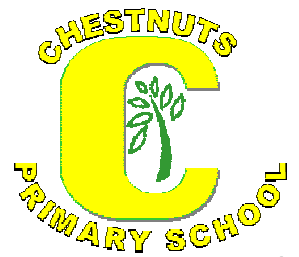


# Chestnuts Primary Newsletter



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to all of the parents. Carers and children who baked a cake for our cake sale. All proceeds are going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Also well done to all the children who dressed up for book week—they all looked amazing! I am also very proud that at last I won the competition amongst the adults for the best costume! It has only taken me 12 years!

Have a lovely weekend

Cal Shaw  
(Head Teacher)



## Junior Parents Evening

**Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th  
October**

Please check your child's book bag for the appointment letter for Parents Evening and return it to your class teacher as soon as possible.

This is for children in KS2 only.

There will also be a book sale on these evenings.



## Reception and Year 2 Parents

Please check your in box for a Tapestry email.

The on-line journals are now open for you to access.

## REMINDER

Please remember to bring your child's PE and swimming kit to school every week. It is important that they are able to take part in these lessons as they are a compulsory part of our curriculum.



## International Evening Thursday 20th October

International Evening is a fantastic evening of dance and music from all over the world. Tickets are now available for £4 per family so don't miss out on the opportunity to come along to this amazing event!

**Please remember to bring a dish with you to share on the night.**



# Book Week 2016



Thank you to all the children and staff who went to such great efforts to prepare dressing up costumes for our dress-up day. Although we could only choose 5 winners, there were many, many fantastic costumes and a great range of characters. Well done!

We had some wonderful guests into school across the week, and we hope all the children enjoyed and benefitted from their presentations and activities, which included:

- Poet Paul Lyalls creating fun poetry with children throughout the school
- Visits to St Ann's Library
- Writer and former CBBC Producer sharing tales of bringing Tracy Beaker to TV, working Nixie magic with Years 2&3 and sharing books with Nursery, Reception and Year 1
- Our Pet Author Karen McCombie and illustrator Spike Gerrell inspiring some wonderful illustrated stories with Year 4
- A dramatic Shakespeare story-telling session for Year 5
- Chitra Soundar sharing Indian stories with Infants
- Karen McCombie inspiring Year 6s to write about wartime evacuation and
- A wonderful presentation by Piers Torday including the launch of his book There May Be A Castle on publication day!

## Book Sales

Children enjoyed the opportunity buy books form of our guests during their visits. We have a few copies of books left from all our visitors, which will be available between on Tuesday and Wednesday in the school entrance from 3-5PM. For these Parents' Evenings, we will also have our £2 book trolley, which gives you the chance to reward your children with a book bargain, while also helping the school maintain library and class library stocks.

Books by all our guest authors are available in the school library

**Piers Torday** will be having a special Book Shop Launch Party at Pickled Pepper Books in Crouch End on Sunday (9th October). This will be a great opportunity to meet the author in the surroundings of a lovely bookshop which has helped us with our Book Week. Check out [pickledpepperbooks.co.uk](http://pickledpepperbooks.co.uk) for more details.



# A note from our 'Pet Author'

Viva Book Week!

Once again, it was lovey to be part of the AWESOME Book Week at Chestnuts, organised by the passionate-about-reading Mrs Efthymiou.

And – as someone who does lots of school visits up and down the country – I have to say that the children of Chestnuts are ENORMOUSLY lucky... so few primary school have a dedicated librarian, and access to as many authors, illustrators and poets.

And Book Week, of course, highlights reading for pleasure. Everyone knows there's stacks of research that proves how good reading for pleasure is for you, but don't forget, that means ALL types of reading. So whether your child likes chunky novels or quick reads, fantasy or laugh-out-funny, beloved picture books or graphic novels, it's all good!

Happy reading,  
Karen McCombie  
Chestnuts' Pet Author



## Gardening Day

**Saturday 15th October  
10.00am—2.00pm**

Please come along and help us sort out our garden for winter. We are desperate for help so if you have a free morning on Saturday 15th October please come along (with any gardening tools you have) and help us sort it out!

Lunch will be provided and there will also be fun activities to keep the children entertained.



## Saturday Morning Music Centre



If your child would like to learn an instrument the Haringey Music Service runs a Saturday morning club at Gladesmore

Community School from 9.00am until 1.00pm every Saturday.

Your child can learn to sing and to play an instrument with regular public performances to put all their hard work into practice.

The cost is just £35.00 per term.

To find out more please contact Haringey Music Service (HMS) The School House Inderwick Road London N8 9JF  
Tel: 020 8489 8960  
Email: [hms@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:hms@haringey.gov.uk)

# Term Dates 2016/17

## Autumn Term

First Half	Wed 7th September	Friday 21st October
Holiday	Monday 24th October	Friday 28th October
Second Half	Monday 31st October	Wed 21st December

## 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.*



# TERM DATES