

Chestnut Lane School

NOVEMBER 2017

We are having a busy half term leading up to the Christmas break. I will look forward to seeing many of you at the Open Morning and Christmas Fayre.

Mrs C Plimsaul

EVENTS

Friendship Open Morning	24 Nov
Christmas Fayre	26 Nov
Christmas Postcard Sale	30 Nov
Chesham Bois Christmas Tree Decorating	8 Dec
Little Chestnuts Christmas Moring	11 Dec
Christmas Production	12 -14 Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	15 Dec
Christmas Lunch	15 Dec
Tea in a Box	19 Dec
School Closes at 2.05pm	19 Dec

Christmas is coming

YEAR 1 LOCAL WALK

Orange and Silver class children enjoyed a frosty walk on Friday (17 December) looking at all the different types of homes and local features.

They will be using this information to build their own homes out of cardboard in class.



FRIENDSHIP WEEK

20 -24 November is our Friendship week. It is when we focus on the positive message of friendship and will be running a variety of events with the children throughout the week.

Open morning Friday 24 November

You are invited to join us in the morning between 9 and 11 to see the children's displays and join in the activities.

VISIT FROM THE MAYOR

Monday 27 November

The Mayor, Mr Morgan, and Mr Catanach from the Town Council will be joining our assembly to

present us with our RHS 'Highly Commended' certificate for our involvement with Amersham in Bloom.

MINI BEASTS

All the children have been involved in building a new habitat for mini beasts to shelter this winter. Please ask your children to show you the new minibeast hotel (opposite Woodlands Nursery).



Please see our website for all event information: <http://chestnutlane.bucks.sch.uk>

CLESA



Fireworks

Thank you to everyone involved in making the Family Fireworks such a success. It is a great fundraiser and as always, it was a fabulous display.

We are delighted with the orders for calendars and Christmas cards. They will be coming home via bookbags in due course.

The next CLESA event is the **Christmas Fayre – 26 November.**

Thank you for all the donations received on mufti day that will go towards a festive event.

Donations will continue to be gratefully received including money tree envelopes and raffle ticket purchases.

Future events:

Tea in a Box:
Tuesday, 19 December
Family Fun Night & Elangeni Disco:
Saturday, 3rd March

Christmas activities

Christmas Postcards 30 November

The Environment Club will be selling recycled Christmas postcards again this year. The children will be running the sale in the hall on the morning of Thursday 30 December before drop off. Packs of 10 postcards cost 50p and all the money raised will be going to a charity of the children's choosing.



Christmas Card Boxes 4 December

The boxes for Christmas cards will be placed in the main building from Monday 4 December. Please help the children to include surnames on their envelopes as we have duplicate names in some classes.

Chesham Bois Christmas Tree Decorating 8 December



The children have been invited to sing at the Christmas Tree decorating ceremony at the War Memorial on 8 December at 4pm. We will be making decorations in school as well as learning a carol. I hope you will be able to take your child/ren to join in with this local festive activity.

Christmas Production – Children of the World

Our Christmas play will be on **Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 December** this year.

To keep to acceptable levels of safety in our hall we will be allocating two tickets per family. You will receive a ticket request form in the bookbags on 22 November (which will so be emailed). Tickets will then be allocated and returned via the bookbags. Please note that siblings are welcome to come on Tuesday 12 December.



Little Chestnuts are hosting a separate Christmas morning on Monday, 11 December and parents will receive more information in due course.

School Christmas Lunch 15 December

Dolce are providing a Christmas lunch for the children on 15 December. The menu will be on Live-Kitchen within the next couple of weeks. If you would like your child to have the lunch please ensure you order it well in advance.

Christmas Jumper Day 15 December

We invite all the children to join the staff in wearing a Christmas jumper on 15 December. If they would like to bring in a donation towards the charity 'Save the Children' they are welcome to do so.

For your information

Traffic and parking

You will have recently received an email about the traffic calming measures we are supporting here at Chestnut Lane School. Please help us by parking appropriately and walking to school if you can.

Please remember that the school drive is not a public right of way and our car park is for staff - parents should not be using it to drop off children.

Similarly Elangeni has also asked us to remind parents that their car park is for staff only.

Little Chestnuts Nursery

We are accepting applications for children to join in January, 2018. If you would like more information please talk to Suzanna Owen in the office.



Headbands, ribbons and clips

We have been seeing some entertaining headwear in school. Although it can be fun it is also distracting in class therefore children should only wear appropriate, simple red or black headbands, ribbons or clips at school.

Languages heard or spoken at home

Thank you to the many parents who have checked and/or updated their details via the Data Collection Sheet sent home recently. One area causing some confusion is 'home language'. We are asked by the government to track all the languages children hear or use at home.

We keep information on all the languages but unfortunately the 'home language box' only shows one. If you have any further queries regarding this area please speak to Suzanna Owen in the office.