

# CLESA NEWSLETTER

May 2022



## Happy Summer Term!

*From Sophie Fillmore & Nicola Woodward*

We hope everyone had a restful and fun Easter Break and are recharged for the final term of the school year. It was great to see lots of families participate in our Easter Trail Challenges and thank you for all the positive feedback – we are glad to hear the children had lots of fun completing the trails! We also held our first coffee morning since before lockdown and it was lovely to meet new parents as well as catch up with some familiar faces.

We are now busy preparing the Summer Fair and our theme this year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have lots of stalls planned to include 'special effects', tombola, lucky dip, human fruit machine, 'splat the rat', arts & crafts and inflatables including an obstacle course, slide & bouncy castle. 'Reptiles Etc' will be visiting with a free display of bugs, reptiles and amphibians and an opportunity for children to have a 'hands-on' experience – if they want to! Local butchers, Mayo Brothers, will be doing a BBQ & you will be able to buy their quality homemade hot dogs and burgers. A bar will also be available selling refreshments.

The Summer Camp Out team are also hard at working organizing this year's event to be held on Saturday 9 July and will be at the Amersham Rugby Club. Tickets will be limited and sold on a first come, first served basis. It's a great opportunity to have fun with school friends and make new ones! There will be a BBQ, campfire with marshmallows and a light breakfast in the morning. If you have never experienced camping before this is a great opportunity to try it!

Information about how to buy tickets for both events will be emailed via Parentmail shortly.



Did you know CLESA is on facebook? Join our private group to find out information on our news, events and our other fundraising initiatives by searching for [Chestnut Lane and Elangeni PTA!](#)

## CLESA Shopping Gift Card Scheme

*New organizer needed*

We are looking for a new organizer to take over from Trudie Holt, who is stepping down after 4 years of running the CLESA shopping gift card scheme. This is a key fundraiser for CLESA & raises thousands of pounds in commission each year.

The role entails checking gift cards that are uploaded remotely each month, as well as ordering new gift cards on an ad-hoc basis. Also, promoting the scheme to encourage new parents to sign up. There will be a handover period and lots of support given.

To find out more about what is involved, please get in touch with Trudie by emailing [clesagiftcard@gmail.com](mailto:clesagiftcard@gmail.com).

## Dates for the diary

Mufti Day – Friday 20 May

Summer Fair – Saturday 18 June

Summer Campout – Saturday 9 /  
Sunday 10 July

Sausage Sizzle and Tea in a Box –  
Wednesday 20 July

# CLESA Spend

*How your fundraising efforts have been used over the last term...*

Chestnut Lane have now installed all the interactive IT screens, which have been a key investment by the school this year and the Early Years children have been enjoying using these on a regular basis.

Chestnut Lane also completed the second stage of their library audit and purchased further library books (additional to those purchased last term) based on the audit recommendations.

Elangeni School have used CLESA funds to purchase new playground equipment including footballs, tennis balls, hula hoops and gonge spinning tops. The playground equipment is available for all pupils to use every lunchtime and is widely used by lots of children.

Elangeni also bought a portable speaker and accessories. In addition, the school used CLESA funds to pay for further workshops. Coding workshops were held for all years from 3 to 6, Year 5's attended a bath bomb making workshop and Year 6's had a chocolate making workshop. These workshops, run by external experts, are always popular with pupils and help reinforce and bring learning in the classroom to life.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND MAKING THESE PURCHASES POSSIBLE - PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES NOT COVERED BY SCHOOL FUNDING AND ENRICHING OUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING EXPERIENCE!**



*Playground equipment for Elangeni*



*Interactive IT screens for Early Years*



*New library books for Chestnut Lane*



*Coding Workshops for Years 3 to 6*

*Do you shop regularly online? Have you signed up to AmazonSmile or Easyfundraising? It's really easy – takes a couple of minutes to register and every time you shop you can raise money for CLESA at no cost to you!*

*To sign up, go to AmazonSmile and [Easyfundraising](#) and search for Chestnut Lane & Elangeni Schools.*