



Chestnuts Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

We have had yet another busy week. Book Week was a great success with the children dressing up in some fantastic and well thought out costumes. We had three brilliant authors who came to share their latest books with us, along with our fantastic Pet Author Karen McCombie.

We have also celebrated Hinduism in our RE day and children and parents brought in some gorgeous Indian sweets which I had the pleasure of sampling. A big thank you to everyone to participated – it was great!

Next week some of our Year 6 pupils are off on the PGL Residential trip. We know they will have an amazing time!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood

Damage to School

As you know we have been experiencing some strong winds recently. I am afraid as a result we have suffered some damage to windows in our upper KS2 hall. As a result we have had to close the back playground due to health and safety concerns. The council have been round to assess the damage and they will be sending builders round this week to make the windows safe. Until the window is made safe the children will be unable to use the back playground.

Year 6 Performance

Stand Up, Speak Out – a Year 6 Drama performance on Gender Equality

This term, the year 6 students have been taking part in drama workshops looking at what it is like to be a boy or a girl. They have devised a performance piece which will be shown to our year 6 parents on Tuesday 26th March at 3pm.

Dates for your diary



- **Monday 18th March**
– Y6's off to PGL Residential Trip
- **Tuesday 19th March**
– Seacole Parent Lunch at 12.30pm
- **Tuesday 26th March**
– Y6 Drama Performance at 3pm
- **Tuesday 26th March**
– Bolt Class Parent Lunch 12.30pm
- **Wednesday 27th March**
– Fibonacci Class Assembly
- **Thursday 28th March**
– Nursery Open Day– 4-5pm
- **Friday 29th March**
– Nursery Open Day 9-10am
- **Friday 29th March**
– Parent Consultation Day (School closed)
- **Thursday 25th April**
– Y1–Y6 Relationship Education Meeting at 9am

School Spider Login Details For Parent Consultation Meetings

This week all parents should have received an email from School Spider which informs you of your password to log into the school website. This can be done on the home page at the top through the button called Parent Login. This is to enable you to login to book your meeting with your child's teacher for Parent Consultation Day.

You will be able to book your meeting from Monday 18th March at 10am by logging on to School Spider on the website.

If you have NOT received an email from School Spider please come to the school office as soon as possible with your email address and we will activate your account.

Parent School Association

Here at Chestnuts we have a fantastic PSA who raise essential money for our school which we use to buy resources or pay for marvellous school trips amongst many other things.

The PSA are always looking for more volunteers from all members of our community so if you have a few hours you could donate please contact our PSA on: **chestnutsprimarypsa@gmail.com**. The welcome is always warm.

Internet Safety App

<https://ourpact.com/>

This is an app that parents can download that allows them to control their child's internet usage...essentially they can set times that their child can access wifi/4g on their phones, and they can do it remotely so the child has no control over it.

It also shows them what apps the child downloads too.

The Young Artists' Summer Show

This is an opportunity for all artists to have their work exhibited online and at the Royal Academy.

Students from KS2 (to KS5) can submit up to three pieces of art for consideration. A panel of artists, art experts and curators will judge the works and the selected artworks will be shown in an online exhibition and an exhibition at the RA.

If you would like your child to enter their work, forms will be available at your parent consultation meeting or you can register online at **roy.ac/youngartists**. Also please talk to Ms Potter (Malala Class Teacher) if you require more information.

PSHE Relationship Education

This school year, we have been implementing the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Programme across our school called 'Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE'.

The lessons since September have built children's emotional literacy, self-esteem and knowledge of who they are and how they relate to each other and the world in a positive and healthy way. We are sure you will have heard about the Jigsaw Friends and Calm Me time.

The Summer Term Puzzles (units) are about Relationships (unit 1) and Changing Me (unit 2).

As the materials are new and original, we warmly invite you to attend a session, held by Jigsaw, at school in which we will give you a transparent and comprehensive picture of what we are planning to teach in which year groups.

Please come along to a meeting on Thursday 25th April at 9am and see the material for yourself.

Cross Country Runners

We are very proud of our talented cross country runners who competed in the Haringey Championships at New River. They all ran fantastically and put in a great effort. Well done to Jasmine who came 13th out of 137 runners!



RE Day Looking at Hinduism

We had an extremely interesting time celebrating Hinduism for our RE day. We had Bollywood Dancers and parents/carers/children brought in some totally mouth-watering sweets which we tasted in a special assembly. Here are some photos of your marvellous culinary creations. Thank you all very much.



Book Week & World Book Day

Last week was World Book Day and our Book Week here at Chestnuts.

Thank you to all the families who supported their children to dress, either as characters, people or objects in keeping with our factual books theme.



Our assembly from Andy Seed showed children the many stages of developing a book ready for printing, and Andy went on to share some clever activities, including word games.



Spike Gerrell had a great day drawing for the children and getting them to draw curious football players – animals, dinosaurs and even robots!



Our Pet Author, Karen McCombie, talked about how she uses factual books for research to write her fictional books, including her current book *Little Bird Flies*. Children worked with Karen to put their wishes onto bird templates – what wonderful wishes they had!



Mrs Efthymiou still has a few copies of books from our visiting authors if any children wish to buy by 20th March.



Please note the World Book Day Tokens are valid until 31st March – if you've not yet helped your child to use theirs to get a free book, please get to a book supplier before they run out of stock!

So many of our children made a real effort with their costumes – here are but a few:

