

Wear it Wild Day

Friday 19th October

In order to celebrate Wear it Wild Day we are asking children to donate £1 and come to school dressed as their favourite animal on Friday 19th October. The proceeds of this event will all go to the World Wildlife Fund.

WEAR IT WILD

Can you help our children learn about Islam?



RE Day: Thursday 18th October 2018

As-salamu alaykum Chestnuts Families!

This year we will be teaching RE differently

at Chestnuts: in order to create more of a sense of celebration around the faiths we learn about, the whole school will dedicate a day each term to a world religion. This term, we will learn about Islam: the children will enjoy a day of activities and learning about a specific part of Islam that will depend on their year group. For example, the Year Sixes will be learning about Mosques and Muslim life in the UK and Year One will learn about some of Islam's special stories.

If you are Muslim yourself, and would like to help the Chestnuts Children learn more about your faith, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. They can tell you what the children will be learning about and how you can get involved. All contributions are warmly welcomed: from photographs, special objects, food, traditional religious dress, stories to simply sharing your thoughts and experiences.

Gardening Club

Well done to all our fabulous gardeners who volunteer to keep our garden under control! They have grown some fantastic sunflowers this year and they look lovely!



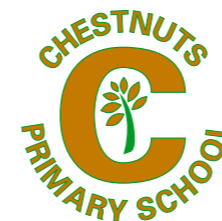
General Reminders

Please email your teacher if someone else is collecting your child after school.

If you haven't already done so please book your parents evening slot on the school website.

Unfortunately we do have a few cases of head lice throughout the school. Please check your children's hair and treat accordingly.

If you would like a place in our October Play Scheme please contact the school office as soon as possible – forms are on the website or in the school office.



Chestnuts Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

As you can see from the Dates for your Diary section of the newsletter we have an extremely busy half term still ahead of us. Please remember to keep checking our website for information.

We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor so if you are interested please check out the information on this newsletter and if you would like to apply please get a form from the school office.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood

Reading

It is really important that your child is reading something appropriate to their age and ability. Please listen to your child read aloud for 10 minutes every day. Also please remember that Reading Records are a good provision of home/school correspondence.

Thank you to the PSA

A big thank you to the PSA who have provided the school with a fabulous new sink for our Art Room – I am sure you will agree it looks fantastic, and is very practical too!



Dates for your diary

- **W/C Monday 8th October**
– Black History Week
- **Wednesday 10th October**
– Gandhi Class Assembly
- **Friday 12th October**
– Seacole Class Assembly
- **Tuesday 16th October**
– Parents Evening
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– Dahl Class Assembly
- **Thursday 18th October** – RE Day
- **Friday 19th October**
– Wear it Wild Day
- **Wednesday 31st October**
– Mozart Class Assembly
- **Thursday 1st November**
– PSA Halloween Event – **Change of date**
- **Wednesday 7th November**
– Fibonacci Class Assembly
- **Friday 9th November**
– Hadid Class Assembly
- **Wednesday 14th November**
– Boudicca Class Assembly
- **Friday 16th November**
– Rowling Class Assembly
- **Friday 23rd November**
– Coffee morning with the Head
- **Wednesday 28th November**
– Mandela Class Assembly
- **Friday 30th November**
– SEND Coffee Morning
- **Saturday 1st December** – Winter Fair

Fabulous Chestnuts Footballers

We are very proud of our Y5 & Y6 football team who went to St Thomas More Primary School last week for a football tournament against teams from 24 schools. Our fabulous footballers came 5th and were only one goal away from being in the semi-final. Well done team!



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on the governing body. Every parent/carer of a pupil is entitled to serve as a parent governor.

What does the governing body do?

Working in partnership with the head and other staff, governors are responsible for:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

What are we looking for in a parent governor?

Parent governors do not need to have any background in education. Rather, we are looking for people who have:

- An active interest in the education of our pupils.
- A commitment to quality and raising standards within our school.
- An willingness to work with others and to contribute as a member of a team.
- A willingness to promote the school within the community it serves.
- The ability to support and challenge the Headteacher and her leadership team.
- The time to prepare for and attend Governors' meetings.

What is the time commitment?

There are approximately six full governors meetings a year with meetings usually running from about 6.30pm on a Thursday. Governors are also asked to join one of the committees that meet around six times a

year and/or to take on a "link" role with special responsibility for a particular area of focus, e.g. reading. You will need to spend time getting to know the school well and preparing for meetings by reading paperwork beforehand. Governors are expected to attend induction training and other training depending on their needs. Once elected, your term of office will be four years.

What's in it for me?

It is not a role to be taken on lightly but a committed governor will find it very rewarding, with opportunities for personal and professional development and a chance to influence the direction of the school. As well as the available training you will be supported by other governors and the clerk to the governing body.

What are the next steps if I am interested?

If you are interested but would like more information or simply to chat about what is involved, please contact Hugh Merritt, Chair of Governors by email at **Governors@chestnutsprimary.com**.

If you wish to put yourself forward please pick up an application form from the school office and return it by **Friday 12th October**.

If there is more than one candidate then there will be a ballot of parents. In this case candidates will be asked to write a short description of themselves to circulate with the ballot paper.