

# Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

26/4/19

It has been lovely to see the children after the Easter break, all refreshed and bubbling with learning potential. I was so proud of them yesterday as they complained bitterly to me about the fact we were using polystyrene plates and plastic cutlery at lunchtime! Unfortunately we had blocked sinks in the kitchen and Nigel begged me if he could use them just for the day as we couldn't get the plates washed. We have stopped having the individual yoghurts as we were distressed by the amount of plastic packaging on those and are still working on a solution for the individually wrapped crackers and cheese in order to cut our plastic waste.

The holidays saw a new carpet laid on one stairwell which looks great. Ms Bolt led a staff meeting this week looking at spelling strategies for children who are struggling and it reminded me how lucky we are to have someone so highly trained in working with children with literacy difficulties, on our team.

Some Key stage 1 classes had a Victorian lesson at the Ragged School Museum this week as part of their history learning, and Year 6 and Year 2 had talks from the Fire Brigade. Reception went out tallying the traffic on the Roman Road and the whole school had a great assembly led by Crossteach.

It looks like we will be having European elections, so we will be a polling station on Thursday 23rd May and therefore school will be CLOSED. I'm not going to get political but - please don't blame me for the short notice.

Happy weekend.

**Sharon Taylor-Sezgin, Headteacher**

## PTA AGM – please come along to vote

The PTA's annual general meeting (AGM) will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9am in the library, so please come along to help us make decisions about how the money raised should be spent. This annual meeting is when the PTA trustees report back to parents about what money has been raised during the year and how it has been spent and it is also when new trustees are elected to the committee. Being a trustee is a great way of meeting new parents and feeling part of the school community and it is incredibly rewarding to be a member of a team which raises money to help enrich the children's learning experience, when government funding is becoming tighter.

The present committee: chair, Nisha Patel, treasurer, Terri Chan and secretary, Laurence Peck have all been in post for two years and so we are now seeking new volunteers. Chisenhale PTA is a registered charity that raises much needed funds for the school and these posts need to be filled every year so that it can carry on its amazing work. All parents at Chisenhale are automatically members of the PTA but we do need people to volunteer as named officers. If you could spare a few hours and are interested in getting involved in school life and helping to organise events please consider standing for election this year. You can talk to any of the officers or to Ruth if you would like to find out a bit more about what is involved.

Please see separate flyer for more information.

Next Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the NSPCC will be visiting the school with their 'Speak Out. Stay Safe.' Programme. The purpose of the programme is to ensure that children have the knowledge and understanding they need to be safe. There will be a series of assemblies for children from Reception to Y6 and a workshop for UKS2. Please see the attached leaflet for further details.

## Dates for your diary

Parents' meetings: **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30-7pm and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 3.30-5pm.**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9am** in the library **PTA AGM** - please come along to vote in new officers and find out more

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** individual photos (not families)

Bank holiday: **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Possible school closure for European elections**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Summer half term holiday:

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May-Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

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