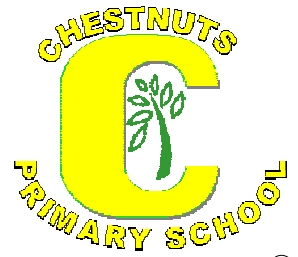


# Chestnuts Primary Newsletter



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 the parents and carers who came to International Evening—it was a fantastic evening and there was a lot of really lovely food which we all enjoyed. A big thank you also to Ms Marianna who worked so hard organising the marvellous entertainment.

I think we are all ready for the half term so have a lovely break and I will see you all back at school on Monday 31st October.

Cal Shaw  
(Head Teacher)



## Inclusion Week

Week beginning 7th November

During this week we will be discussing and celebrating different types of families and addressing issues surrounding gender stereotypes.

Please keep an eye on your newsletter as more information about the types of activities we will

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★ **RETURN OF MARY TO THE OFFICE** ★

★ We are very pleased to let you know that our Office Manager, Mary Sutherland, is returning to work after the half term after a long period of illness. ★

★ We are extremely pleased to welcome her back as we have all missed her! ★

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## Spare Wellies

Please have a check around you house this holiday and see if you have any spare wellington boots which you could donate to our nursery.

The children are desperate to splash around in puddles now that the weather has changed.



Have a lovely half term break.

We will see you all again on Monday 31st October at 8.55am

Hello and welcome!

We would firstly like to say a massive thanks to all the parents and carers who joined us in the Salisbury Pub for the social evening last month. Fun was had by all and lots of cheese consumed! Keep an eye out for more social evenings in the new year. We hope to be organising a Quiz night and a Barn Dance too.



Our last PSA meeting was also a great success it was lovely to see some new faces with fresh ideas regarding funding, winter fair and future events. Thank you all that came.

We would like to draw your attention to the PSA Noticeboard that is situated by the school gates. This will be updated regularly with all important dates, current funding applications, meeting minutes and ways to contact the PSA

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARY:**

**Christmas jumper day:**

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

*Wear your Christmas jumper to school for the price of some chocolate!*



**Christmas Bake off**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

*Do your best Paul Hollywood or Mary Berry Christmas themed show-stopper cakes. Judging will be in assembly by a surprise guest!*



**Winter Fair:**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec from 12.30pm-3.30pm

*Come and meet Santa, buy some treats, eat mince pies and drink some mulled wine to get into the Christmas spirit!*



**PSA monthly Meeting:**

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm in The Salisbury Pub

*Discuss new fundraising ideas and finalise winter fair planning. All Welcome.*

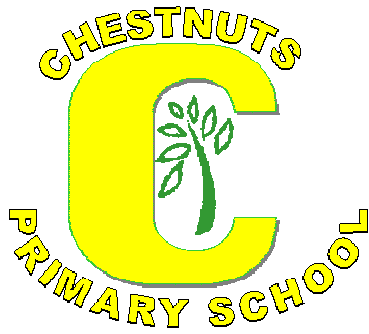
**Clare, Sonya and Becky**

Co-chairs

**MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

We are very pleased to let you know that we have raised **£365** towards Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you to everyone who made, brought and ate a cake in this week



# A Message from the Governors

## Update on Head Teacher Recruitment

Over this last half term the Governing Body has been working hard on the recruitment of our new Head Teacher. With advice from our HR service, we have had discussions on the profile of the individual we want to recruit, the recruitment timetable we will work to and the advert and application pack that will need to be produced.

Our timetable is to run an advert in early January, with a selection day planned for mid/late-January. We hope to be able to make an offer by the Head Teacher resignation date of 31 January, so that the new Head Teacher can take up their post at the start of the Summer term.

In the meantime, we want to hear from parents, staff and children on the vision for the future of the school and the ideal profile of our new Head Teacher. We will therefore be seeking your views in the next half term. I will be in touch with further details on this in the next few weeks.

Since Cal is leaving at Christmas, the recruitment timetable means that we will be without a Head Teacher for the Spring term. An additional complicating factor is that Beth Stickland, one of our two Deputy Head Teachers, has decided to take a break from teaching and will also be leaving Chestnuts at Christmas.

The Governing Body has therefore also been working on an interim plan for the leadership of the school for the Spring term. We are delighted that Carole Newton, our other Deputy Head Teacher, has agreed to act as the Head of School for the Spring term. She will be supported on a part time basis by an experienced Executive Head from another Haringey school; we will announce further details on this soon. Carole will also be supported by Sandy McNicholl, a very experienced and long serving member of our teaching team. Sandy will be released from Sequoia class for two days a week to act as a Deputy Head to help with the leadership duties. Cal will be in touch with parents of Sequoia class soon regarding the arrangements to cover the two days when Sandy is out of class.

I will of course keep you updated on any further news on the recruitment process and the interim leadership plan.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Beth for her ten years of service to Chestnuts; she will be greatly missed by the school.

Hugh Merritt  
Chair of the Governing Body