

Chestnut Lane School

NOVEMBER 2018

With very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Mrs Gemma Rehal

EVENTS

Christmas Postcard Sale	29 Nov
Year 1 Mop End School Trip	30 Nov
Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly	3 Dec
Flu Vaccinations Reception, Yr1 & Yr 2	5 Dec
Chesham Bois Christmas Tree Decorating	7 Dec
Little Chestnuts Christmas Morning	11 Dec
Christmas Play	12-14 Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	14 Dec
Christmas Lunch	14 Dec
Tea in a Box	19 Dec
School Closes at 2.05pm	19 Dec
School Starts at 8.40am	3 Jan

Countdown to Christmas

Thank you to all the Year 2 parents who attended the Harvest Greeting Card sale on Friday 2 November to raise money for local food banks. The sale raised a brilliant £60 which was very much appreciated.



Thank you too to all of the parents in the school who donated food items for the Year 2 children to take along to Amersham Free Church. They had a very interesting morning and received lots of compliments on their impeccable behaviour.

Once again, our Friendship Week and Open Morning were a great success. It was lovely to see so many parents in school sharing activities with the children. The children have shared lots of positive ideas about what makes a good friend and have had opportunities to join in with one another playing cooperative games.



Year 1 Trip to Mop End
Year 1 are looking forward to their year group trip to Mop End on Friday (30 November). They will be participating in practical activities to support their learning about seasonal changes. We have our fingers crossed for dry weather!

Radio Christmas

The children in key stage 1 will be visited tomorrow in assembly by organisers from Radio Christmas. Tune in to listen to some of our Year 2 pupils on Radio Christmas between 12-1pm on Wednesday 5 December. (For further information please visit <https://www.radiochristmas.co.uk>)



How are we spending our School Fund?

The School Fund contains both voluntary contributions and money raised from class cake sales.

On 19 November all classes enjoyed our Bollywood dance workshop. It was lovely to see the children listening to and following instructions so closely, showing enthusiasm and curiosity throughout. The day ended with an opportunity for the whole school (including the staff!) to dance together and show off their new skills.



During the Reception classes visit to the local postbox all children were able to send some mail home. We hope that you all enjoyed receiving them! The postage costs were covered by School Fund.

On the afternoon of Monday 3 December Quantum Theatre will be in school to perform their school-based pantomime 'The Nutcracker and the Mouse King'. This will conclude a very festive day in school as all children will be participating in the decoration of the hall Christmas tree in the morning. Due to the duration, this performance will be for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Christmas Activities



Christmas Postcards 29 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 29 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 Monday 3 December

The boxes for children to send Christmas cards to one another will be placed in the main building from Monday 3 December. Please help the children to include surnames on their envelopes as we have duplicate names in some classes.

Chesham Bois Christmas Tree Decorating Friday 7 December

The children have been invited to sing at the Christmas Tree decorating ceremony at the War Memorial on 7 December at 4pm. We will be making decorations in school as well as learning a festive song. I hope you will be able to take your child/ren to join in with this local festive activity.



School Christmas Lunch Friday 14 December

Dolce are providing a Christmas lunch for the children on 14 December. The menu is now available on Live-Kitchen so if you would like your child to have the lunch please ensure you order it well in advance.

Christmas Jumper Day 14 December



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
We invite all the children to join the staff in wearing a Christmas jumper on 14 December. If they would like to bring in a donation towards the charity 'Save the Children' they are welcome to do so.

CLESA



Thank you to all those parents who made donations to the CLESA Christmas Fayre and/or attended this special event on Sunday. It was lovely to see so many people getting into the festive spirit! Your continued support with CLESA events is highly appreciated.

We are delighted with the orders for calendars and Christmas cards. They look fabulous and went home in bookbags last week. If you ordered a mug please do go to the school office to pick it up.

The next CLESA events are:-

Tea in a Box: Wednesday 19 December

Family Fun Night & Elangeni Disco: Saturday 2 March

Christmas Production – Angel Express

Our Christmas play will be on **Wednesday 12 to Friday 14 December** this year. Please note that siblings are welcome to come on Wednesday 12 December.

To keep to acceptable levels of safety in our hall we will be allocating two tickets per family. Please return ticket request forms to the office as soon as possible as we will be sending out the first allocation of tickets via the bookbags this week. We hope to offer additional tickets in due course.



Little Chestnuts Christmas Morning



Little Chestnuts are hosting a separate Christmas morning on Tuesday 11 December from 9-10am. If your child does not usually attend for the Tuesday morning session, you are still very welcome to come along.

Christmas Holidays

School closes on Wednesday 19 December at 2.05pm. School returns on 3 January at 8.40am.

Merry
Christmas



Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with the Poppy Appeal. We raised an impressive £184.27.

Cake Sale

Thank you for supporting Red Class cake sale. They raised a total of £93.10. Silver class will be holding the next Cake Sale on 25 January.



Important Reminder

All children should have a named coat in school every day and as the weather is getting colder named hats and gloves may also be required. Please ensure all your child/ren's belongings (including shoes) are clearly labelled.