

Chestnut Lane School

NOVEMBER 2019

We are fast approaching the festive season and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Mrs Gemma Rehal

EVENTS

CLESA Christmas Fayre	1 Dec
12-3pm	
Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly	2 Dec
Christmas Postcard Sale	5 Dec
Chesham Bois Christmas Tree Decorating	6 Dec
Christmas Card Boxes Out	9 Dec
Christmas Play	12 Dec
Christmas Play (Siblings)	13 Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	13 Dec
Christmas Lunch	13 Dec
Little Chestnuts Christmas Morning	16 Dec
Christmas Play (Siblings)	17 Dec
Tea in a Box	19 Dec
School Closes at 2.05pm	19 Dec
School Starts at 8.40am	7 Jan



Last week we celebrated a very special anniversary week in school and I hope that parents will join me in thanking the children and staff for all of their hard work. It was wonderful to see so many families join us at our ChestnutFest event.



It has been lovely to hear so many wonderful comments **about the children's creativity**, enthusiasm and engagement in learning all about the past 50 years. We hope that it is a memory that will stay with the children long into the future.

The visits we have received from ex-pupils of Chestnut Lane School have been thoroughly enjoyed by the children. A wide range of life experiences have been covered from musicians, trainee vets, engineering, television production, scientists to the

Fab at 50

Mayor. We hope that the children have been inspired to be ambitious about their futures.



The celebrations were made extra special by receiving donations from local charities and companies. We were lucky enough to have monetary donations from Amersham & Chesham Lions Club and Rotary in Amersham Club. These will pay towards the cost of supplying all pupils with a celebratory woven badge following our badge design competition.



Tesco supplied a daffodil bulb for every child and these have been planted throughout the school grounds.



These golden flower beds have only been possible **due to Mrs Tyler's creativity** and dedication, helped by the Year 2 Environment Club. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work.

We have also been very lucky to receive the gift of a Golden Beech tree from Amersham in Bloom.



Mr Steve Catanach came along to school last Friday to plant the tree in the quad area and some of the children helped him to do so. We look forward to seeing the tree change throughout the seasons, from light green leaves in Spring to golden yellow leaves in the Autumn. We have also been pleased to be able to re-home some of the shrubs from the leisure centre redevelopment site in Amersham.



Christmas Activities

Christmas Postcards 5 December

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 5 December before drop off. Packs of 10 postcards cost 50p. This year the children have voted to donate the money raised to the Roald Dahl nurses for sick children.

Christmas Card Boxes Monday 9 December

The boxes for children to send Christmas cards to one another will be placed in the main building from Monday 9 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 6 December



The children have been invited to sing at the Christmas Tree decorating ceremony at the War Memorial on 6 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 13 December

Dolce are providing a Christmas lunch for the children on 13 December. The menu is now available on School-Grid so if you would like your child to have the lunch please ensure you order it well in advance.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13 December



We invite all the children to join the staff in wearing a Christmas jumper on 13 December. If they would like to bring in a donation towards the charity 'Save the Children' they are welcome to do so.

Christmas Production: Lights, Camel, Action!

Our Christmas play will be taking place on Thursday 12, Friday 13 and Tuesday 17 December this year. Please note that siblings are welcome to come on Tuesday 17 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 (on a first come first served basis) in due course.

Little Chestnuts Christmas Morning



Little Chestnuts are hosting a separate Christmas morning on Monday 16 December from 9-10am. If your child does not usually attend for the Monday morning session, you are still very welcome to come along.

Christmas Holidays

School closes on Thursday 19 December at 2.05pm.

School returns on Tuesday 7 January at 8.40am.



We would like to say a huge thank you to the parent community for their kind and generous gift to the staff to help us celebrate the festive season. Your warm gesture is greatly appreciated.

Important Reminders

Named Coats, Hats, Gloves etc.

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.



Bikes & Scooters

We are very pleased that we have so many active pupils who ride their bikes and scooters to school. Please can we remind everyone that when moving around the school site bikes and scooters should be restricted to the scooter lane on the driveway only, and that they should not be ridden within the quad area. This also includes siblings. We have had a few incidents of children being knocked into/over emphasising the importance of keeping pedestrians and bikes and scooters separate.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with the Poppy Appeal. We raised an impressive £179.74.

Cake Sale

Thank you for supporting the Red class cake sale. They raised a total of £115.94.



Silver class will be holding the next cake sale on 24 January.

Extracurricular Clubs

Next week (week commencing 2 December) will be **the last week of this term's clubs, with the exception of Tennis** (which will finish on Tuesday 10 December to make up for a lost session).



For the next Spring term we will be offering Playball to children in Reception. Please look out for all the club flyers which will be emailed to parents in the coming weeks.

CLESA



Thank you to all those parents who made donations to the CLESA Christmas Fayre. We are busy making preparations for this event. Please remember to buy your raffle tickets which were recently sent home in bookbags (more will be available on the day).

We would also be grateful for any cake or mince pie donations (please either bring to Chestnut Lane School on Friday afternoon or ideally on Sunday morning).

Finally please remember to bring your wallets for our Christmas market and hampers which are looking fabulous and will make the perfect Christmas gift.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Fayre & Market is coming ...
Save the date: Sunday 1st December 12-3pm.

We are delighted with the orders for calendars. They look great and went home in bookbags last week.

The next Tea in a Box will be taking place on Thursday 19 December. Please return orders by Friday 6 December



The next CLESA events are:-

Christmas Fayre: Sunday 1 December
Tea in a Box: Thursday 19 December
Family Fun Night & Elangeni Disco: 29 February