



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so lovely to see all our children back in school looking so eager to learn and so full of enthusiasm! It is also wonderful to welcome our new Reception children.

Our school is looking fantastic and the improvements are already making a big difference to the children. However, as the building works come to an end we are looking at what we need to do next to further develop the school. There are some classrooms that will still need decorating and we may need your support to achieve this.

We are also very aware of the state of all of our playgrounds. They really need work. Having looked at various different options we have realised the cost of the project will be substantial. We will be looking for support from the PSA and the local community to raise the required funds. Please watch this space.

School starts from 8.45am and the children must be in by 8.55am. The day finishes at 3.15 for KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2. A member of senior leadership will always be on the gates to offer help.

Finally, please do not book non-essential dentist or doctors appointments during the school day as this is very disruptive, not just for your child but for the whole class.

Have a lovely weekend.

Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14th September

Reception Welcome Talk 3.30—4.30pm

Thursday 15th September

Year 1 Meet the Teacher

Friday 16th September

PSA Meeting for Families 9—10.00am

Monday 19th September

Mock SATs Week for Year 6

Wednesday 21st September

Full Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm—
8.00pm

Friday 23rd September

School Development Plan Workshop
9.15am

Friday 30th September

SEND Early Years Parent Workshop
9-10.00am

Thursday 6th October

Phonics Workshop for Families 9-10.00am

Friday 14th October

SEND Coffee Morning 9-10.00am

Wed 16th & Thurs 17th November

Parents Evening

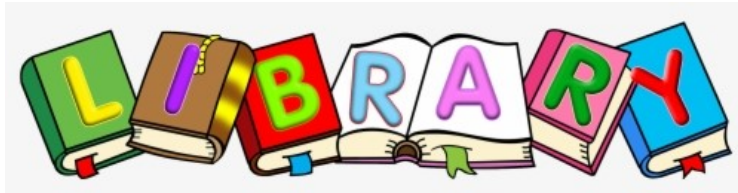
Year 3 Free School Meals

As you know from Reception to Year 2 all meals are free as they come under the Government provision for Universal Free School Meals.

From Year 3, if your child wants to enjoy a hot meal cooked at school, we ask for a payment of £2.50 a day (£12.50 per week).

However, some parents who are receiving benefits like Universal Credit or Income Support are still entitled to receive Free School Meals. If you think you may qualify for free meals please come to the office and collect a form. Even if you are not sure please fill out the form as it is always worth a try!

The



Zone


It has been lovely to see all the children back in school and I look forward to welcoming them back to the library next week (from 12th September).

Please ensure your children bring their books into school on their library days, even if they wish to borrow them for longer. Please also talk with them about their book, and note their reading in their Home School Diary.

Library Days are as Follows:

Reception Classes	Thursday
Y1 Hadid	Monday
Y1 Mozart	Tuesday
Y2 Bolt	Thursday
Y2 Seacole	Wednesday
Year 3 Classes	Tuesday
Year 4 Classes	Thursday
Year 5 Classes	Monday
Year 6 Classes	Wednesday

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



I have heard from several children that they have been undertaking the Summer Reading Challenge through the local libraries. This finishes on Saturday (10th September), so do pop back to get those last rewards if children are close to finishing! We will be celebrating those who have completed the challenge in an assembly soon.

Ms Efthymiou, librarian@chestnutsprimary.com @ChestnutsLib

Breakfast & After School Club Charges

After careful consideration we have had to increase our charges for Breakfast Club and & After School Club from September this year. The new charges are as follows:

Breakfast Club: £4.00 per day

After School Club: £13.00 per day

Holiday Play Scheme remains the same: £30 per day plus trips

If you would like to apply for a place in either Breakfast Club or After School Club clubs please fill out the form (which can be collected from the school office or downloaded from the website) and return it to James at ict@chestnutsprimary.com

If you are interested in Holiday Play Scheme then please return your form to Louise at office@chestnutsprimary.com



At Chestnuts we recognise the importance of attendance and its impact on attainment. Every week we will announce the top 3 classes for attendance in KS1 And KS2 with the overall winner winning the attendance trophy for that week. The Class with the best attendance at the end of the year will be enjoying a fun activity day at the end of the year.

KS1

Place	Class	Percentage
Gold	BOLT	99%
Silver	HADID	94%
Bronze	SEACOLE	91%

KS2

Place	Class	Percentage
Gold	ATTENBOROUGH	100%
Silver	PANKHURST	97%
Bronze	MALALA	96%

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work!

This week, our overall school attendance was

95%



Contacting your Class Teacher

If you need to contact your class teacher or someone else is picking up your child from school or you have any other issues you would like to discuss please email your class teacher directly. On the following addresses:

Nursery: carle@chestnutsprimary.com

R: ahlberg@chestnutsprimary.com

R: donaldson@chestnutsprimary.com

Y1: hadid@chestnutsprimary.com

Y1: mozart@chestnutsprimary.com

Y2: bolt@chestnutsprimary.com

Y2: seacole@chestnutsprimary.com

Y3: attenborough@chestnutsprimary.com

Y3: dahl@chestnutsprimary.com

Y4: fibonacci@chestnutsprimary.com

Y4: gandhi@chestnutsprimary.com

Y5: thompson@chestnutsprimary.com

Y5: pankhurst@chestnutsprimary.com

Y6: malala@chestnutsprimary.com

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Uniform Reminder

As you know our school uniform has changed. The old school uniform will still be accepted so hand-me-downs can still be worn but the expectation is that, over time, we will move to the new colour scheme.

