

Website

Please be aware that all our forms for Breakfast Club, After School Club, etc are now available to complete on line – please check out our website at www.chestnutsprimary.com

Y1 Transport Museum Visit

Year 1 had a fabulous trip to the Transport Museum. They had a great day learning about how transport has changed over time. The visit linked nicely to our topic as the coming of the Tube (Piccadilly Line) has been really important to the growth of our local area. The children were great ambassadors for the school with their excellent behaviour.



Book Week and World Book Day

The 1st of March is World Book Day, and we have chosen to hold our Book Week in celebration of books and reading at that time.

On Friday 23rd February, our lovely Pet Author, Karen McCombie, will be holding assemblies to start the celebrations. Children will go home that day with their World Book Tokens, which are valid for certain free books or £1 off books of their choice.

The theme this year is 'Share A Story'. Across the following week, we will be encouraging children, and staff, to bring along their favourite books, which will be shared in our school families – Apple, Apricot, Cherry and Orange. In our families, older children will read to younger ones, and groups will work on improving class book corners.

As in previous years, if any parents would like to read to classes or groups to celebrate stories from other cultures, please contact Mrs Efthymiou to co-ordinate this. librarian@chestnutsprimary.com



On Wednesday 28th February, author Jennifer Killick will be here to hold assemblies and workshops about super-powers and animal agents!

She will happily sign copies of Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink. The book is £6.99 and can be ordered in advance through Mrs Efthymiou.

On World Book Day itself, we would love everyone to come to school dressed as a character from a book. This dress up day is always great fun and we will have a parade and prizes for great costumes!

Author Allan Boroughs will also be with us on Thursday 1st March – to check out our costumes and talk to Key Stage 2 children about his adventures and writing adventure stories. His books, Ironheart and Bloodstone have proved popular in the library.



Grandparents Day

Last week Year 5 invited some of their grandparents to come into school to share their experiences about growing up after the war. The children were fascinated to learn of the hardships and the great austerity. The grandparents told us how they experienced food and fuel rationing and they even had old ration books to show the children. A big thank you to those grandparents who came in to school to share their early memories with the children.



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Dear Parent and Carers,

What a whirlwind half term it has been! We have so enjoyed learning about different topics and being creative in as many ways as we can.

This week saw us learn about e-safety on Safer Internet Day. I cannot stress enough the importance of monitoring what your child is doing online. Please discuss what your child has learnt this week with them at home.

Have a wonderful half term and stay safe!

Mrs Horwood

Dates for your diary



- **Tuesday 27th February**
PSA Meeting 7:30-8:30pm at school
- **Friday 23rd February**
Launch of Book Week with Karen McCrombie
- **Thursday 1st March**
World Book Day

Join the PSA!

We are looking for a couple of new Chairs to join us on the PSA. The current Chairs are Ellie (mum of Jimmy in year 2), Becky (mum of Peter in year 2) and Jen (mum of Henry in year 3). Sarah (mum of Cyra in year 3 and Zak in Reception) is our Treasurer. Becky and Jen will be stepping down at the AGM and Ellie at the end of the year. So we are looking for two new people to come on board now, to help organise Chestival with us and then to continue on next year. The new Chairs and Committee will be elected at our AGM on 27th February.

The PSA raises much needed funds for the school - and events like Chestival and the Winter Fair are also an important part of what makes Chestnuts so special. Being part of the PSA is a great way to get involved in your children's school and to make a big difference to school life.

We are lucky to have really strong support from a wide group of parents and teachers, including Mrs Horwood. More than a hundred people volunteered their time and skills to make Chestival happen. There are lots of different ways to get involved - and all are very much appreciated!

If you'd like to talk about what's involved with being a Chair - or to get more involved in other ways - then please talk to Ellie, Becky, Jen or Sarah. You can contact us at chestnutsprimarypsa@gmail.com with questions, fundraising ideas and funding requests.

We hope to see you on 27th February at 7.30pm.

Thanks

Your PSA

Term Dates:

We return to school after this half term holiday on TUESDAY 20th February.

The last full day of school before the Easter holidays is Wednesday 28th March. This is because the next day (Thursday 29th March) will be Parent's Day where parents and their children will attend teacher consultation meeting where you can discuss your child's progress.

Easter holidays start on Friday 30th March and we return to school on Monday 16th April for the start of the Summer Term.

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