



# Chestnuts Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Families,

Welcome back after the half term – haven't we been lucky with the weather!

We have yet another busy half term in front of us so please keep an eye on the newsletters, the website and the notice board situated outside the school.

Don't forget to dress us up for Book Week on Thursday 7th March.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Horwood**

## Change of Assembly

Boudicca Class will be changing their assembly date from Weds 20th March to Weds 3rd April as they are now going to Science Museum on 20th March.

## Cases of Impetigo reported (KS1)

Please keep an eye on your children as Impetigo is very contagious. If it develops seek advice on the NHS website but please be advised that children cannot come in to school until they have been treated.

## Dates for your diary



- **Monday 4th March**  
– Book week begins
- **Monday 4th March**  
– Author Visit: Andy Seed
- **Tuesday 5th March**  
– Dahl Class Parent Lunch
- **Tuesday 5th March**  
– Author Visit: Spike Gerrell
- **Wednesday 6th March**  
– Pet Author Visit: Karen McCombie
- **Thursday 7th March**  
– World Book Dress Up Day

## Uniform

Here at Chestnuts we do have a compulsory school uniform which consists of a brown or gold jumper and dark trousers, skirts, dress or tights. Please can you make sure your child is dressed in the appropriate clothing. All school uniform can be purchased on line from [www.yourschooluniform.com](http://www.yourschooluniform.com) and we also sell school badges in the office for £1.

## Complaints and Compliments Procedures

We do hope you are happy with the school but we do understand that sometimes things do not run to plan. If you would like to make a complaint or you have a query or concern please follow our complaints procedure:

- Your first point of contact is always your **class teacher** (class name@chestnutsprimary.com e.g. donaldson@chestnutsprimary.com)
- If your issue has not been resolved please contact your child's Phase Leader:
  - KS1 is **Carole Newton** – [deputy@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:deputy@chestnutsprimary.com);
  - KS2 is **Mavis Scott** – [senco@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:senco@chestnutsprimary.com)
- If you feel your issue has still not been resolved you can then contact the Head Teacher but please do not contact **Mrs Horwood** unless you have been through all the steps above.
- If your concern still remains unsolved you may contact the Governors on [governors@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:governors@chestnutsprimary.com)

## School Times and Lateness

The vast majority of our children arrive in plenty of time for the start of our school day. They are also well prepared and have everything that they need with them for the day ahead. We still have a small number of pupil's who arrive at school late and the effect that this has on them and their classmates is really disruptive. Firstly, they are often upset and embarrassed at having to walk into class when everyone else is already settling down to work. Secondly, they have missed the important daily instructions that their teacher has already given to the rest of the class. Thirdly, it is unsettling for the other children when their focus is interrupted. Minutes lost from learning time really add up and can result in whole days being missed over the school year – for example 15 minutes per day equates to 10 whole days lost over the year!

Please make sure your children are in their class lines by 8.55am each morning.

## Parent Consultation Day

### Friday 29th March

The school will be closed so that every parent can book an individual meeting with their child's class teacher on this day.

## Juan Foyth visits Chestnuts

We were really lucky last term when Juan Foyth from Tottenham Hotspur Football Club came to visit our children here at Chestnuts. The place was alive with anticipation and excitement as he arrived and all the children gave him a warm welcome. Juan Foyth was also really pleased to see the children and he spoke to KS2 in a special assembly where the children asked him questions in Spanish which made him feel more at home. He also ran a coaching session with some of the children. A big thank you to Juan Foyth for making this day special.



## Inclusion Week

We had a fantastic time during Inclusion Week with loads of people coming into school to teach the children new and different skills. Everyone was included in these activities and it gave the children a fantastic insight as to how to feels to have special educational needs. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to all the adults who helped make this week one to remember. Here are some pictures of the week;





For inclusion week, children in Nursery were inspired by Todd Parr's book, "It's ok to be different". They created self-portraits and talked about what makes them special and unique.

