

Goodbye

Mary Sutherland

Mary is our longest serving member of staff having been at Chestnuts for 31 years. She has been a central figure of experience and knowledge on a wealth of topics for families and staff alike. Over her time at Chestnuts, Mary has been integral to the smooth running of the school's administration systems. She has a network of knowledge and contacts that few could rival and her knowledge of the Chestnuts community past and present is unparalleled. Whilst her hard work has consistently supported the efficient operation of the school, most children, families and members of staff, past and present, will remember, and be grateful for, Mary's warm welcoming smile, thoughtful attention to detail and ready offer of support.



Louise Parker

Louise has worked at Chestnuts for 15 years. As the first point of contact for many, Louise has been the warm welcome, listening ear and source of support for countless families past and present. As well as being front of house for the families Louise has been an invaluable part of the staff team, keeping the school running smoothly. In recent years she has been integral to the admissions process for Early Years, administering holiday play schemes and producing our wonderful newsletter to name just a few of the hats she wears. Louise's sunny presence and readiness to help will be missed by staff and families alike



Tanya Efthymiou

Tanya joined the school in 2013 and for the last 10 years has cultivated a love of reading and a book-centred culture throughout the school. Tanya's passion for reading, books and the library has shone through everything that she has done in her time at Chestnuts. Tanya has an extraordinary network and depth of experience that she has generously shared with the Chestnuts community. She is a founding member of the award winning Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award Team; participating in which has been just one of the very many opportunities Tanya has provided for Chestnuts children. From inspiring author visits to being an individual support to many children's reading journeys, Tanya has been an invaluable part of Chestnuts. We are glad to say that she will continue to support the school on a freelance basis.



Peju Sonoiki

Peju has been working at Chestnuts for 16 years, leading the kitchen team to provide hundreds of meals a day, enjoyed by both children and staff. Chestnuts has benefitted from Peju's knowledge and experience, planning and delivering menus from scratch to ensure that children are provided with hot, healthy, balanced meals. In addition to the day-to-day running of the school kitchen Peju has supported many events in the school providing specially planned menus for events ranging from International Evening and welcome events to Sports Day and Christmas Lunch. Although Peju may not be as familiar a face as some of our staff team, every member of the school community has benefitted from Peju's hard work.



Angela Woodhall

Ms Woodhall has been a part of the Chestnuts staff team for 19 years. In that time she has worked in a wide range of roles, always dedicating herself to supporting children in the best way possible. She has developed her skills and expertise over the years with us and leaves us as a highly experienced HLTA, qualified to deliver a range of interventions. Ms Woodhall has taught whole classes, most recently teaching art to Year 1 and 2 on a weekly basis; run intervention groups across the school helping children to grow in confidence and close gaps in their knowledge; and supported individual children with special educational needs to enjoy school and reach their potential. Ms Woodhall has been a dedicated, creative and flexible member of our team who will be missed by children, staff and families alike. We are glad to retain her as a member of our parent community.



Rosa Andrade Joao

Ms Rosa joined Chestnuts first as a parent, then as an SMSA and has been a valued member of our LSA team for 21 years. Ms Rosa's kind heart, patience, hard work and attention to detail have made her a highly respected member of the team. She has an intuitive ability to recognise a child's needs and support them to reach their true potential; past pupils have returned to the school to express thanks and tell Ms Rosa how her support has enabled them to continue to progress beyond their time at Chestnuts. In addition to supporting individual children in classes across the school and running intervention groups, Ms Rosa has generously given her time to support parents from the Portuguese and Spanish speaking communities with translation.



Carlos Quintero Lerma

Carlos has been at Chestnuts for 8 years working as a sports coach. Carlos has made PE sessions challenging, fun and engaging for children from Nursery to Year 6. It is a mark of the experiences he has provided and relationships that he has built, that he is met with excited smiles and enthusiastic greetings from children across the school. Carlos has also given many children the opportunity to take part in sports competitions outside the school, worked with other members of staff to provide a weekly running club for KS2, been an engaging and supportive presence throughout lunch break times and supported groups of children with occupational therapy. We are sorry to be losing Carlos from our school team but know that some of our Chestnuts children will continue to benefit from Carlos' knowledge and experience through his football groups in the community



Demi Kalli

Ms Kalli first joined the Chestnuts community as a parent and then began volunteering for us before joining our LSA team. She has been supporting individual children and classes in our school for 9 years. Ms Kalli has worked with children in every year group across the school, predominantly supporting children with special educational needs. Ms Kalli has taken a creative and thoughtful approach to helping individual children to progress and reach their potential, working with parents to ensure that the school and families are working together. Ms Kalli has always been willing to support and help and has most recently been working with both Reception classes; with individual children and running intervention groups. We will miss Ms Kalli's creativity and enthusiasm but, with extended family still in our school, we look forward to seeing her around.



We are very sad to be losing the talents and dedication of these valued colleagues and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. We would like to take this opportunity to express sincere thanks to the families in our community for their generosity and warm wishes to our departing colleagues.