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Chestnut Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! I 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 attached 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 piece is to be returned to school, completed, every **Thursday**. Books will be returned to children on Friday. Alternatively, the children can complete the Mathletics task, which will be set and checked every **Thursday**.



Please look out for the weekly spelling/phonics pattern sheets, which will be provided by your child's spelling/phonics teacher every **Thursday**. Your child will be tested on words connected to this rule or pattern on the following **Thursday**.



Reading records will be checked every **Friday**. 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, page numbers and a comment.

P.E.

This term, the children will have P.E. lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays. 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.**



Parents' Evenings

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 7th and 8th of November, where we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far and targets for the year. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.



Important Dates

- WB 18.09 – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Week
- Wednesday 27.09 – School photographer
- Thursday 28.09 – Race for Life and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- Tuesday 03.10 – Harvest Festival (in school - pupils only)
- Tuesday 10.10 – Climate Action Day
- Friday 13.10 – School Association Disco
- Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October – Half-Term Holiday
- Monday 30.10 – INSET Day. School closed to pupils.
- WB Monday 06.10 - South Africa Week
- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November – Parents' Evenings
- WB 13.11 – Anti-Bullying Week
- Friday 17.11 – Children in Need
- WB Monday 20.11 – Maths Week
- Friday 31.11 – Chestnut Class Sharing Worship
- Thursday 14.12 – Singing Around the Tree
- Thursday 14.12 – School Association Film Night
- Friday 15.12 – Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 18.12 – Christmas Service and Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 19.12 – 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. Please keep an eye on emails from the school office for further updates.

Contact with the Class Teacher

If you wish to make contact with me, there are a number of ways that you can do this.

- 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.
- Alternatively, I 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.
- As you will have seen in the recent communication from Mr Horner, emails should now be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to me if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.

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 children. This should be fruit or vegetables. Cereal bars or fruit-based sweets are not suitable for break-time snacks.
- **Water Bottles** – Please make sure children have a clear, 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 Footwear** – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm waterproof coat in school.

Kind regards, Miss Crockett

