunch or a packed lunch every day for the whole half term. There will no longer be an option to pick specific days for your child(ren) to have school lunches during the school week.

Payments for dinners can be made in the usual way, where we accept card payments and also offer an online option.



On-Line Payments

A big THANK YOU to all our parents and carers who have been using Parent Pay over the last few weeks. We are hoping that this system has made things a lot easier for you to keep track of your payments and also it has eased the morning rush in the school office.

If you are still having problems using our payment system please come to the office to request your unique user name and password or if you are having technical difficulties please come and speak to James.



We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you have any please put them in the box in our reception.



Illness at School

We have had a few cases of a nasty vomiting bug over the last couple of weeks and so would like to remind parents/carers that if your child has been sick you should keep them at home for at least 48 hours. Please remind the children to keep washing their hands after going to the toilet and especially before eating food.

Thankyou

Passports and Official Letters

We are very happy to sign your passport form and home office letters here in Chestnuts office. However, please bear in mind that we are incredible busy so if you do want official signatures please give us at least 7 days notice.

Please also be aware that we do have a charge of £5 for all forms.
Thank you



Chestnuts Celebrate World Book Day with pyjamas, authors and Big Green Bookshop!



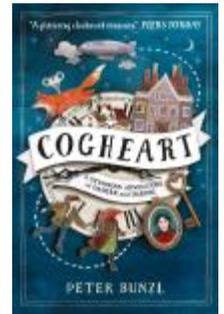
Here at Chestnuts Primary we celebrated not just one day of World Book Day, but a whole week of activities!

On Wednesday 1st March, Karen McCombie joined us for our popular Reading in Bed day. Several parents and carers enjoyed the chance to have tea/coffee with Karen before she held fun assemblies for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

On Thursday 2nd, children and their families had the chance use their WBD token to get a free or reduced-price book at our Little Big Green Pop-up Shop.

On Monday 6th March, author Joffre White ran a Reading Roadshow for KS2 children, followed with writing workshops for Year 4 and Year 6 classes. Joffre would love to publish some of the children's creative work on his website.

Finally, on Wednesday 8th March, Year 5 children went to see author Peter Bunzl show how his love of robots and Star Wars led to his award-nominated book, Cogheart. He helped turn one of the children into a robot and shared a special advanced reading from his next book before its May publication!



Class Assemblies

Palm Class did a wonderful assembly on 1st March all about World War 2. The children have been looking at what it was like to be an evacuee, bomb shelters and living with rations. The final routine to the song "If I were not upon the Stage" was particularly well received.



Parents Comments:

Wow! Another fabulous assembly Palm Class—excellent work—lots of informative facts on WW2 delivered imaginatively. And what a show stopper at the end! Loved it! You should all be very proud!

An amazing assembly as ever—hugely enjoyable. I loved that all the children are involved, interested and having such a great time together. Thank you.

My first assembly at Chestnuts and wow what an amazing performance—informative and fun! Thank you Palm Class.

Blue Class did an amazing assembly this morning about Changes. They changed the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and the children have been receiving letters from the giant for a few weeks. The children also did some measuring and explained how to make a sentence. They finished off with a finale of singing "The Bear Necessities".



Parents Comments:

What a fantastic assembly! I loved the dancing the best!

Great assembly. Loved the story and fantastic acting and singing.

Really fun assembly—Great work everyone.

What a lovely assembly. Really enjoyed it and the kids were brilliant!!

One of the best assemblies—well done Blue Class!

The children are so much more confident—loved the creativity.

Brilliant! The children did so well and were so confident speaking and performing in front of so many people! Loved the bear necessities!

Amazing difference from even the school Christmas play! Brimming with confidence and the literacy progression is so impressive.

Beech Class have also done a fantastic assembly all about chocolate. They looked at how chocolate is grown and how it is made. They did wonderful chocolate poems and finished off singing the song "Pure Imagination".

Parents Comments:

Amazing Beech class—good work!

I loved the singing and dancing

*Everything was done to perfection—Love it!
Love it!*

It is clear to see that a lot of time was put into this performance and the children delivered it with excellence. Well done to you all!

Love chocolate—love Beech class's explanation of where it comes from. Great Job !!

