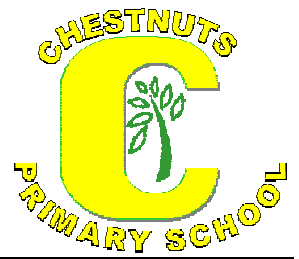


Chestnuts Primary Newsletter



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

Dear Parents,

It hardly seems possible that three months have passed since I arrived at Chestnuts. It has been an amazing term with so many good things that we have all shared and many reasons for celebration. Most recently, Red Nose Day raised an incredible £276.00 and all classes enjoyed some fun-related activities. Some Year 6 pupils have braved caving, high ropes, canoeing and orienteering at Pendarren whilst others have visited Ripley's Amazing world and have learnt about how chocolate is made (and sampled some!).



Seeing Ms Newton sporting a rather fine dressing gown, other staff in their pyjamas and onesies and lots of children wearing nightclothes to celebrate World Book Day made it quite clear that reading at Chestnuts is seen as a fun thing to do. We are so lucky too that we have had authors come in and talk to us about their work.



I shall always remember the many class assemblies that I have enjoyed. They have all been good humoured and fun-filled but they have also shared with us serious messages about the world that we live in and how we should treat other people.

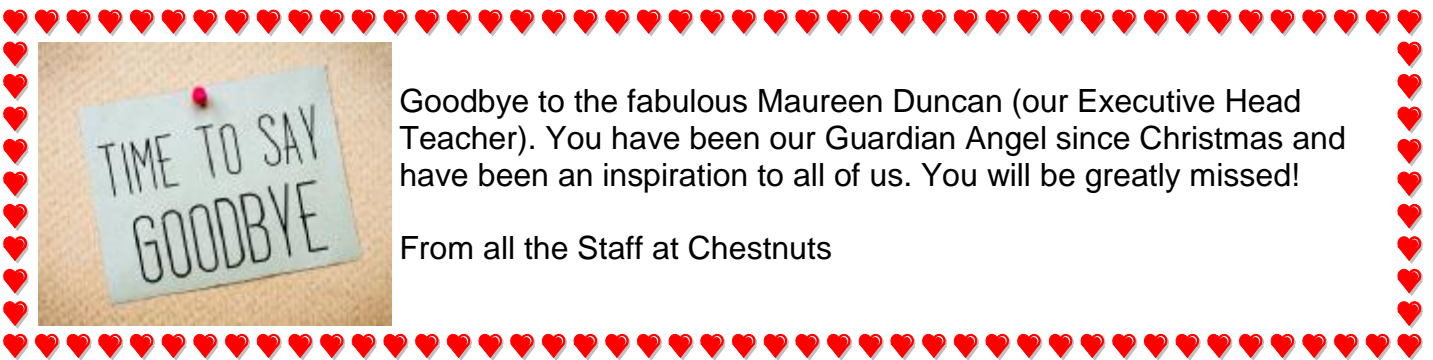
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Newton, the staff and the Governors for their support this term and to thank all of you for the warmth of your welcome and for the positive partnerships that you have with all of the staff here at Chestnuts. It has been a privilege to be here and it is very clear to me that all of our pupils really are 'learning to live and living to learn'.

I know that you will make Ms Horwood equally welcome when she joins you as the Headteacher after Easter and I know she will enjoy every minute of being here, as I have done.

I wish you all a restful and sun-filled Easter break

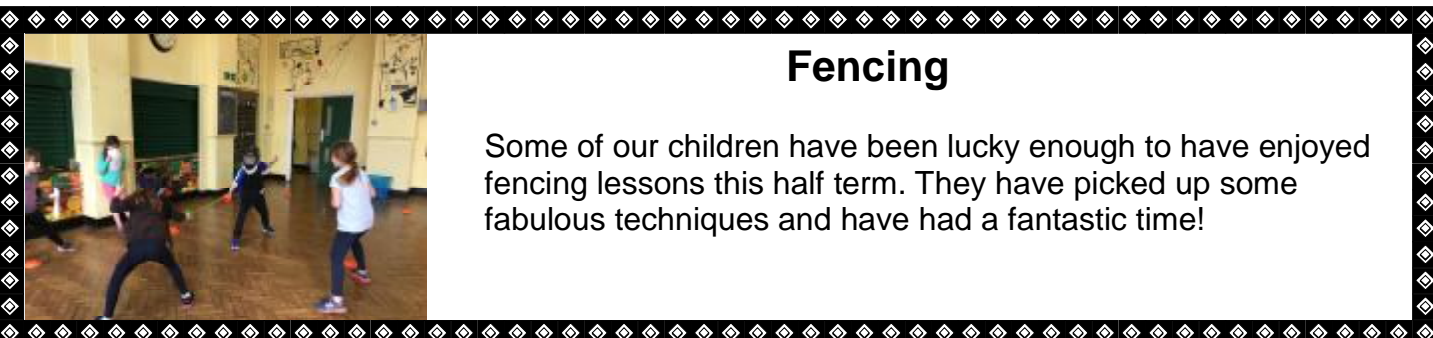
Best wishes

Maureen Duncan



Goodbye to the fabulous Maureen Duncan (our Executive Head Teacher). You have been our Guardian Angel since Christmas and have been an inspiration to all of us. You will be greatly missed!

