



Chestnuts Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

A big thank you to all the children who came into school in their pyjamas for book week on Thursday. Everyone looked amazing! It has also been great to have the authors in school sharing their stories with us. It has been a great week.

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that with regard to the corona virus, the school is taking all the current public health guidance very seriously and we have soap and sanitiser for all the children to use. Please encourage your children to wash their hands regularly.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Horwood

Welcome to Ms Watson



We are very pleased to welcome Ms Watson to our school as our new Pastoral Mentor. She will be working with children across the whole school so our children will soon get to know her well.

Ms Watson has worked in schools for about 15 years and we are very pleased to share the wealth of her experience.

Change of Access codes

From the beginning of this half term the numbers you need to ring to get into the school have changed. The new numbers will be:

School Office:	1 and the green bell
Nursery:	2 and the green bell
Breakfast Club:	3 and the green bell
After School Club:	3 and the green bell

Dates for your diary



- **Saturday 7th March** – Gardening Day
10am–1pm
- **Monday 9th March** – Sports Relief Week
- **Friday 13th March** – SEND/Trailblazers
Coffee Morning 9am
- **Thursday 19th March** – Y1 to Wigmore Hall
- **Friday 20th March** – Adoptive Parents
Coffee Morning
- **Monday 23rd March** – Rock Steady
Concert 2:15-3:15pm
- **Tuesday 24th March** – Concert for Music
Tuition Students 3:45-4:45pm
- **Wednesday 25th March** – Y1 to London
Transport Museum
- **Friday 27th March** – Seacole Class
Assembly
- **Monday 30th March** – Rock Steady
Concert 2:15-3:15pm
- **Tuesday 31st March** – Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 3rd April** – Whole School Dance
Competition
- **Friday 3rd April** – End of Term at normal
time

Tuesday & Friday Morning Runs

Please remember to come to Chestnuts Park at 8.30am on Tuesdays and Fridays every week for a run around the park. Please make sure you stay with your child and then escort them to school in time for the start of the day.

Spurs Playing for Success:

We are very lucky that our Year 2 and Year 5 students are participating in the Spurs Playing for Success Programme. This means that once a week, for this half term only, a coach from Spurs comes into school to raise attainment in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT by teaching through playing football. This is a unique educational experience where skills taught in school are enhanced and developed by the coach. The aim is to raise children's self-esteem and to encourage a positive attitude towards education.

The children have already had a couple of sessions and they are all really enjoying the experience.



Packed Lunches

Last week every child received a copy of our updated packed lunch policy outlining what should (and should not) be included in your child's lunch box. Here at Chestnuts we are a healthy school so please do NOT bring chocolate or crisps into school. If your child would like a sweet treat please add a piece of fruit to their lunch box instead.

Gardening Day

Saturday 7th March 10am – 1pm

Drinks and biscuits will be available!

Please come along and help in Chestnuts garden: digging, planting, chatting and knowing through growing!

We have some exciting projects planned for this gardening day!

- Add some colours to the garden with painted pallets and succulents
 - Plant new hedges around the Reception playground to tackle air pollution
 - Taste some delicious kimchi made from the garden's cabbage
- ... and much more!

All are welcome – no skills are needed, just some gardening gloves!

Non-Urgent Appointments

Having returned from our half-term break we have noticed a number of 'non-urgent' medical/dental appointments being made for pupils which mean that they either arrive late to school or are collected before school finishes for the day.

Please may we remind all our families that such appointments must be made during holiday times or after school finishes @ 3.35pm, allowing you time to get to your destination.

Children who arrive late for school miss vital discussion time and instructions for the day ahead, similarly unnecessary interruptions to remove children from classes disrupts lessons generally.

We understand that obviously hospital appointments cannot always be changed for more suitable times.