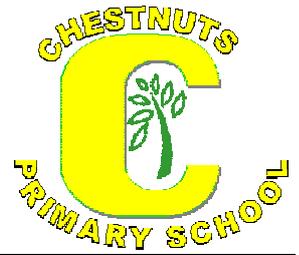


Chestnuts Primary Newsletter



Founder Member of the Green Lanes Co-Operative Trust (www.greenlanescooperativetrust.com)

Dear Parents,

We have done some fantastic things here at school this week. We have had a wonderful hat parade where the efforts made by the children to produce a maths hat have been amazing! Palm class also did some filming for Greenpeace and got to wear gas masks! Check out the newsletter for pictures.

Half term is finally here so everyone please enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 20th February.

Ms Duncan & Ms Newton
Executive Head Teacher & Acting Head Teacher

Reception Gingerbread Sale



A big thank you to all the parents and carers for their support for the Reception gingerbread sale. We are very pleased to let you know

we made a nett profit of £74.00 which is £37.00 for each class. The children have selected toys for the classrooms which they would like to buy with the money.



Green class have gone for superhero capes and fairy toys and Blue Class have gone for superhero capes and a marble run.

After School Activity Clubs

Next term we will be making changes to the way we organise and receive money for Activity After School Clubs.

We will continue to limit clubs to a maximum of two per child to ensure that all our pupils have a fair chance of attending a club for the term. We will start registration on the first day back of school Monday 20th Feb, where forms can be collected and handed in at the school office. Please indicate your four choices in order of preference (1-4). No money will be needed at this point as we will only be charging parents whose child has been successful in getting a place. The last day of registration will be on Wednesday 22nd Feb, names will be drawn out of a hat to make sure places are fairly distributed among the pupils, and parents will receive notification of your designated clubs via text message by Friday 24th Feb.

As a change to our systems all clubs will now have to be paid through ParentPay. Please ensure that you have your account setup and ready to go before Wednesday 22nd Feb (please come to the office for help in setting up your account, where we will distribute usernames and passwords) so that we can allocate payment to your account. Unfortunately if we cannot bill your ParentPay account your child's club place will have to go to another child on our long waiting list.

MATHS HAT PARADE

What fantastic hats we had for the hat parade! Well done to everyone who took part!
Here are some of the pictures:



Class Assemblies

We have enjoyed two excellent assemblies. In KS1 Orange Class looked at people of the past including Martin Luther King, Pablo Picasso and Florence Nightingale.

Parents Comments:

Brilliant assembly orange class, what a great dance routine!

That was the coolest dance I have ever seen! Loved it!

Great learning you've been doing & an amazing dance!

That was amazing. Well done Orange class. Loved the dance and the song.



In KS2 Oak Class looked at South Africa and the problems of Apartheid. They also looked at the different types of light as well as covering internet safety.

Parents' Comments:

Excellent improvisation guys. I loved the whole assembly.

Awesome assembly hopefully I can watch it again and again.

Great as always.

Well done Oak Class. Assembly was super, funny and informative. You are great as a team. Thank you.



Palm Class Fight Pollution

Last Friday, Palm Class took part in an advert for Greenpeace to promote the harm that diesel cars are doing to our environment locally.

You may have read in the National press, that 360 inner London schools experience air quality below legal limits. This is due mainly to the toxic fumes emitted by diesel cars. To highlight this the children played as normal in the playground but wore gas masks to emphasise the problem and as a warning that this might be the way we play in the future!



ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE



This week we have launched an anti-bullying initiative throughout the school. We began with a whole school assembly to help our children understand how people feel when they are bullied and to remind them that the important word is 'Tell'. We want all of our children to feel safe and valued whilst they are at school and we want them to feel that they can tell us if they feel bullied or if they witness bullying. We have felt the need to launch this initiative because over recent weeks, we have become aware of some general unpleasantness and unfriendliness in the playground. We are hoping that with regular sessions on this theme taught throughout the next half term, we will be able to improve relationships and empower our children to 'tell' if they see someone unhappy, isolated or being treated unpleasantly. We are also going to divide the playground into zones again and have staff specifically allocated to these zones. This should allow staff to intervene promptly to dissipate any unpleasantness. We would be very grateful if you could support us in this anti-bullying initiative by reinforcing this message at home.

Years 5 & 6 Robogals!

Some of our Year 5 & 6 girls had the fantastic opportunity of visiting the Imperial College London, South Kensington to take part in a Robogals workshop. The aim of the workshop was to promote female enrolment in science, engineering and technology courses and to show girls that such courses can be fun and interesting.

