



Chestnuts Primary School

NEWSLETTER

14 February 2020

Dear Families,

We have made it to half term! It has been really busy and full of events, activities and school trips as well as windy weather. I think we are all ready for a break.

I am sorry for any inconvenience the building works will have next term but I am extremely pleased that finally we can have our roof fixed.

Please take note of the new Intercom access codes to the exterior doors of the building.

Have a wonderful, restful break and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Horwood

Building Works at School

As you may be aware we have some issues with leaks in our school roof. We are very pleased to let you know that over the holidays work will begin on fixing our problems. Unfortunately we will have to have scaffolding up in both the front and back playgrounds and it will remain there for the foreseeable future. This will mean that there will be some reorganisation of where the children play at break times and obviously please supervise your children before and after school.

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property at the moment. Please make sure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that if they are lost it is clear where we need to return them. Any clothes not collected by half term will be donated to charity

Dates for your diary



- **Monday 24th February – Back to School**
- **Wednesday 26th February – Thompson Class Assembly 9am**
- **Monday 2nd March – Start of Book Week**
- **Tuesday 3rd March - Reception Trip to Discover Storytelling Centre**
- **Wednesday 4th March – Authors Stewart Foster visits KS2 and Jane Porter visits KS1**
- **Thursday 5th March - World Book Day so come in wearing pyjamas or onesies**
- **Friday 6th March - Bolt Class Assembly**
- **Friday 13th March – SEND Coffee Morning 9am**
- **Friday 20th March – Adoptive Parents Coffee Morning**
- **Monday 23rd March – Rock Steady Concert 2.30-3.15pm**
- **Tuesday 24th March – Concert for Music Tuition Students 3.45-4.45pm**
- **Wednesday 25th March – Y1 to London Transport Museum**
- **Monday 30th March - Rock Steady Concert 2.30-3.15pm**
- **Tuesday 31st March – Parents Evening**
- **Wednesday 1st April – Parents Evening**

Intercom Codes into School

From the beginning of next half term we will be changing the numbers you need to ring to get into the school. Each area has a number and then you press the green bell sign. The new numbers will be as follows:

School Office: Press 1

Nursery: Press 2

Breakfast Club: Press 3

Holiday Play Scheme: Press 3

After School Club: Press 4

Kitchen: Press 5

Please remember to press the number you require and then the green bell sign.

Please note we can not open the door unless you have pressed the bell.

REMINDER

Chestnuts Knit Night

Our marvellous parents are organising a Knit Night for anyone who would like to meet up with other knitters, learn new techniques or learn to knit from scratch. If you are interested please come along to our first Knit Night on Wednesday 26th February at the Brou's Cellar (Brouhaha, 501 Green Lanes, N4.)

All knitting levels welcome - we are happy to teach you.

If you have any questions call **0790 3014567** (Amelia & Anja)

Running at School

We are very pleased to let you know that in order to promote physical exercise here at school we are inviting parents and children to come to Chestnuts Park for a morning walk/jog/run. This will take place before school on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.30am. Parents can then escort their children to school to line up in the usual way. Everyone is welcome to come along and participate. Please note that children will remain the responsibility of their accompanying adult.

REMINDER

Paying by Pay Point

Over the next few months we will be phasing out our use of Pay Point as a means of paying for school activities as we have found that very few people use this service. This is the bar code at the bottom of letters which allows you to pay by cash in your local shop. However, if you would still like to pay by Pay Point you can still come into the school office and request a barcode and we will provide one.

Gardening Day

Saturday 7th March

Save the date for our next School Gardening Day - Saturday 7th of March from 10am to 1pm. It will be a fun day so please come along and help us to reinvigorate our school garden.

If anyone has succulent plants or outdoor paint to donate please get in touch with the school main reception or with nadja.strittmatter@gmail.com. Thanks!

Entry to Holiday Play Scheme

If your child is attending Holiday Play Scheme please make sure you drop off and collect through the main school entrance as we are having a lot of scaffolding being delivered through our usual Play Scheme entrance.

Term Dates 2020-2021

Term dates for 2020-2021 are now available under the Parent Section of the website: www.chestnutsprimary.com

Library News

This week we were lucky enough to be visited by our Pet Author, Karen McCombie. She has set the children a competition which is very exciting! Please see across for more details.

Don't forget World Book Day is Thursday 5th March. We will celebrate it as a *Reading in Bed Day* - so children will be invited to come in wearing pyjamas or onesies - and we will be sharing stories throughout the school. On Wednesday 4th, we will have visits from author Stewart Foster for Key Stage 2 Children and Jane Porter who is an author/illustrator for Early Years and Key Stage 1 children. Further details will follow, along with a World Book Day token for children to buy their own book with.

Ms Efthymiou
School Librarian



Memory Story Competition

When I visited Chestnuts this week, I explained that my granny was the inspiration for the character of Bridie in my two 'Little Bird' novels. And then there was my lovely old neighbour Alice who told me stories of her life as an evacuee, which I used in WW2 novel 'Catching Falling Stars'.

There are SO many interesting stories in people's ordinary lives. Dramatic stories, funny stories, or just stories that show how different people's childhoods were growing up in different times, or even different countries.

So here's a challenge for you; why not ask your grandmother what her childhood was like? Or maybe your grandad has a great story about their schooldays. Carers, mums, dads, elderly neighbours or family friends... they all have stories they could tell you, I'm sure!

Write their memory as a short piece of fiction or non-fiction. Or even just draw and annotate a scene from their childhood!

Get your entries to Mrs Efthymiou by World Book Day (5th March), and I'll announce the winner at an assembly the following week! (And yes, there WILL be a prize!)

Karen McCombie
Chestnuts Pet Author

Term Dates

Spring Term 2020

First Half	Tuesday 7th January 2020	Friday 14th February 2020
Half Term	Monday 17th February 2020	Friday 21st February 2020
Second Half	Monday 24th February 2020	Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 2020

First Half	Monday 20th April 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020
Half Term	Monday 25th May 2020	Friday 29th May 2020
Second Half	Tuesday 2nd June 2020	Friday 17th July 2020 2:00pm

Change of Bank Holiday to Friday 8th May for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day (it was originally Monday 4th May)

We return after the Summer Holidays on Thursday 3rd September 2020