

# C Chestnuts Primary School C

## NEWSLETTER

20 July 2023

Dear Families,

Wow! What a year this has been, the best yet some would say! From a successful Ofsted to fabulous music performances; fantastic class assemblies to an ambitious and exciting curriculum. I cannot list all the wonderful successes this year.

None of this would be possible without your amazing children and endless support. I cannot thank the Chestnuts community enough. Thank you to Carly and all the PSA for their tireless fundraising efforts, I know they shared their successes this week and look forward to the fruits of your hard work.

We also say a sad farewell to some special members of the staff this year; Ms Scott, Ms Seye, Ms Barrett and Ms Ryan, we wish you the best of luck. You and the year 6's will always be a part of the Chestnuts family; this will always be your school.

Have a lovely summer and I'm already excited for the next year! See you all back at school on Wednesday 6th September.

Mrs Horwood



**Be Safe**  
**Be Engaged**  
**Be Respectful**  
**Be Ready**

# Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 20th July** - School ends at **1:30pm**

**Wednesday 6th September** - Y1 - 6 return to school

**Friday 8th September** - Current nursery children return

Looking ahead to next term we will be holding our "meet the teacher" sessions on Monday the 11th September.

KS1 classes at 3:45 - 4:15pm

KS2 classes at 4:15- 4:45pm

Reception will have their welcome meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 3:30pm.

## Nursery

Well done to everyone for a fantastic dance performance! We really enjoyed ourselves and we remembered all the moves. We also sat really beautifully as we watched all of the other amazing performances.



# What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson

Reception had a fantastic day celebrating their achievements. They performed their lines, songs and class dances beautifully during their celebration assembly. They really enjoyed showing their brilliant art work they had produced during Reception. Everyone had a really fun time at Lordship Recreation Ground. We would like to thank all the families who joined us in celebrating the children and the end of year!



Mozart

Hadid

The children are having a good time with their class party !

Hadid class really enjoyed sports day, they displayed how athletic and competitive they are. This year we were even more pleased as we had won the tug of war!! It was a great achievement for the class for the end of Year 1.





## Seacole

To celebrate an amazing year, Seacole and Bolt Classes visited Freightliners Farm. We learned how to make candles from beeswax, explored Rabbit Village and learned about some very clever New Zealand Kunekine pigs. After feeding the pigs, sheep and chickens it was time for a picnic and a play in Paradise Park. What a great way to end Y2!



## Bolt

## Attenborough

Attenborough have had a fantastic year in Year 3. They have worked incredibly hard all year! Well done for all of your hard work. Ms. Sarwar and Ms. Green would like to wish Attenborough class a wonderful Summer holiday and all the best for Year 4.



## Dahl

It was hard to decide what image I should include in the final Dahl class newsletter, there were so many choices. In the end, a shot of the dance competition (which we won!) seemed perfect, it exemplifies the hard work, creativity and dedication they have put into the entire year. It will be so incredibly hard saying goodbye to this class, they have been a joy to teach and I have felt truly lucky to have them in my room each day. Maybe I will get them back another year.....





Fibonacci

Gandhi

This past year, year 4 have been practising for their concert at Alexandra Palace, even though we were all very hot Year 4 still put on an amazing performance.



Thompson

For our last week of term, the children made their own crazy sand ornaments. It was messy but a lot of fun!



Pankhurst

Pankhurst class have been doing a business project this week. In groups of 2/3 the children have designed their own theme park! They had a budget of 5 million pounds and could spend it on different types of rides and include important amenities. They calculated their profits for the year, using building costs, running costs and marketing costs and then changed the entrance fees accordingly. Some children even chose to create a spreadsheet to help them budget accurately!



The year has come to an end. For Year 6, this is the final part of a chapter, and the beginning of a whole new adventure. We hope and wish our students the very best of luck, as they embark on the second leg of their educational journey. We have seen you grow over this year, enjoying your accomplishments and successes, and your secondary school will be proud to add you to their list of new learners. Well done indeed. Good luck, strive for the heights, and continue to shine bright.