Arrangements are being made for the Uniform with logo to be available from mid August from Kenzie Uniform, 27 Mayes Rd, London N22 6YQ, however, it is not necessary to have the logo on the uniform (see below).

Expectations for School Uniform

- **Bottle green sweatshirt**
- **White polo shirt**
- **Bottle green, grey or black bottoms.** This can include tracksuit bottoms, trousers, leggings, shorts or skirts. (Green logo tracksuit bottoms can be purchased)
- **Black Shoes**
- **Green summer dress**



Workshops for Parents/Carers

We are excited to welcome you back into school for various parent workshops this term. Please see dates and a little information about each workshop below. These will all be at 9:15am unless otherwise stated.

Friday 23rd September

School development plan - come and find out about the school priorities over the next 3 years and how these were determined.

Friday 30th September

EYFS SEND coffee morning - If you have a child in the early years and your child has additional needs, come and find out more information about how the school supports them.

Thursday 6th October

Phonics - learn about how we teach phonics and early reading.

Friday 14th October

KS1/2 SEND coffee morning - If you have a child in Years 1-6 and your child has additional needs, come and find out more information about how the school supports them.

Wednesday 2nd November

Maths - Learn how we teach Maths, the programmes we use and some of the methods that are taught.

Friday 11th November

Zones of Regulation - We use zones of regulation in school to support children in understanding their emotions, come to find out more.

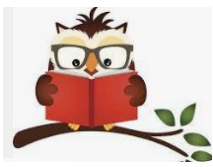
We would welcome suggestions for workshops that would be helpful. Please email Mrs Horwood should you have any.

General

Please remember:

- We are a NUTS FREE school
- Bring your child's PE/Swimming kit with you as office staff do not always have time to deliver them
- Do not book non essential medical visits during school hours





English at Chestnuts

Welcome back to the school year!



This year at Chestnuts we have changed the way we teach English. Previously, Reading and Writing were two separate lessons. This year, we are combining our curriculum to make better use of our time in school and to make tighter connections between *what* we are reading and how this **impacts** our writing.

Each year group have a set list that will inform their reading and writing with links to other texts.

	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Sum 1	Sum 2
Reception	Wide range of texts to suit needs and interests of the children- subject to change according to cohorts on going needs					
Year 1	Amazing! By Steve Antony TE	Not now Bernard By David MicKee	The Great Fire of London: by Emma Adams	The Queens Hat By Steve Antony	The River By Tom Percival	You're Called What? by Kes Gray
Year 2	Tear Thief By Carol Ann Duffy	The Dragon sitter By Josh Lacey	Traditional Tales from the Caribbean By Vic Parker	Mr Wolf's Pancakes By Jan Fearnley	Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers	Lighthouse keepers lunch By David and Ronda Armitage
Year 3	The Twits By Roald Dahl	The boy Who Grew Dragons By Andy Shepherd	The Akimbo Adventures By Alexander Mccall Smith	Greek Beasts and Heroes selection myths By Lucy Coats	Mafaro's Beautiful Daughters By John Steptoe	The Secret World of Polly Flint By Helen Cresswell
Year 4	Varjak Paw SF Said	Coraline By Niel Gaiman	Boy at the Back of the Class By Onjali Q rauf	The Butterfly Lion Michael Morpurgo	Journey to J burg By Beverly Naidoo	The Firework Makers Daughter By Philip Pullman
Year 5	Weslandia by Paul Fleischman	Floodland By Marcus Sedwick	There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar	Macbeth— Shakespeare By Jon Mayhew	Into the Jungle By Katherine Rundell	The Goldfish boy By Lisa Thompson
Year 6	The Highway-Man By Alfred Noyes	No Ballet Shoes in Syria By Katherine Bruton	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind By William Kamkwamba	Hamlet By William Shakespear (Big Cat Pearl reader)	London Eye Mystery By Siobhan Dowd	The Grave-Yard Book By Neil Gaiman

Please be reminded that children should record each time they read at home in their **home school diaries**, the home school diary is a place for you to note how you think their reading is going, to see who has read with your child at school and for us to keep track of your child's reading habits.

To encourage our children to read a range of stories and texts from all over the world, your children will receive a map to stick in the back of their reading diary. When they read a text from another country, the country will be initialled/starred by their teacher and celebrated in class and assemblies. Please encourage them at home.

KS1 Reading volunteers needed

I am looking for a group of parents who can offer some time to hear KS1 readers to help boost attainment. Times can be flexible (PM's preferred) Please email AHT@chestnutsprimary.com if you are interested.

