

Chestnut Lane and Elangeni Schools Association NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to new parents & AGM

From Sophie Fillmore & Nicola Woodward

Welcome to our new parents – we hope your children are settling into their new school routine and making new friends! CLESA is our PTA, a registered charity which raises money for the benefit of children at both Chestnut Lane & Elangeni Schools. All parents become automatic members of CLESA when they join the schools. You can find lots of information about our PTA and the different ways you can support our fundraising on both schools' websites under the CLESA page.

We held our AGM on Thursday 13 October where we discussed plans for the upcoming year. We are really delighted that volunteers have come forward to run the **Family Fun Night & Elangeni Disco**, along with a **Quiz/Curry Night** for parents next term. These have not been held since before lockdown & are likely to be popular events so look out for future CLESA communications on how to book tickets!

Our treasurer, Laura Chinnakone, covered the finances for the last FY ending August 2022. Laura announced we raised a fantastic **£17,906** over the year - see overleaf for a breakdown of money raised. We also heard how schools have been spending CLESA money, directly benefiting our children. Over the last year, Chestnut Lane School spent **£12,536** on Early Years ICT equipment, a library audit & new library books, traffic calming signs on Chestnut Lane and a Year 2 leavers' disco. Elangeni School spent **£8,532** on workshops for all year groups, playground equipment, benches, cameras & a portable speaker. We were also really excited to hear from the Head Teachers about their spending plans for the upcoming year – including a new gazebo that has been installed in Elangeni's playground! Do look out for it next time you are at the school!



Did you know CLESA is on Facebook? Join our private group to find out information on our news, events and our other fundraising initiatives by searching for [Chestnut Lane and Elangeni PTA!](#)



Summer Fair

Lead organisers needed

We are looking for **1-2 volunteers willing to lead the organisation** of this year's Summer Fair in June. We have lots of parents offering to help as part of the organising committee but still need 1 or 2 people willing to lead.

This is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year – at the last Summer Fair held in June this year, we raised an awesome **£4,476!** The children really enjoy the Christmas and Summer Fairs and they are a wonderful way of getting the whole school community together. Having not been able to hold the Christmas Fair this year, we really hope we can organise the Summer Fair in June.

If you are interested or want to find out more before committing, please email Nicola & Sophie at clesacochair@gmail.com.

Dates for the diary

December 16th - Sausage Sizzle (SS) and Tea in a Box (TIAB). Look out for emails on how to book your child's SS or TIAB late November.

How much we raised in 2021/22 Academic Year: **£17,906!**

Thank you also to Mrs Rehal, Miss Burns, the school office staff, Site Managers & teaching staff – who have all provided significant time & effort to support CLESA!

We have lots of people to thank for their amazing fundraising efforts



Christmas Fayre

£3,872


Thank you Sally Hardcastle & Jo Rees, and our class reps!



Camp out

£923

Thank you to Alison Mifsud & Sally Welton!



Chesham Bois Parish Fair Bouncy Castle

£370

Thank you Yvonne & Danny Buckingham & helpers - David Cook & Trudie Holt, Sally Hardcastle, Kate Nash!



Summer Fair

£4,476

Thank you to our helpers on the committee – Loli Wood, Sally Hughes & Julia Northam, and our class reps!



Tea-in-a-Box & Sausage Sizzle

£2,371

Thank you Fiona Breen, Beth Guck & Debbie Wooff, and all our parent helpers!



Supermarket Gift Cards

Buy supermarket gift cards through our school

You get the full amount to shop as normal!

Waitrose John Lewis Sainsbury's TESCO

Commission from Supermarket to PTA

£3,418

Thank you Trudie Holt!



easy fundraising

AmazonSmile

£781

Thank you Jo Bengel!



Lottery

£1,981

Thank you Mel Osborne!

*Do you shop regularly online? Have you signed up to **AmazonSmile** or **Easyfundraising**? It's really easy – takes a couple of minutes to register and every time you shop you can raise money for CLESA at no cost to you! Just for shopping as normal online!*

*To sign up, go to **AmazonSmile** and **Easyfundraising** and search for Chestnut Lane & Elangeni Schools.*