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Chestnut Class Newsletter – Autumn 2024

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 completed piece is to be returned to school every **Monday**. Books will be returned to children on Tuesday. Alternatively, the children can complete the Mathletics task, which will be set and checked every **Monday**.



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 **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, 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 12th and 13th 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 16.09 – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Week
- Wednesday 25.09 – School photographer
- Wednesday 25.09 – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- Tuesday 01.10 – Harvest Festival (in school - pupils only)
- Thursday 03.10 – Open Classroom after school
- Tuesday 15.10 – Climate Action Day
- Friday 18.10 – School Association Disco (Light Party)
- Thursday 24.10 – Flu Vaccination – Details to follow.

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Half-Term Holiday

- WB 04.11 - South Africa Week
- WB 11.11 – Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 12.11 – Parents’ Evening
- Wednesday 13.11 - Parents’ Evening
- Friday 15.11 – Children in Need
- WB 18.11 – Maths Week
- Friday 06.12 – Chestnut Class Sharing Worship
- Tuesday 17.12 – Christmas Service and Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 19.12 – Singing Around the Tree and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20.12 – 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.
- You could send an email to the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message on to me if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.
- 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.

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 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 clothing** – 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 1

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

Term 2

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