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Chestnut Class Newsletter – Autumn 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you had a restful break; the children have certainly come back to school refreshed and ready to learn.

Curriculum

We are looking forward to diving into our new topic of 'Britain Begins'. This will focus on the pre-history of Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age. We also have many other exciting lessons planned, including learning how to sew and exploring how to introduce ourselves using the French language. For more information, please view our Topic Web, which will also be available on the school website.



Homework

The 'Enriching Learning' homework sheet will be posted on the school website with the expectation that one completed piece is to be returned to school every **Wednesday**. This can include playing the games on the Times Tables Rock Stars app/website.



Each term, we will give out a booklet of the weekly spelling/phonics pattern sheets. Your child will be tested on words connected to this rule or pattern on the **Thursday**.



Reading records will be checked every **Monday**. Please try to encourage your child to read regularly throughout the week. 5-10 minutes of extra reading daily, with an adult or independently, will really support the work that we do within school. Please make sure that each entry includes the title of the book, the page numbers read and a comment.

Children will be able to borrow books from the class library or bring in a book from home. If bringing a book from home, please make sure it is clearly named, perhaps using a bookmark.

Please help us to continue developing your child's independence and enjoyment of reading by encouraging them to choose a book that is appropriate for their reading ability — not too challenging, but not too easy either!

Children will also be able to take home colour-banded books that are matched to their reading level.

P.E.

This term, the children will have P.E. lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. P.E. kits should remain in school at all times, apart from when needing to be taken home to be washed. All children should

have indoor and outdoor kit, including a house t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, a warm long-sleeved top and trainers. **Please make sure that your child's P.E. kit and school uniform is clearly named.**



Important Dates

- W/B 14.09 – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Week
- Wednesday 23.09 – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- Thursday 24.09 School Association AGM 7.00pm
- Tuesday 07.10 – Harvest Festival (in school - pupils only)
- Wednesday 14.10 – Climate Action Day
- Friday 16.10 School Association Discos (Light Party)
- Wednesday 21.10 Flu Vaccination Programme
- Friday 23.10 – INSET Day (School closed for pupils)
- Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October – Half-Term Holiday
- W/B 9.11 – Anti-Bullying Week
- Friday 13.11 – Children in Need
- W/B 16.11 – Maths Week
- Friday 05.12 – Chestnut Class Sharing Worship
- Tuesday 15.12 – Christmas Service and Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 17.12 – Singing Around the Tree and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 18.12 – Last day of term

News on these and further events will be communicated with you via email. Please note that dates are provisional at this time and subject to change.

Contact with the Class Teachers

If you would like to get in touch with your child's Class Teachers, there are a number of ways you can do so.

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you or pass on a message.
- You could send an email to the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message on to us if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.
- Alternatively, we will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected and this would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.

Our working days are: Mrs Evans (**Mondays & Tuesdays**)

Ms Gould (**Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays**)

We want every child to feel happy, safe and supported in school, as we know that their emotional well-being is so important to a successful and enjoyable year of learning. We really value working in partnership with families, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, worries or concerns about your child.

Reminders

- **Break-time snacks** - When children reach Year 3, they are no longer eligible for the free fruit snack scheme at break. Please send a healthy snack in for your child. This should be fruit or vegetables. Cereal bars or fruit-based sweets **are not** suitable for break-time snacks.
- **Water bottles** – Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. Please note, there should only be water in these bottles (not squash, juice, flavoured or fizzy water).
- **Outdoor clothing** – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm, waterproof coat in school.

Kind regards, Ms Gould and Mrs Evans



Building Firm Foundations For Life

Below are reminder sheets to help encourage independence in your child. You could put it on the fridge or your child's bedroom door so they can ensure that they have everything they need each day.

Term 1

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle Homework Book	Reading Record Checked
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	PE
Wednesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	PE Homework Checked
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Spelling Test
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Homework books given back

Term 2

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle Homework Book	Reading Record Checked
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	PE
Wednesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	PE Homework Checked
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Spelling Test
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Homework books given back