Your Year 6 Teachers xx



Goodbye and good luck to all our fabulous Year 6 children. You have been a pleasure to have at Chestnuts and we know you will all do really well at Secondary School.

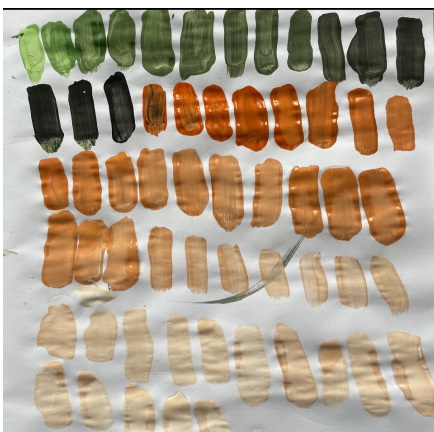




# Art Classes



What a talented and creative bunch we have here at Chestnuts!





# Sports Day !

On Wednesday 12th July, we had a fun and competitive time at the park.  
Thank you to everyone who came out to support Sports Day.





# CHESTIVAL

A big THANK YOU to our marvellous PSA for running another fantastic Summer Fair! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended.



Ms Watson would like to say a big WELL DONE to all who attended Karaoke after-school club this term. She looks forward to starting again in September.



# Kids vs Staff Netball Match

On Tuesday 18th July we held our annual Staff v pupils netball match. Always a competitive fixture, the heat was bearing down on us! What we found is that we have a v competitive staff team! Everyone had a lot of fun and the final score was Teachers 10—Kids 3.





Staffing 2023/2024

Current class	New Class	Teacher	Support Staff
	YN Carle	Ms Yucelt and Ms Ruocco	EYFS Ms Robinson; Ms Mulla; Ms Viki; Ms Junior
	YR Ahlberg	Ms Atherton	
	YR Donaldson	Ms Mower	
Ahlberg	Y1 Hadid	Ms Griffiths and Ms Potter	KS1 Ms Castro; Ms Mills; Ms Green; Ms Jaffri
Donaldson	Y1 Mozart	Mr Nisbett	
Mozart	Y2 Seacole	Ms Sarwar	
Hadid	Y2 Rashford	Ms Arkin	
Seacole	Y3 Benjamin	Ms Sarler	LKS2 Ms Ellis; Ms Roberts; Ms Chilli
Bolt	Y3 Attenborough	Ms Agnes	
Attenborough	Y4 Fibonacci	Ms Lvingstone	
Dahl	Y4 Gandhi	Ms Pieri and Miss West	
Gandhi	Y5 Thompson	Mr Burke	UKS2 Ms Ashleigh; Ms Rock; Mr Stewart
Fibonacci	Y5 Pankhurst	Ms Jackson	
Thompson	Y6 Malala	Ms Sulejmanovic	
Pankhurst	Y6 Mandela	Mr Bloom	

# goodbye and good luck ...

As we reach the end of the school year we are saying goodbye to some long standing and highly valued members of staff.

Ms Scott (our wonderful SENCo) is retiring from Education this summer to start a new life as a Doula. For those families that have worked closely with Mavis, we know this is a huge loss and we shall miss her greatly. I cannot thank her enough for the work she has done to advocate for our children with SEND. Mavis is one of a kind and she will be thought of daily. We wish her the best of luck in her new career.

Ms Barrett (our amazing EYFS leader) is also taking some time away from education. Unfortunately she is still suffering from Long Covid and needs to take some time away for her health. She will be working at the DfE and I know she will continue to fight for the right decisions for children in our schools. Ellie has been a driving force in my SLT and is the most incredible teacher and leader. She will be very missed.

Ms Ryan has decided that, after 6 years here, it is time to move on to the next teaching role. Charlene has been an integral part of my team at Chestnuts and I wish her well in her new move. We will miss you!

