

Chestnut Lane School

SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome to my
first newsletter.

I hope you have all
had a wonderful
Summer.

Mrs Gemma Rehal

EVENTS

CLESA New Parents Evening at 7.30pm	19 Sep
Individual School Photos	5 Oct
Green Class Cake Sale	5 Oct
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
Friendship Week Open Morning	16 Nov
Red Class Cake Sale	16 Nov
Christmas Fair	25 Nov

Welcome Back



Welcome back to the new school year, and a particularly warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us. I am pleased to report that the roofing maintenance work went mostly to plan over the summer break and the children and teachers are now all settled into their new classrooms. The topic meetings are well underway and I hope that they will provide you with helpful information about the routines and timetables for your child's year group.

We are looking forward to the year ahead. The staff have already discussed preparations for special events such as Art days, visitors into school and off-site trips.

We are also keen to offer parent workshops throughout the year to update you all about the initiatives which take place within the classrooms and the ways we engage your children in learning. If I haven't already, I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks.

Assessments

During these first few weeks in school the children and staff have been working very hard on assessments. These are carried out in an informal way, usually one-to-one or within small groups. These are a vital part of the transition to new classes so that the staff can get to know the children well, and in turn plan for their individual next steps accordingly. As Key Stage One parents will have

seen the outcome of the reading assessments will be shared with you on Friday 21 September.

Harvest Event



There will be a Harvest Event on 2 November. More information will follow shortly.

Parent Consultations

This autumn term's consultations for all classes will take place on 16 (5.30-9.00pm) and 18 October (6.30-9.00pm). More information regarding booking a time will follow.



How are we spending our PE Grant?

Football coaches at lunchtime

We have an exciting new addition to our lunchtime activities as a First Touch Football coach is joining us for a couple of lunches a week to facilitate football on the playground. This is not an additional club but an opportunity for all children on the playground to engage with some football activities if they wish. This is just one of the opportunities funded through the school's PE and sport premium.



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

Please Note

View notes in Bookbags / Head Bumps

Although we aim to send most of our communications via ParentMail sometimes the school staff will send messages home via the children's book bags, particularly about minor First Aid incidents. Please can I encourage all parents to look in their child's book bag each day to ensure that these important notes are not missed.

Keep Logs in Good Condition (No Stickers Please)

This year we have had to search far and wide to find new Learning Log folders for the Key Stage One children and so we are very keen to preserve their condition. With this in mind we have named them in a slightly different way to previously and we would ask that the children refrain from sticking any stickers onto them, as these are very hard to remove for the following year.

School Photos

Individual pupil photographs will be taking place on 5 October. Siblings will be automatically paired up for a joint photo.

Pre-school children can be photographed with their siblings if you wish. Please come to school altogether at 8.15am on the day. You will be given a numbered ticket and photographs will be taken on a first come first served basis.

In addition please watch out for the photo of our new Forest and Hive Classes which will be appearing in the Bucks Examiner on 8 or 15 October.

What is a Read-in?

Read-ins are held on Friday mornings from 8.40 – 9.00am in the classrooms. These are an opportunity for parents to join their child in their classrooms to share a book, and look at the children's work displays around the classroom. Over the year we plan to evolve these sessions to share with you activities that the children have enjoyed throughout the week, such as in Phonics and Maths. If you have more than one child in the school siblings can join each other, in the same classroom, during this time.



Pupil Premium

If you receive benefits such as income support or child tax credit you may be entitled to register for Pupil Premium.

The school receives an additional £1,300 for each pupil registered. This valuable funding is spent directly on benefits for the pupil. If you think you may be eligible please talk to Mrs Owen in the school office.

Respect the Neighbours when Coming and Going

As many of you are aware our neighbours' gardens back onto our school grounds, particularly down the school drive. We know that the children are often excited as they travel to and from school but please can we remind families to be respectful of the neighbours as they come and go.

Cake Sale

Green Class will be holding our next Cake Sale on 5 October.



For your information

ParentMail

We are delighted to see that 72% of families have now signed up to the new ParentMail App. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to ensure you receive emails from us.

Everyone has been sent a registration email from ParentMail but if you have not received yours please check your 'junk' folder and let Suzanna and Sarah in the office know of any problems.

School's Website

Please visit our website to see the information about forthcoming events in the diary dates section. You will also find details about term dates, club times and dates as well as the organisers' contact details, copies of letters sent home, class topics and governor details.
<http://chestnutlane.bucks.sch.uk>

CLESA

The PTA, also known as CLESA (Chestnut Lane & Elangeni Schools Association) are holding a New Parents Evening tonight (19 September) at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to come and see what CLESA is all about.

CLESA have raised an amazing £28,768 this year. Thank you for all your hard work and support.

The next events are:-

Tea in the Box 19 October

Family Fireworks Night 3 November

Christmas Fair 25 November

