

Term Dates 2017/18

Autumn Term

Starts		Ends
Autumn 1	Wednesday 6th September 2017	Friday 20th October 2017
Holiday	Monday 23rd October 2017	Friday 27th October 2017
Autumn 2	Monday 30th October 2017	Thursday 21st December 2017
Holiday	Friday 22nd December 2017	Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring Term

Starts		Ends
Spring 1	Friday 5th January 2018	Friday 9th February 2018
Holiday	Monday 12th February	Friday 16th February 2018
Spring 2	Monday 19th February 2018	Thursday 29th March 2018
Holiday	Monday 2nd April 2018	Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Term

Starts		Ends
Summer 1	Tuesday 17th April 2018	Friday 25th May 2018
Holiday	Monday 28th May 2018	Friday 1st June 2018
Summer 2	Monday 4th June 2018	Friday 20th July 2018
Holiday	Monday 23rd July 2018	Monday 2nd September 2018

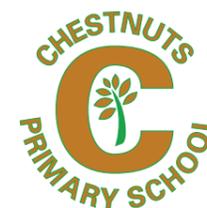
Bank Holidays

Friday 30th March 2018
Monday 2nd April 2018
Monday 7th May 2018
Monday 28th May 2018
Monday 27th August 2018

TAD Days (School Closed)

Monday 4th September 2017
Tuesday 5th September 2017
Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Thursday 4th January 2018
Monday 16th April 2018

These dates are not exhaustive and may be subject to change



Chestnuts Primary School NEWSLETTER

8th September 2017 | Issue 0006

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you have all had a restful and fun-filled holiday. It has been wonderful to see all your children again this week and I can't wait to watch them grow this academic year.

I would personally like to extend a warm Chestnuts welcome to Ms Ryan (Seacole Class), Mr Oniye (Mandela Class), Miss Quinn (Boudicca Class) and Ms Potter (Hadid Class) as newly appointed class teachers. I am really looking forward to working with all of these staff and I wish them all a wonderful, successful experience with us.

I would also like to warmly welcome all of our new children and families as they begin an exciting educational journey with us at Chestnuts Primary school.

I look forward to seeing you all,

Mrs Horwood

Uniform

We have been made aware that there have been long delays when ordering school uniform through Tesco. As a school we will be looking into this and trying to find a more suitable alternative.

Concerns or queries

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's personal, social, academic or physical development then please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you feel that you require further assistance with any matter then please make an appointment to see the phase leader or your child's year group. These are Miss Barrett for EYFS, Ms Scott for years 1 and 2, Mr Spours for years 3 and 4 and Miss Schellingerhoud for years 5 and 6. If you still feel you need further assistance please make an appointment to speak with Mrs Horwood or Ms Newton.

Dates for your diary

- **Gardening Day**
- Sunday 17th September
- **Parents Evening**
- Tuesday 17th October
- Wednesday 18th October
- **Pendarren**
- Monday 30th October until Friday 3rd November

Gardening day

Don't forget Sunday 17th September we will be holding a family garden day at school. Come along and bring friends, family and kids to enjoy some gardening fun.

Behaviour policy

As a staff we have reviewed the behaviour policy and this will shortly be available online. As part of this process we included your children in developing school rules. They are as follows:

At Chestnuts we:

- have good manners
- are honest at all times
- respect all members of our school community
- are committed to learning
- are kind and independent
- like to solve problems
- try our best
- use appropriate language at all times
- look after ourselves and the school
- are positive, open and non-judgemental
- take and give feedback freely and openly

Phonics workshops

I will be holding workshops for parents on phonics on Thursday 21st September at 6:00pm and Friday 22nd September at 9:15am. Please come along to find out more about how we teach phonics at Chestnuts and how we support your child in learning to read and write.

Y1 resources

A huge thank you to all the parents that donated money to ensure we can provide a more play based approach in Year 1. We really appreciate every item you have bought and the money donated will be very well spent. We do still have a wish list running on Amazon if you would like to contribute. Please ask your child's class teacher for details.

House system

As mentioned in a Newsletter at the end of last year we have introduced a house points system that links closely to our behaviour policy. Any adult will be able to award a child with a house point and these will be counted each half term by Year 6 monitors. Our houses (families) are named after fruit trees, a wonderful suggestion from one of our parents. They are Cherry, Apple, Apricot and Orange. I'm sure your child will tell you which house they are in!

School Meals and Free School Meals

From September 2017 school meals will now cost £2.50/day (£12.50/week).The cost for this half term will be £82.50. If you qualify for free school meals please come to the office for a form as soon as possible so that we can make sure this is in place. **If you have applied for free school meals before you will still have to fill in a form as your entitlement only lasts for one year.** If you are not sure if you qualify or not fill in a form anyway as there is no harm in trying. If you have any queries please come and talk to Louise in the school office.

Chestnuts is now a cashless school

After the Easter Holidays we mentioned in many of our newsletters that we will be moving away from receiving and the exchanging of cash within the school as a means to free up more time for parents/ carers with queries during the morning drop offs and afternoon pickups. Payments through the ParentPay website and Card payments at the school office will still be available; however this means that all cash payments will now have to be made via your new PayPoint cards. PayPoint stations are located in a number of shops around the area or even at your place of work. Any shop with either of these logos outside, (see below) will accept this method of payment. All parents/carers in Key Stage 2 will need to request their PayPoint card from the office which you will then be able to bring to your local shop along with your cash and pay for your child's dinners, which will be associated with your child. Unfortunately these cards are not free of charge and we must pay ParentPay to have them issued or replaced, so there will be a £2.00 fee to obtain these cards.

The PayPoint cards only work for paying school dinners, for everything else that we will ask for a payment for e.g. trips, concerts, clubs you will receive a letter with a barcode at the bottom which you will use the same way as you'll use the card and pay for those at your local PayPoint shop.

For those parents/carers who have used the ParentPay website directly to pay for any of things mentioned above please continue to do so, as all payment items will be updated regularly so that we can give you as much time to prepare for any payment item(s) that may be coming up soon. Families that have not yet signed up to the ParentPay site and would like to, please contact the office where you will be given instructions on how to register onto the site.

If you have any further questions about this process please ask to speak with myself.

Elliott Anderson
School Business Manager



Contacting your teacher

We are in the process of setting up new email addresses so that if you have any problems or queries you can contact your class teacher directly. We are hopeful that they will be up and running by the beginning of next week. These will be:

Reception:

Ms Mower..... donaldson@chestnutsprimary.com
Ms Barrett..... ahlberg@chestnutsprimary.com

Year 1:

Ms Potter hadid@chestnutsprimary.com
Ms Griffiths mozart@chestnutsprimary.com

Year 2:

Ms Ryan seacole@chestnutsprimary.com
Ms Scott bolt@chestnutsprimary.com

Year 3:

Mr England dahl@chestnutsprimary.com
Ms Baniuk..... attenborough@chestnutsprimary.com

Year 4:

Mr Spours gandhi@chestnutsprimary.com
Ms Pozsonyi..... fibonacci@chestnutsprimary.com

Year 5:

Ms Schellingerhoud..... rowling@chestnutsprimary.com
Ms Quinn boudicca@chestnutsprimary.com

Year 6:

Ms Donaghy malala@chestnutsprimary.com
Mr Oniye mandela@chestnutsprimary.com