



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear families,

Another fortnight has passed, filled with more fun learning opportunities. Last week a dragon visited the school and created a huge mess in the hall! Just ask Bolt and Rashford classes about it!

We were so proud of our rugby teams and y3/4 football teams who represented the school excellently at tournaments. Thank you to the parents that helped.

I was also thrilled to be told that our Year 6's were excellent ambassadors for the school on their trip this week. They were praised for their excellent behaviour and interest in the topic. Well done year 6.

We are rapidly approaching the winter festivities. Please see all details on PSA events further down. We are really keen for a large number of entrants for our bake off. For those of you not familiar, this is an opportunity to show of your baking skills whilst raising money for the school! The judging panel are very particular and prizes are fab! Cakes need to be in school on the morning of Friday 8th December.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the PSA quiz next Friday. I know the staff team are ready!

Have a lovely weekend !

Mrs Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21st November 3.30pm - 4.30pm -
Children's Yoga Workshop

Thursday 23rd November 12.30pm -4.00pm -
Table Tennis Competition

Friday 24th November—Reception Cultural Day

Wednesday 29th November - Reception Trip to Little Angels Theatre

Thursday 30th November -Whole school flu vaccination

Monday 4th December - Y1 trip to Chicken shed Theatre

Tuesday 5th December 3.30pm -4.30pm -
Festive Cartoon Illustration (Y4 –6)

Tuesday 5th December—9.30am - 11.30am-
Rock steady Concert

Thursday 7th December 3.30pm—4.30pm—
Festive Children's Yoga (Y1—6)

Thursday 7th December 7– 8.30pm—
Festive wreath making (**ADULTS ONLY**)

Winter Show Dates :

EYFS Christmas show:

- 12.12.23— 9:30am
- 13.12.23—1:30pm

KS1 Christmas show:

- 14.12.23 - 2pm
- 15.12.23 -9.30am

Tuesday 19th December- Christmas parties in school

Wednesday 20th December -School finishes at **1:30pm**

Monday 8th January — Back to school

Tuesday 9th January - Back to Nursery

Nursery

The children made carrot juice this week.

We cut our own carrots using a knife and then we put our chopped carrots in the blender.



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Reception celebrated their first RE Day, Diwali! We learnt that Diwali is the festival of light. We heard how Hindus and Sikhs celebrate. We made diya candles using clay then painted them bright colours. We also made Diwali treats, learnt a dance and a song.



Donaldson

Reception have been practising using woodwork tools. So far we have used a bradawl and a screwdriver. Harvey the Carpenter (A wood-working beaver) has been sending us tools and wood. When we could demonstrate using the bradawl competently and safely, he sent us the screwdriver. We are looking forward to being sent more tools to learn how to use.



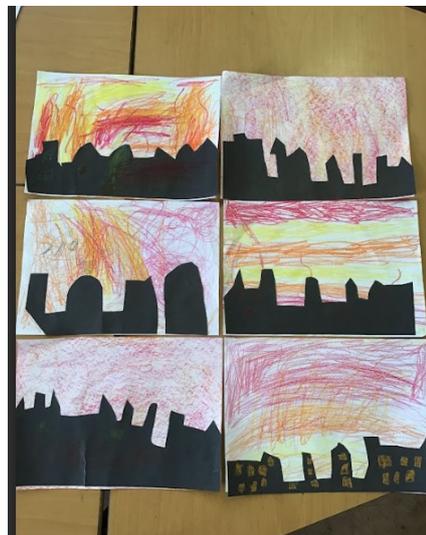
Mozart

Mozart class has had a creative week making non-fiction books about our ears. We first learnt key facts about our ears and gradually added information to our books.



Hadid

Hadid Class have been learning about World War II and made pictures of the 'Blitz'. They used crayons and silhouettes to show the London skyline.



Seacole

This week Seacole Class enjoyed using the cuisenaire rods to investigate number bonds on Maths Enrichment day. They used the practical resources to create number bonds and drew bar models to show what they had found out. They also used the cuisenaire rods and drew bar models to solve addition and subtraction word problems.



Rashford

On the 6th of November, Year 2 walked into a dangerous police investigation. They saw footprints leading to a nest with strange looking eggs in it. The classrooms were out of use as they had been destroyed by a creature. The children looked for clues in the classroom to see what creature it could have been. The children came to the conclusion that it must have been the dragon from 'The Dragon Sitter'.



