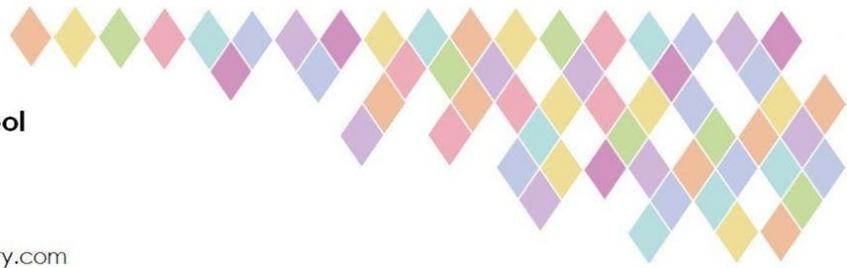




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Dear Families,

It has been a whirlwind few weeks back after half term and I am sorry it has taken me so long to put together this newsletter. I have been so impressed with some of the learning taking place in school and share some examples of work later in this newsletter.

School street

We were the first school in Haringey to launch our 'COVID-19' school street. I cannot thank the volunteers enough for getting this up and running. If you are able to spare an hour or 2 this half term, please do volunteer to support the school street. Sign up is here: [school street volunteers](#)

I know this initiative is making our children much safer around the school.

Social distancing outside the school

We have received a few complaints from local residents about parents gathering outside the school gates before and after school. Please can I remind you to keep a distance from others and move on as quickly as you can. Parents are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering at the school gate and, in line with government guidance, limit your interactions with others.

Friday afternoons

A few parents have asked about the closure at lunchtime on Friday and what the future holds for this. Following discussions with governors this week we have agreed that things will continue as they have been until at least February half term. We have found it a very successful model for there to be an allocated 'extra' member of staff to each year group. We have had a number of teachers who have not been in school due to COVID related reasons (no positive cases yet!) and this has provided us with cover within the 'bubble'. This member of staff is also able to support with the catch up needed for the year group. Having this extra member of staff for each year group has meant that we have been able to keep the school running as smoothly as possible in times of staff shortages.

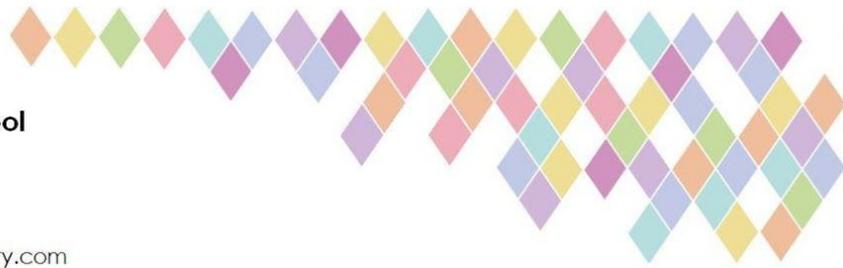
We will continue to run childcare on Friday afternoons but do need your support if you are able to collect your child at lunchtime.





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Christmas/Winter celebration assemblies

We are very aware that this half term is usually filled with fun and excitement for the children at school and we are determined to create as much fun as possible! Each class/year group is putting together a performance (some Christmas linked, some not!) for families. These will then have a live screening with a zoom link for you to watch at home and the children in school. All children will have opportunities to sing or speak during these assemblies. Dates are:

EYFS nativity - 16th December 10:00am

Year 1 - 9th December 10am

Year 2 - 8th December 2pm

Dahl class - 9th December 2:15pm

Attenborough class - 9th December 1:15pm

Year 4 - 10th December 10am

Pankhurst class - 10th December 1:15pm

Thompson class - 10th December 2:15pm

Year 6 - 13th December 2pm

Christmas dinner

Christmas dinner is such an exciting day at Chestnuts. This year it will be served in smaller groups to allow for 'bubble' separation and extra cleaning in the hall. To facilitate this the last week of term will be lunches in classrooms unless it is your child's Christmas dinner day:

Nursery and Reception: 14th December

Year 1 and 2: 15th December

Year 3 and 4: 16th December

Year 5 and 6: 17th December

Finally we have sadly had a bereavement in the school community this week and I know this has affected many of you. Please let me know (head@chestnutsprimary.com) if you or your child need any support.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Horwood

