

Chestnut Lane School

OCTOBER 2018

It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into new routines this half term.

It has also been a pleasure to meet so many new families who have joined us. I hope you all enjoy a restful half term break.

Mrs Gemma Rehal

EVENTS

Parent Consultations	16 Oct
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Tea in a Box	19 Oct
School Closes at 3.05pm	19 Oct
Inset Days	29 Oct 30 Oct
School Opens at 8.40am	31 Oct
Year 2 Harvest Event	2 Nov
Family Firework Night	3 Nov
Non-Uniform Day (CLESA)	9 Nov
Friendship Week Open Morning	16 Nov
Red Class Cake Sale	16 Nov
Esafety Parent Workshop	22 Nov
Christmas Fair	25 Nov

Our First Half Term

The first half term of the school year has gone very quickly and the children enjoyed our first topic 'Stop, Look, Listen'. Work from this topic can currently be seen displayed in the entrance area, library and school hall.

Within Key Stage One classrooms they have had a great time exploring the new Chromebooks, funded by CLESA, which are now in place and being used throughout the curriculum.

We have begun our intensive teaching sessions across Reception and Years 1 and 2, providing sessions within the week where the children work in smaller groups, with larger numbers of adults to support their learning. This provides us with the opportunity to facilitate learning within the core subjects in an even more targeted way. It is great to see

how the children respond and continue to develop their learning behaviours.

World Mental Health Day
On Wednesday 10 October we marked World Mental Health day in school by carrying out some mindfulness and calming activities with the children. We aim to continue this work throughout the year alongside developing their behaviours for learning.



Year 2 Harvest Event

Year 2 will be holding a Harvest greeting card sale on Friday 2 November for year 2 parents at 2.30pm to raise

money for a local food bank. Further information about this is to follow.

Friendship Week Open Morning

Monday 12 November marks the start of Friendship Week within school where we will focus on what makes a good friend as well as social skills such as turn-taking and team work.

On Friday 16 November we would like to invite all parents to attend an Open Morning at school to find out about what we have been doing. This will begin at 9.00am and there will therefore be no read-in on this Friday.



How are we spending our School Fund?

Thank you for all the donations we have received so far.

This half term the Nursery children have loved making jelly and exploring its properties, as well as using it within their play. Reception staff had a junk modelling day for the children where they were able to construct imaginative models.

Year 1 children took part in a cooking and nutrition session where they decorated biscuits based on safety signs and Year 2 have printed their own Harvest greeting cards in preparation for their event at the beginning of November.

We have also booked Bollywood dancing workshops for all children on Monday 19 November to complement the Diwali celebrations which will be starting after half term. The School Fund has made all of these special activities possible.



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

Please Note

Recycling our unused ICT equipment

Due to a number of upgrades with our technology within school over the past years, we have a store of unused ICT equipment which we would like to recycle. We will be offering equipment such as printers, monitors, keyboards etc. to staff, parents and governors in return for a small donation to the School Fund. If any parents are interested once the items have been checked over I will let you know which date in November the equipment will be available to view and collect.

E-safety Workshop for Parents



We will be holding a Parent workshop on E-safety and how to keep your children safe online on Thursday 22 November at 7.00pm. Further information about this is to follow.

Phonics based Read-in **Letters and Sounds**

On Friday 23 November during our read-in slot (8.40-9.00am) we will be sharing with parents Phonics activities which the children have been taking part in during their Phonics lessons. This is a great way to see how we approach the teaching of Phonics within school and give you some ideas on how to continue to support learning at home.

Poppy Appeal

Year 1 and 2 have worked on a Poppy Appeal "Design a Wreath" competition in support of the British Legion Poppy Appeal. This will be displayed within the Eden Centre, High Wycombe from Monday 5 - Sunday 11 November.



Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to parents who have already made a voluntary donation towards the School Fund. We use this to enhance your child/ren's educational experiences. This year visitors will be coming into school with their specialist skills and knowledge to provide fun learning opportunities as well as purchasing additional resources for the classrooms. If you would like to make a contribution we can accept cash, cheque or direct payment into the School's bank account. Please come to the office for further details.

Parking

The very limited parking on the school site is for school staff, as well as disabled and emergency access only. Parents and visitors must park on the roads around the school, but please be considerate to our neighbours when parking and avoid parking on the pavements or across driveways including blocking the school gates.

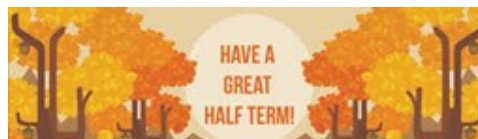
Cake Sale

Thank you for supporting Green Class cake sale. They raised a total of £110.70. Red Class will be holding the next Cake Sale on 16 November.



Half Term

School closes this coming Friday 19 October at 3.05pm. We have two inset days on 29 & 30 October so children return on Wednesday 31 October at 8.40am.



CLESA



CLESA are currently very busy organising lots of different activities.

Watch out for your child/ren's Christmas Card proofs which will be sent home in book bags this week. Please check carefully your child's name and class details and make a note of any amendments in the space provided on the form.

The CLESA School Planners are also in production. Order forms need to be returned to the school office by 2 November.



Tickets are now on sale for the CLESA Family Fireworks. This is the biggest family friendly display in Amersham. Please return your orders to the School Office. If you are able to help out on the night please let CLESA know.

The next CLESA events are:-
Tea in the Box 19 October
Family Fireworks Night 3 November
Mufti-Day (for donations) 9 November
Christmas Fair 25 November