



Chestnuts Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Malala Class Oracle Bones

Last year, as part of their topic on the Shang Dynasty, Malala Class made their own oracle bones (dragon bones). Ancient Chinese priests would carve messages or questions on them and burn holes in them. The bones would crack and then the priests would interpret the cracks as answers to their questions. Here are some of their oracle bones:



Food Bank Collection

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all our parents and carers who donated items to the food bank. We had a fantastic response and counted over 300 items collected and we filled our snack shop with all the goodies!



Volunteer Readers

It is very difficult for some of our families to read with their children either because of time restraints or language barriers. Thus we are looking for volunteers to come into the school and read with our children.

As a reading volunteer you will play a vital role in nurturing children to be the best they can be. By reading with them you will give the children more confidence and help develop their self-esteem.

If you would like to give children, who otherwise may not get enough regular encouragement and support, a better chance to "read, grow and succeed" please email our Senco. Pat Man: senco@chestnutsprimary.com

Please be aware that we are looking for people to make a **regular** commitment so that they can form a bond with the children they read with. Please only get in touch if you can give a few hours **every week**. We will give you full training and we will also arrange for you to have a DBS check.

Dear Parent and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the Spring Term. This term is often the shortest yet busiest term of the year.

I hope you all had a fantastic break and managed to get some rest. We were very excited this week to welcome Alan McDonald and Sarah McIntyre into school to talk about being authors and illustrators. Thank you to Miss Efthymiou for organising these events.

I have made sure that our calendar on the school website is as up to date for this term as possible so please check for your child's class assembly.

I look forward to seeing you all soon,

Mrs Horwood

Holiday Play Scheme

Please be aware that we are now taking bookings for Holiday Play Scheme from Monday 12th February to Monday 19th February. If you would like a place please fill in the application form and return it to Louise in the office. Application forms are available on the website or from the school office.

Please note that as a response to feedback regarding the additional TAD day after the half term we are offering an extra day of Holiday Play Scheme on Monday 19th February. If you require child care on this day please fill out a holiday play scheme application form.

Updated Information

Please make sure you return your updated information form to the school office so that we can make sure all the contact details are correct.

Dates for your diary



- Tues Jan 16th
Early Years Reading Workshop
9:10am–10:00am
- Tues 23rd Jan
Anti Bullying workshops for Years 5 & 6
- Wed 24th Jan
Parents of Adoptive children meeting 9:00am
- Wed 24th Jan
Early Years Maths Workshop
9:10am–10:00am
- Tues 30th Jan
Early Year Writing Workshop
9:10am–10:00am
- Wed 7th Feb
Early Years Learning Log Workshop
9:10am–10:00am

Early Years Workshops

We are offering workshops on reading, writing and maths to all our parents in the Reception classes. These workshops are aimed at giving parents information on how to help your child at home. If you are interested in any of these workshops please come along on the day.

If any nursery parents would like to come they are also welcome.

Art Week

Just before we broke up for Christmas the whole school took part in Art Week. The children were split into their houses and given free range to create their house representation of a tree in different mediums. It was great to see the mix in year groups as they all worked together to plan and create their pieces.



Here are the fabulous pictures created by the children:

