

Chestnut Lane School

MARCH 2020

In these particularly challenging times I would personally like to thank parents for their patience, support and understanding. We are experiencing unpredictable challenges, but the collective spirit and togetherness of the whole school community remains truly exemplary. We continue to ask families to stay safe during this period, and look after each other.

Mrs Gemma Rehal

EVENTS

All events have been postponed until further notice.

Spring Term Newsletter

This afternoon we closed the school to the majority of our pupils, in line with the government guidance. We will be sending home learning challenges to all parents which we hope will be helpful in continuing to support your child's learning at home. We have asked that all parents who fall into the specified key workers group contact us immediately so that we can make provisions, as necessary, to ensure that the school remains available for your children come Monday.

Book Week

All of the children and staff enjoyed a fun-filled World Book Week and it was great to see everybody joining in with the events. As always, a particularly special moment was seeing the joy on the children's faces as they were greeted by their friends and school staff dressed as their favourite book characters. It was also lovely to see the



children sharing their favourite books with others. They

were able to speak confidently about their choices and demonstrated some brilliant reading skills!

Our second-hand book sale, run by Year 1, raised £60.42 and this has been donated to the Federation of Children's Book Groups. All classes took part in a drama workshop based on the 'Rainbow Fish' book and this was also thoroughly enjoyed by all.



We would like to thank all of our families for their contributions to making the week a great success!

Science Week

We also enjoyed Science Week with the children. The Professor Bubbleworks workshops excited the children with their intriguing experiments, allowing opportunities for the children



to get involved with the demonstrations.

Across the school we have engaged in lots of practical experiments, including a whole school investigation which took place to answer the question 'How can we collect water?'



50th Anniversary Celebration Badges

Following the badge design competition that we ran as part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations we invited all visitors to our 'ChestnutFest' event to vote for their favourite design. The School Council helped me count all of the votes and we announced the winner in a Well Done assembly. We are pleased to share that these badges have now arrived in school and will be coming home in book bags as soon as is possible. We welcome parents sewing the woven badges onto the children's school jumpers or cardigans should they wish to do so.

Please Note

Household-isolation Update

As you will now know if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. This guidance applies to everyone, including those children who are vulnerable and whose parents fall into the key workers group. We have been supporting the children in school by ensuring their understanding of thorough hand hygiene, and we hope that the children will have shared their certificates with you!

Feedback about our Hot Meals offer in school

During the Summer term of last year, we invited parents to give us feedback on our offer of fruit and yoghurt only after the children's main meals. At the time the only responses we received were in favour of this decision. Throughout this term I have received some further feedback from parents regarding the hot meals menu offered in school. Therefore, I would like to give all parents from across the school the opportunity to share their thoughts about the offer so that feedback from all can be reviewed and decisions taken for the future. If you have thoughts that you would like to be considered, please email these to the school office.

Statutory Relationships & Health Education

From September 2020 the new curriculum for relationships and health education will be mandatory for all primary schools. Work has already begun within school to prepare for this including developing our policy and carefully planning progression within our curriculum from Early Years to Year 2. We will be consulting with parents in due course and aim to share resources with you which we hope will be useful in supporting the curriculum aims at home. Further information for parents can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Due to the current circumstances we will not be sending out information about extra-curricular clubs for the summer term until we have further information on the situation. In order to keep your children occupied at this difficult time, some clubs (Youth Moves & Create) will be offering private online classes for their current club members which may potentially be rolled out in the summer term. Further details will be provided in due course.

Class Photos

Class photos are due to take place on Tuesday 5 May. We will of course update on this as necessary.

School Fund

The School Fund is used to supplement the school budget to enhance the children's educational experiences. We rely on contributions to ensure we can provide these additional resources.

Due to data protection regulations, we have only emailed parents who have agreed to receive this type of communication. Therefore if you would like to receive this and other relevant marketing communications e.g. clubs and other third party information please contact the school office.



Orange Class Cake Sale

The recent Orange Class cake sale made a lovely profit of £116.70.

Thank you for all your kindness and support at this challenging time.

Sending all families our warmest wishes this Easter.



CLESA

Family fun night was a huge success! Thanks to Mr Oscar for providing the entertainment—much fun was had by all and a fabulous profit of over £1,500 was made!



Thank you to everyone that helped on the day and all those that came and supported the event.

Due to the current circumstances, Tea in a Box has been cancelled this term and all future events have been put on hold until further notice.

