

Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

13/10/17

Thank you to all of the parents who came in this morning to meet both me and Neil, the chair of governors. One of the things we talked about was the funding cuts and I said I would let parents know the information about a lobby of Parliament which is taking place in half-term. On Tuesday 24th October the National Education Union will be holding a lobby of Parliament to protest against education funding cuts. MPs will be asked to put pressure on the chancellor to find the funding needed to reverse the cuts and invest in our children and young people, a month before he is set to deliver his budget statement. More information can be found at <https://neu.org.uk/funding>

On another note, I have really enjoyed seeing all the amazing science projects which have been coming into school as part of our 'Be a Scientist' work. You still have time to work on these over the holidays as we will be looking to celebrate them after half-term.

Sharon Taylor-Sezgin, Headteacher

Events next week

Monday 16th October at 9am – please join us for harvest assembly with Father Brian and a performance by the choir – please also bring in any donations for the food bank.

Tuesday 17th October – Curry for Change day – all donations for charity gratefully received.

Thursday 19th October Year 7 tea party from 4-5.30 please remind last year's leavers!

Friday 20th October from 3.20pm, Halloween cake sale in the playground.

Keeping children safe online

Just a reminder that children are using the internet and it can be an unsafe place. We have had a couple of people mentioning some very unpleasant experiences recently, so please make sure your children are monitored when using the internet and kept safe. Please check that you know what sites they are visiting and who they are talking to online, always keep parental controls switched on at home and talk to your children to warn them about the dangers of clicking through to unknown sites or playing games where they are asked to perform certain tasks. There is really good advice for children and parents on the CEOP website:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Operation Christmas Child

School Council have decided to run Operation Christmas Child here at Chisenhale. They have a target to collect **100** shoeboxes filled by you with presents for children around the world, including those in refugee camps and those who have experienced natural disasters, homelessness and poverty.

You should receive a leaflet explaining what to do, and we will put a photograph of the school and children in the boxes so that those who receive them can see who sent them. We will also be able to track which country our boxes have gone to. We have more leaflets in the office, but you can also go to the website to see the impact of sending the shoeboxes, and instructions on how to do it.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

You can send your finished boxes into school anytime, but they must be here before the 15th November.



Please note that after school clubs will be on next week - see over the page for a list of important dates for the rest of this term.