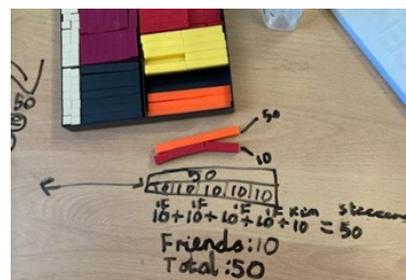
Benjamin

Here are pictures of Benjamin class performing sections of the Epic of Gilgamesh. We learnt about it in history as part of our study on the cradles of civilisations. The children loved the drama, adventures and lessons within it. Here you can see Jake hiding in fear and Naomi and Atlas begging the gods and goddesses for help.



Attenborough

Attenborough class investigated different ways of solving word problems using cuisenaire rods, bar models and abstract methods on our Maths enrichment day that is very popular amongst children. The children said it was challenging but fun and some of them learnt new strategies they will use in the future.



Fibonacci

Gandhi

Last week, year 4 went on a trip to Benjamin Franklin's house, which was near Trafalgar Square. Dr Benjamin Franklin was a scientist, diplomat, philosopher, inventor, Founding Father of the United States and more. We learnt about his history and about his interest in sound. We even got to play the glass armonica.



Pankhurst

Thompson

We have started a new book this term called Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick. It is set in a futuristic England where the sea levels have risen and claimed a lot of the land. A young girl is separated from her parents and must travel across the sea visiting islands in search of them. To engage and excite the children about this book, we set up a game in the hall using various pieces of equipment to represent 'islands' and played a modified version of 'the floor is lava' where the hall floor was the rising sea levels. The last children each round to get onto a piece of equipment were 'claimed by the sea' and were out. Year 5 had a lot of fun playing this and we ended up with 4 skillful winners!



Mandela

Malala

To start our History unit on the Anglo-Saxons, Year 6 visited Bury St. Edmunds, where we explored one of England's great archaeological sites. West Stow is the site of an early Anglo-Saxon village, occupied from 420-650CE, over 400 years before the Norman Conquest. In 1976, the *West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village Trust* was formally established to manage the site, at that stage there were only three reconstructed houses within the village. The first built replica house is now being used as an experiment - at over 50 years old - historians are watching how this building degrades over time



Chestnuts Tag Rugby Tournament and Festival



On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th, some Chestnuts Y5 and Y6 pupils took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament and Festival at New River Sport and Fitness. Tag Rugby is a great game based on the main principles of Rugby League football: passing and evasion. Our teams quickly picked up the rules and gameplay, had a lot of fun and made some new friends too!



Social Skills Trip

This term Miss Ashleigh's social skills group have had fun learning about the emergency services. They had a trip to the Tottenham fire station and Tottenham police station.

The children along with Miss Ashleigh and Ms Roberts have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the emergency services!

We had a surprise visit from the Dog Unit whilst visiting the Police Station!



ECO SCHOOLS



We have a new committee in place! The new committee has many new ideas. The children want to plant wildflowers, make bird feeders, fundraise for endangered animals and do litter picks in school, to list just a few ideas. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm. Our first job as a committee is to conduct an environmental review of the school and then we will highlight an area to focus on.



Chestnuts School Garden



Please bring us your bulbs!

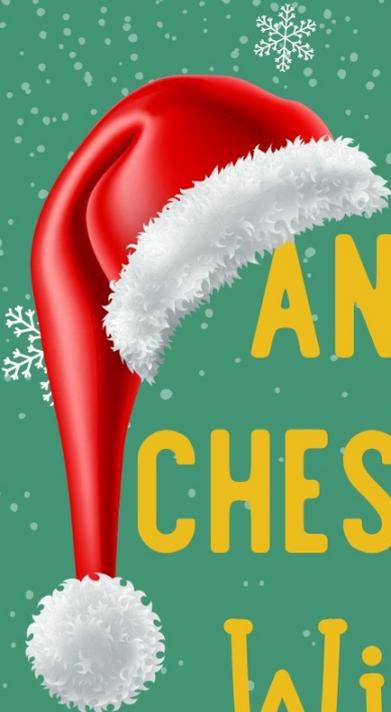
We would like to plant bulbs all around the school's outside areas for some beautiful Spring colour. If you have any spare, or would like to donate some, then we would happily receive them and plant them with the children. Bring any bulbs to the office and mark for the attention of Ms Mower. Thank you!

Gardening Volunteer Sessions

These are **every Tuesday after drop off**. Everyone welcome!



Exciting
Times!



ANNOUNCING CHESTNUTS PSA WinterFest

10 days of amazing
festive events for the
whole Chestnuts
Community!