Applying for Secondary School

It always comes up fast but if your child is in Year 6 you need to start the application process for Secondary school now. If you go onto the Haringey website you will find all the information you need to apply on line. Information about all the open day events can be accessed through the link below or on the Haringey website.

The deadline for applications is October 31st.

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/secondary-schools/secondary-school-open-events>

Key dates for Secondary Admissions

Date	What will happen?
1 September 2022	Applications open
31 October 2022	Application deadline
1 March 2023	Offer day/online outcome Online applicants will receive notification of their offer in an email Paper applicants will be sent an offer letter
15 March 2023	Acceptance deadline - online applicants should accept their offer online
3 April 2023	Appeal deadline

Nursery Places

We still have a few places available in our nursery so if you need a place or know someone who needs a place please apply NOW. Please also spread the word in the community.

Autumn Menu



Chestnuts Menu ← Autumn 2022



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Jacket Potatoes □	Lamb Meatballs GLUTEN, SULPHITES	Chicken Strips	Caribbean Chicken SOY, SULPHITES	Fish Fingers (Baked) GLUTEN, FISH, EGG
Option 2	As Above	Vegetable Meatballs GLUTEN, EGG	Roast Quorn Pieces GLUTEN	Caribbean Cauliflower SULPHITES, SOY	Sweetcorn Fritters GLUTEN, EGG
Vegetables	Baked Beans & Cheese MILK	Broccoli	□	Green Beans, Sweetcorn	Garden Peas
Salad Bar	Mixed Salads	Mixed Salads	Diced Mixed Pepper, Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomatoes	Mixed Salad, Coleslaw EGG, MILK	Tartar Sauce EGG, SULPHITES, MILK
Dessert	Fresh Fruits □	Beetroot and Chocolate Cake or Fresh Fruit GLUTEN, MILK, EGG	Rice Pudding or Fresh Fruit MILK	Pof Pof or Fresh Fruit GLUTEN	Fresh Fruit
Others	Olive Focaccia Bread GLUTEN	Pasta Penne, Naan Bread GLUTEN	Jam Tortilla Wrap, Cheese & Sauced Cream GLUTEN, MILK	Jollof Rice / Plain Rice, Sliced Brown Bread GLUTEN	Chips, Thyme & Garlic Bread GLUTEN



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Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Rich Vegetable Soup with Lentils □	Lamb Bolognese GLUTEN	Roast Turkey □	Beef Spinach Stew □	Chicken Sausages GLUTEN, SULPHUR DIOXIDE
Option 2	As Above	Quorn Mince w/ Bolognese GLUTEN	Roasted Quorn Pieces GLUTEN	Quorn Mince Spinach Stew GLUTEN	Veg Sausages GLUTEN
Vegetables	□	Green Beans, Sweetcorn	Batton Carrots	Baby Carrots	□
Salad Bar	□	Coleslaw, Mixed Salad EGG, MILK	Mixed Salads	Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn & Peppers	Mixed Salad □
Dessert	Fresh Fruits □	Fresh Fruit, Carrot Cake EGG, GLUTEN	Fresh Fruit □	Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit MILK	Apple & Blackberry Crumble & Custard, Fresh Fruit MILK, GLUTEN
Others	Leek Potatoes, Carrots, Onion, Red Lentils, Baguette GLUTEN	Spaghetti, Slice Tortilla GLUTEN	Potatoes, Gravy, Thyme & Garlic Bread GLUTEN	Plain Rice, Naan Bread GLUTEN	Hot Dog Roll, Ketchup GLUTEN, MILK

TERM DATES 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

	STARTS	ENDS
	TAD Thurs 1 st September 2022 TAD Fri 2 nd September 2022 Parents Consultations Weds 16 th /Thurs 17 th Nov 2022	
First Half	Monday 5 th September 22	Friday 21 st October 22
Half Term	Monday 24 th October 22	Friday 28 th October 22
Second Half	Monday 31 st October 22	Friday 16 th December 22

Finish @ 2pm

Spring Term 2023

	STARTS	ENDS
	TAD Mon 20 th February 2023 Parents Consultations Weds 29 th /Thurs 30 th March 2023	
First Half	Tuesday 3 rd January 23	Friday 10 th February 23
Half Term	Monday 13 th February 23	Friday 17 th February 23
Second Half	Monday 20 th February 23	Friday 31 st March 23

Summer Term 2023

	STARTS	ENDS
	TAD Mon 5 th June 2023 TAD Fri 21 st July 2023 Bank Holiday Mon 1 st May 23	
First Half	Monday 17 th April 23	Friday 26 th May 23
Half Term	Monday 29 th May 23	Friday 2 nd June 23
Second Half	Tuesday 6 th June 23	Thurs 20 th July 23

Finish @ 2pm

This list of events is not exhaustive and may be subject to change

Inset TAD Days (School Closed to Pupils)

TAD Thursday 1st September 2022

TAD Friday 2nd September 2022

TAD Monday 20th February 2023

TAD Monday 5th June 2023

TAD Friday 21st July 2023

Parents Consultation Days

Listed Above

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023