Ms Seye spent this academic year training to be a teacher. She will start her year as an ECT in Enfield. I am so proud of the wonderful teacher she has become and wish her the best of luck as she starts a fun filled career in teaching. We will miss you!



# Chestnuts PSA

## FINANCIAL NEWS!

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Hello!

We want to share some incredible news with you.

In the last year (Aug 22 - July 23), **Chestnuts PSA** has raised a WHOPPING **£29,327.17** for the school! - the highest amount we have ever raised!

At a time when school funding is at its lowest, it means we can continue to support the children by providing enrichment and educational tools that the school can simply no longer afford to support.

Even more important is that so many of the school community have worked together, volunteering their time and contributing to making each event and initiative a success. So, a big thank you!

Now let's take a closer look at how the events break down:

- Easy Fundraising/Just Giving/Amazon/PayPal: £469.87
- Barn Dance: £2,546.50
- Chestival: £9,322.38 (inc £1500 Winkworth sponsorship)
- Halloween Film Night: £1,163.40
- Winter Week & Fair: £9,330.7 (inc £1500 Winkworth sponsorship)
- Quiz Night: £837.75
- Artists Residency: £2,013.16
- True Covers Gig: £780.00
- Friday lollies: £714.86
- Jumble Trail: £2,148.50 (inc £1200 Anthony Pepe sponsorship)

Total income to date: £29,327.17





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### So where does the money go?

As well as the cost of putting on such exciting and popular events, this year, we've invested in replacing equipment destroyed or rendered unusable due to the issues in the school basement. We'll now be able to use these for future events. The total cost for all of the above was approximately £12,000.

### What about the rest?

So far, **£12,000** has gone towards the school and the pupils!

- Every class is given £300 to spend across the year
- Black History Month workshops
- £2100 for author visits
- A Chestnut branded rucksack for every reception child
- Year 6 leavers hoodies
- A fan for every classroom
- Artist mural in the playground and bike shed
- Books for EYFS and KS1 to support the new phonics scheme
- Games for wet play
- Recycling Bin for every class
- 'No traffic' in front of school signs
- £5000 towards the new playground JustGiving page
- Activities & trips for Yr 6 children not at Pendarren
- Lunar New Year, African Dance & Maypole Dance Workshops
- Safari Pete visit
- Artist residency artists fees
- Choir workshops
- Brand new PSA noticeboards for each playground
- Toys for nursery
- Paint & supplies for interior glass artwork

### So what's next for 2023/2024?



## Chestnuts PSA FINANCIAL NEWS!

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We have some exciting plans for the next academic year!!

- Every class will continue to receive £300. If you have any ideas for how you think this could be spent, please speak to your Class Rep, who can discuss it with your teacher
- Chestnuts Choir (fully funded by the PSA) will start in Sept 2023
- Barn Dance - Sept 29th
- New parent drinks and coffee morning
- Shakespeare Themed Week - visitors workshops
- Twice monthly Artists Residency kicking off with a Paper Flower Workshop and Natural Pottery Workshop in September.
- Entering and supporting more Spoort Events
- Increasing our after-school clubs offering - ideas include Yoga, Coding and Sport Clubs

The focus on sports ties in very nicely with our biggest fundraising push to date - THE PLAYGROUND! We have already raised £5,000 towards the playground, and by the end of July, we will have increased this to **£10,000!**

We are hoping to build a MUGA (multi-use games area) and create a Sensory Garden. To do this, we need to get to a whopping £50,000. We will put a % of the money raised by the PSA into this fund, but we need your help too. If you would like to donate, scan the QR code or go to [justgiving.com/chestnutprimaryschool-nea](https://justgiving.com/chestnutprimaryschool-nea)

If you have any ideas or thoughts on how you would like to see funding spent, please join our monthly PSA meetings or Friday coffee mornings.  
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