

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO!!

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!

YEAR GROUP	LATE ARRIVALS
Reception	6
1	1
2	5
3	8
4	2
5	1
6	8

LET'S ALL BE
EARLY - EAGER – ENGAGED - EDUCATED

Bank Holiday Reminder

Reminder: School will be closed on Monday 7th May for the bank holiday.

Hello from the PSA (Fundraising team 4 our kids)

On the 18th of May, 5pm until 8pm we are holding the Chestnuts Barn dance featuring Cut a Shine an amazing professional ceilidh band. If you came last year you will remember how thigh-slapping good they were and how much fun it was for all the family. Yee-haw! We will have a BBQ and Bar so great Friday night out - invite your friends and family too.

Please come and get your tickets from your PSA representative in the school play ground or buy them on the Door.

Chestival is also just round the corner and we would love to hear from you if you have any stall or fund raising ideas. Last year we had very popular and tasty Caribbean and Polish food stalls. Also we are looking out for any possible raffle prizes or experiences that you might have to offer (Maybe your work can offer a voucher, or you know someone in the arts that can offer something for example)

As well as our monthly evening meeting we would like introduce a FRIDAY MORNING after drop off "Coffee & chat in Snug" to discuss anything PSA related. IF you have any ideas or just want to come along to hear what's going on all welcome. We will keep you informed when they are by School text.

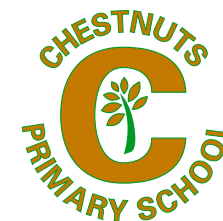
Dates coming soon for the Careers fair and our new annual curry and quiz night in Indika.

Thank you for all your support.

Chestnuts PSA

Lost Property

We are having a lot of reports of lost property at the moment. We do our best to ensure that any found items are placed in the lost property basket in the infant hall. Please ensure that all your children's clothes and belongings are labelled clearly with their name so that if an item is found it can be returned. Also, if your child brings something home by accident that is not theirs, please can you make sure it is returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



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Dates for your diary

- **Friday 18th May - 5pm–8pm**
- PSA Barn Dance
- **Wednesday 23rd May - 9am**
- Year 5 Residential trip meeting
- **Friday 25th May - 9am**
- Parent coffee Morning with the Head Teacher
- **Friday 25th May - 2.45pm**
- Guitar Concert
- **Week beginning 11th June**
- Maths Week
- **Tuesday 12th June**
- Class Photographer
- **Saturday 30th June** - Chestival
- **Tuesday 10th July** - KS1 Sports day
- **Wednesday 11th July** - KS2 Sports day
- **Thursday 12th July - 3.30pm–5pm**
- International Evening

Term Dates

Please check out our school website for all the term dates fro 2018/19. These are now fixed and will not change. We appreciate your understanding this year.

Head Lice

Sadly we have a number of cases of head lice in the school at the moment. Please check your child's hair thoroughly. If they do have head lice wet-combing with a fine-toothed comb that has been liberally soaked with conditioner to help to loosen the grip of lice to the hair, is a good alternative to topical head lice treatments. This comb has teeth fine enough to pull out lice and nits.

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful 2 weeks back to school with children working very hard and thriving in their new topic. Not even the odd, and ever changing, weather has managed to stop us!

We are so pleased that so many local families put us as their first choice school for starting in Reception in September. Whilst many Haringey schools have spaces, we are oversubscribed and all 60 children allocated places put us as their first choice!

Term dates for 2018/19 have been set and are available on the school website. Thank you for your understanding as dates have changed this year. I can assure you that the dates set for next year will not change.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Horwood

Water Bottles

As you know we encourage the children to bring in their own water bottles so that they can have fresh water all the time in their classrooms. If you would like to buy a special "Healthy Schools" water bottle our fabulous Year 6 Green Ambassadors are selling them for **£2 each**. Please help us reduce the amount of plastic throw away bottles in our school by buying one of our reusable ones.



International Evening

We are very pleased to let you know that International Evening will be held on Thursday 12th July from 3.30pm until 5.00pm.

If any parents or carers would like to share their talents by performing or playing music please contact the school office as soon as possible.



KS1 Entry and Exit

From next week we are going to attempt to ease the congestion in the afternoons with access to the Infant School. The door nearest to the garden is going to be the **ENTRY** door and the one nearest to Black Boy Lane will be the **EXIT** door. They will be clearly marked. Please help us by using the right door (even if you are in a hurry) and hopefully it will make access to the school a little less frantic.

Cycling – Hen

Last Friday, a group of 10, KS2 children from Chestnuts participated in the 3rd Round of the Haringey Schools Cycling League. In spite of the dreadful wet weather they were a wonderful team and gave it their all! What great ambassadors for our school!



Nursery Places for 3 & 4 Year Olds

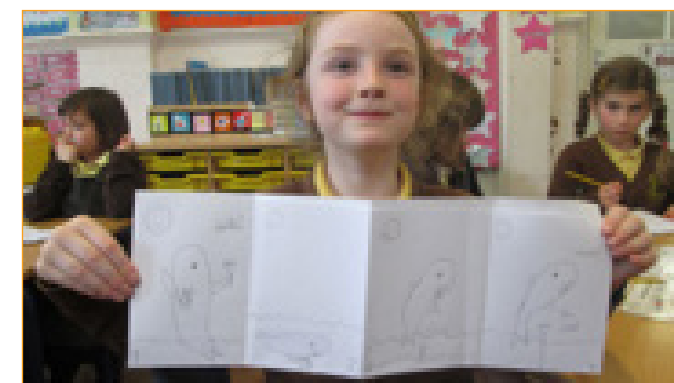
If your child is 3 or 4 before September 2018 and you need a place in nursery please come to the school office to collect an application form for our wonderful Chestnuts Nursery as we still have a few spaces available.



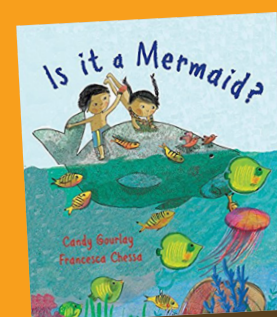
Library News

Last week we were very lucky to have a visit from author Candy Gourlay and illustrator Francesca Chessa. They held an assembly for Early Years and Key Stage 1 to share their special picture book, 'Is It A Mermaid?' Children learned about the dugong, an endangered sea creature, and how it liked to be a mermaid. Year 1s then had a workshop with Francesca, making their own picture books.

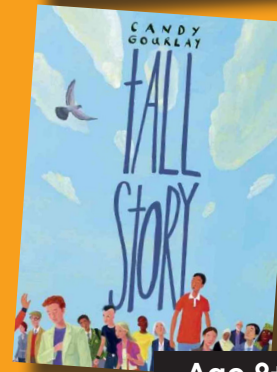
During the afternoon, Candy ran a wonderful session for Years 4 and 5 called The Hero's Journey, in which she used films and her life story to show the stages of successful story-making. Some of the children's responses included: 'it made me feel confident to write' and 'Really enjoyed how Candy referenced lots of famous stories, not all books, and took inspiration from them'.



We still have a few copies left of their books, please see Mrs Efthymiou if interested.



Age 3+ £10



Age 9+ £6.99