Starts Friday 1st Dec



CHESTNUTS PSA

WINTER FEST!

EVENTS calendar

Non Uniform Day

Friday 1st December

Bring Chocolate to school to participate - proceeds go towards tombola at Winter Fayre!

Chestnuts Mail Service

W/C Mon 4th December



Use the school post box to send Xmas cards to your friends! Delivered by the school elf!

Parent/Carer Present Room

W/C Mon 4th December



Buy a surprise gift for your parent or carer for them to open on Xmas day!

Kids Festive Cartoon Illustration Workshop

5th Dec 3.30-4.30 pm

Kids Festive Yoga Workshop

7th Dec, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Adults Festive Wreath-Making Workshop

7th Dec, 7pm, £20 min donation. Wine & nibbles included

Winter Bake Off Comp

Fri 8th, 9am cake drop off

Winter Fayre!

Sun 10th Dec 11:00am - 3pm



FAQ About the Events

The non-uniform day is open to the whole school. We ask the children to bring in sweets or chocolate to participate, which goes towards the tombola at the winter fair. Children can come in festive attire or regular clothes.

Chestnut's Xmas Mail service! There is a red post box in both the infants and junior hall. Post Xmas cards to your classmates, and the Chestnuts Secret Elf will deliver to your desks before school. *Teachers will send out a list of all kids via the class WhatsApp*



Parent/Carer Present Room! It gives children a chance to buy a surprise gift for a parent or carer to open on Xmas day! Gifts are £5 pre-paid for on Parent Pay, and children get to go to the 'school shop' and select a gift.

Adults Festive Wreath-Making Workshop. You will create a beautiful wreath made from fresh and dried seasonal foliage to adorn your home, with drinks and nibbles included. All foliage is foraged or donated locally by independent florists. Places are limited—£ 20 minimum donation.





FAQ About the Events Cont

Winter Bake Off Competition is your chance to show off your or your child's baking skills and wow us with your showstoppers! Cakes will be judged on Friday morning, with winners in various categories announced at lunchtime. All cakes are sold at the Winter Fair in the tea and cake room, so we must have as many as possible. Remember, no cream and no nuts!

Winter Fair! – Winter Fest week culminates in the Winter Fair on 10th December. It's a fun-filled day with food, drink, games, arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, the FAMOUS Santa's Grotto, and much more!



We also have outside stalls selling various wares, so it's an excellent chance to get some Xmas presents or treat yourself!

There will be live music and the FIRST-EVER live performance from the CHESTNUTS CHOIR!

Santa's Grotto tickets are available to book on parent pay and must be pre-booked. Children will meet Santa, have a picture and get a gift!



FAQ About the Events Cont

The Winter Fair is a token system; tokens can be exchanged for cash or a card at the door. The bar and food area will also have card machines.

We ask for a donation entry.

The outside sellers will NOT take tokens but will have card machines and cash options.

Tickets for all Workshops, Parent Present Room and Santa's Grotto are all available on Parent Pay now.

Remember: Santa's Grotto tickets must be booked in advance.

As always, this is only possible with the Chestnuts School Community volunteering to help. Please sign up to volunteer for the winter fair using this link volunteersignup.org/K9APA

For more information or further questions contact: chestnutsprimarypsa@gmail.com



CHESTNUTS BAKE OFF COMPETITION

DROP CAKES FOR JUDGING BY 9AM,
FRI 8TH DECEMBER
WINNERS ANNOUNCED 12PM, SAME
DAY
CAKES WILL BE SOLD AT WINTER
FAIR!

NO NUTS OR CREAM



Winkworth



DON'T MISS IT!