From all the Staff at Chestnuts



Fencing

Some of our children have been lucky enough to have enjoyed fencing lessons this half term. They have picked up some fabulous techniques and have had a fantastic time!

Year 1 Class Visitors

MASSIVE

thank you to all the Year 1 parents who have so kindly and generously donated their time to come and speak to Purple and Red Classes about their jobs. We have also had a fantastic visit from some police officers who told the children about their work lives too.

This has all been part of our topic this half term which is "A Day in the Life" and we have had so much fun learning about different jobs that people do.



Violin, Clarinet & Trumpet Concerts

Our Year 4 children have made spectacular progress in learning an instrument. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the concerts recently.



We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If

you have any please put them in the box in our reception.

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to all the parents who have donated eggs to the Easter raffle.



Please check your child's clothing to see if they have brought the correct items home as a few coats have been mislaid recently. Also please make sure all clothes are clearly labelled

Illness

We have recently had a particularly nasty sickness bug going around school - mainly in KS1. Hopefully over this Easter break everyone who has been unwell will become fully recovered and we will all start our new term fit and healthy and raring to go!

REMINDER: 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

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.



Hi there

We would firstly like to say a massive Thank you to all the people who attended the PSA AGM on the 9th March. It was a fantastic outcome and we have BIG news!

There are 3 NEW and AMAZING chairs to the PSA. We decided that after 2 years it was time for a change, time for new blood and a fresh look so we are DELIGHTED to say that the new chairs are:

Jen Flavell, mum to Henry in yellow class and also a part-time supply teacher at Chestnuts

Ellie Livingstone, mum to Jimmy currently in purple class and mum of 2

Becky Hatch, mum to Peter, also in Purple class and works for Haringey Council

We know that they will be FANTASTIC chairs and look forward to all the events. Please continue to support them as we will.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS AGREED—£326.95 – Chicks and Caterpillars for the infants

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

BARN DANCE

Friday 12th May @ 5pm-8pm in the school playground

Come along for an afternoon of dosee-do, yeee-ha's!! BBQ and the Bar will be up and running. Tickets will be on sale after the Easter break

Please do get in touch if you would like to help on this event

OTHER DATES FOR DIARY:

PSA monthly Meeting: Thurs 27th April @ 7.30pm in the Parents room

Discuss new fundraising ideas and start chestival planning. All ideas welcomed

It's over and out from us now as PSA chairs...We would lastly like to say a THANK YOU for all your support over the years and we are very excited to be behind the new chairs with their next PSA adventure.

Keep in touch

Clare, Sonya and Becky

THANK YOU!

The outgoing chairs, Clare, Becky and Sonya were very successful at their job so there is a pot of money available for us to spend on our lovely school. Please come and find us if you see a need or have an idea. Bid forms can be down loaded from the PSA page and handed to reception.

At each meeting we will vote to approve funding bids. Here are the dates till the end of the year:

Summer term

Thursday April 27th

Thursday the 25th May (Chestival meeting)

Wednesday the 14th June

Saturday the 8th July Chestival!

We're really looking forward to getting stuck in and hopefully continue the success of the last chairs. See you at the Barn dance and HAPPY EASTER!

Ellie, Jen and Becky.



Class Assemblies

Cedar Class did a fantastic assembly all about the rainforests and encouraging us to be eco warriors and to protect our environment. The children did a marvellous letter to Donald Trump to tell him to stop poisoning the world.



Parents Comments:

Well done everyone—you SMASHED IT!! I love the dance, the song and especially the letter to Donald Trump—you really told him!

Brilliant assembly thank you! You looked like you really enjoyed yourselves nearly as much as we enjoyed watching it. Thank you.

So brilliant. What an excellent topic. Cedar class are going to save the planet! Beautifully done!

Well done! It's a very important topic and you explained it very well. We are proud of you!

Congratulations on your brilliant assembly. All the parents were so proud and close to tears when they sang "What a Wonderful World". What a wonderful teacher, class and world indeed!

Purple Class did a superb assembly on positive thinking to overcome problems. Their motto is now "I think I can, I know I can".

Parents Comments:

Thanks Purple Class for an entertaining and inspiring assembly.

Brilliant assembly Purple Class. Loved the dancing!

Purple Class what can I say, absolutely fantastic as usual, beautiful singing and fantastic dancing! Well done!

Lovely assembly—thank you so much. What a great message for them to take into Year 2.

Purple Class very good job. Well done!

What a brilliant assembly. Really motivating!



Green Class did a wonderful assembly this morning about growing and changing. They have shown us how much work they have done in doubling and writing the perfect sentence.

Parents Comments:

Well done Green Class! What a fantastic assembly—we are so proud of you. Every little thing is gonna be alright! Congrats!

Another brilliant assembly—it is great to see the children enjoying their assemblies and the way they've learnt through fun!

What a brilliant assembly. Sentence Kung Fu was my favourite part. Will be singing "Everything is going to be alright" for the rest of the day!

What a wonderful assembly—Green class and the teachers have worked very hard.

My favourite bits were when you all shouted out the parts of a sentence, and the songs! Well done!

Brilliant assembly! Loved to learn about your work looking at how plants grow. Your singing and dancing was wonderful!

We Loved it! You get better every time! You are brilliant butterflies!

