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Chestnut Class Newsletter – Spring 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Before introducing what we are up to this term, I wanted to say a huge thank you for the messages, cards and gifts that I received at the end of last term; it was extremely kind of you all.

As we welcome in 2024, we have a very exciting Spring Term ahead. Some of the highlights include Scratch coding, swimming lessons and Science Week.

Curriculum

This term, our topic is 'UK Explorers'. 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**, or have a go on the Times Tables Rock Stars website.



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.

P.E.

This term, the children will continue to 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.**

After February half term, we will also be attending our very first school swimming sessions. These will be every Monday. Please look out for a separate letter on this.





Parents' Evenings

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 19th and 21st of March, where we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.

Important Dates

- WB Monday 15th January – RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch
- Friday 2nd February – School Association Quiz Night
- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- WB 12th February – Half Term
- WB 4th March – Book Week
- WB 11th March – Science Week
- Friday 15th March – Comic Relief
- Tuesday 19th March – Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 20th March – Visit to Oxford. Look out for a separate letter on this.
- Thursday 21st March – Parents' Evening
- Monday 25th March - Wednesday 27th March – Culmington Residential
- Thursday 28th March – Last day of term. Easter Church Service (pupils only)
- Friday 29th March – Bank Holiday



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

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.
- Please remember that 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

- 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 Ready – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm, waterproof coat in school.



Kind regards,

Miss Crockett

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 3

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

Term 4

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