CHESTNUTS PRIMARY WINTER FAIR

SUNDAY 10TH DEC, 11-3PM

LA ROSE LANE, N15 3AS



FOOD

BAR

SANTA'S GROTTO

FUN GAMES
FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

ART, CRAFT, JEWELLERY,
CERAMIC, AND GIFT
STALLS



LIVE MUSIC

TOMBOLA

BUNGEE RUN

RAFFLE

BOUNCY CASTLE

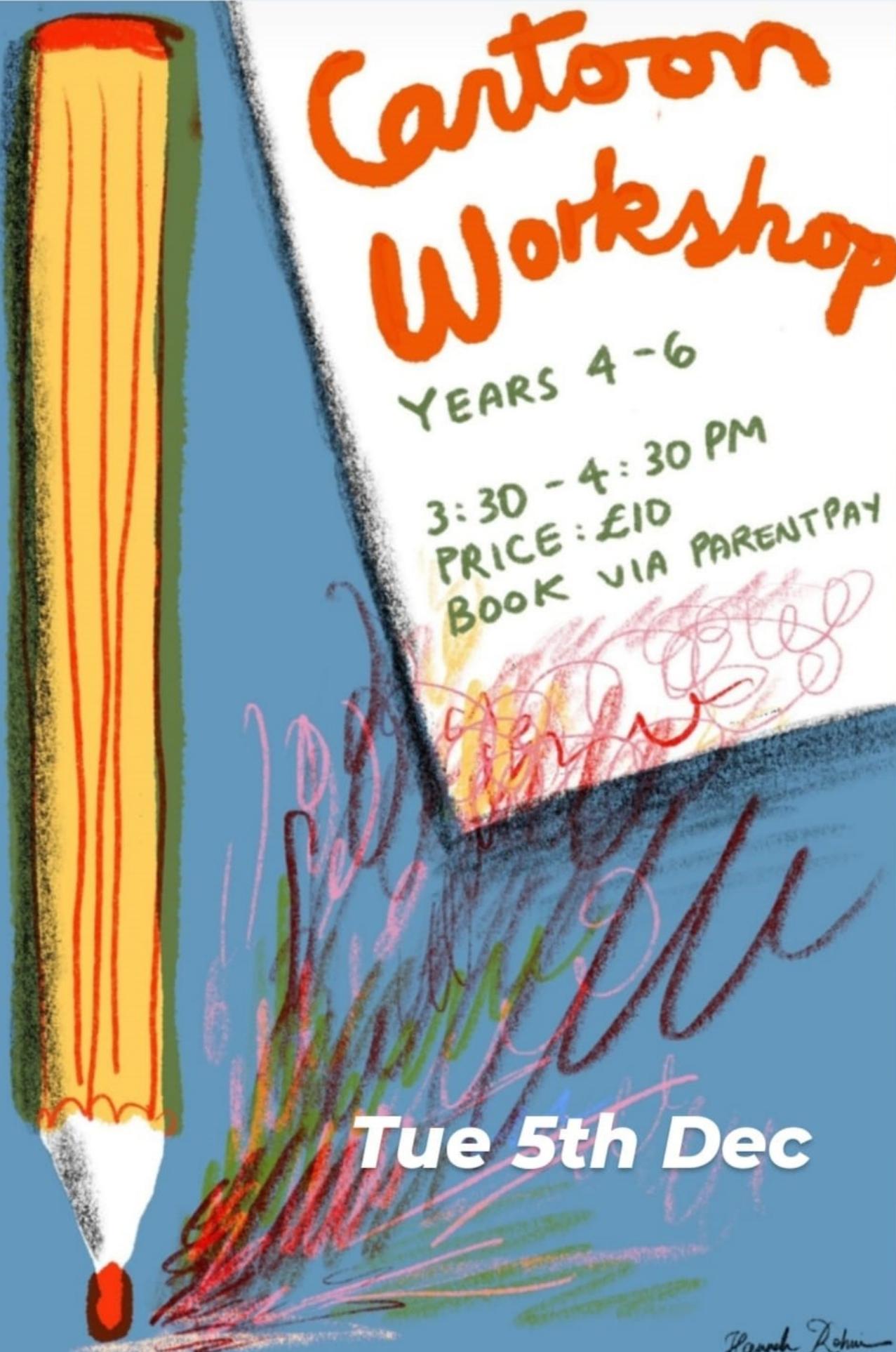
AND LOADS MORE!



ENTRY IS DONATION

FAIR TOKENS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR





Cartoon Workshop

YEARS 4-6

3:30 - 4:30 PM

PRICE: £10

BOOK VIA PARENTPAY

Tue 5th Dec

Ranish John

The Natural Craft

A festive wreath made of evergreen branches and red berries hanging against a dark, textured background. The wreath is the central focus, with its branches extending across the frame. The background is a dark, mottled grey with some horizontal lines, possibly a wall or a backdrop.

Festive Wreath Making

Thur 7th Dec

7-8:30pm

£20 minimum pay as you feel

*all funds raised goes to the school & our children

Book via Parentpay

Martha's Children's Yoga Workshop

Come and join in and have some fun learning gentle yoga poses, breath work and creative mindfulness techniques, yoga games, music and ending in relaxation.



Thursday 7th December

3.30-4.30pm

Price £7- Book via Parentpay

All ages welcome

Instagram

@marthaschildrensyoga

