

Dear Families,

This year is passing by so quickly it is hard to believe that we only have one half term to go.

International evening is on 6th June and it would be fantastic if as many as possible of you join us to celebrate our school community. There will be a very special performance of our school song, which I know the children can't wait to share. Please remember to bring a dish to share on the night.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Horwood

School Song



As you know this year we have had the fabulous musicians from Wigmore Hall working with

our School. Lucy and a singer song writer called Abimaro Gunnell from Wigmore Hall have been running workshops with Year 4 to come up with a new school song and here is a picture of what the children have created.

Watch this space for more exciting projects with other year groups.

Dates for your diary



- **Monday 3rd June**
 - Back to School at 8:55am
- **Monday 3rd June**
 - Y5 Performance to Parents
- **Wednesday 5th June**
 - Wigmore Hall Celebration
- **Wednesday 5th June**
 - PSA Meeting 7:30-8:30pm
- **Thursday 6th June**
 - International Evening 4-6:30pm
- **Tuesday 11th June**
 - Class Photographs

International Evening

We are really pleased to let you know that we will be celebrating International Evening on Thursday 6th June from 4-6:30pm. As in past years we know this will be a fantastic event and we are looking forward to seeing all our parents on the night.



Entrance is FREE with a ticket and you can get your tickets after school outside the main reception. We do ask that you bring along a dish to share on the night.

Caterpillars/Butterflies in Reception



Our caterpillars in Reception have now turned into beautiful butterflies. The children have done a fantastic job looking after them and they have now been released into our garden. It has been a great experience watching them grow and change.

Text Messages

We are constantly trying to improve our services and communication with parents. With this in mind we have recently changed to a new text message service. If you have not received a text from us please let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you



Year 3 Went Fishing

Year 3 went on a fabulous taster fishing session at Walthamstow Wetlands. They caught quite a few fish and even though the weather wasn't brilliant they had a marvellous time. Here are some pictures of the day:

Year 2 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 2 were lucky enough to go to Kew Gardens recently which is renowned as one of the most biodiverse places in the world. They were able to experience the perfect marriage of art, science and nature as Chihuly's dazzling sculptures transform the gardens.

Here are some of the pictures from their visit:



Chestnuts Parents for Climate Change

If you are interested in working with parents and Chestnuts to raise the profile of climate change across the school community as well as support your children in taking action in support of climate change please get in touch with Simon Jessop (simoncjessop@hotmail.com).

We are also making some climate change banners in the playground after school on June 13th - do come along!

Thanks,

Simon Jessop and Chestnut Parents for Climate Change

Taekwondo Demonstration

The children from the Thursday Taekwondo after school activity club gave us a fabulous display of their skills this week. They have been working together for quite a while and have learned some amazing moves.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We are looking for new parent governors to join the governing body. One of our parents has resigned meaning that we have one vacancy. Another of our current parent governor's four year term has come to an end and although she wants to continue the role is open to new applicants as well. Every parent/carer of a pupil is entitled to serve as a parent governor.

What does the governing body do?

Working in partnership with the head and other staff, governors are responsible for:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school;
- Holding the head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

What are we looking for in a parent governor?

Parent governors do not need to have any background in education. Rather, we are looking for people who have:

- An active interest in the education of our pupils.
- A commitment to quality and raising standards within our school.
- An willingness to work with others and to contribute as a member of a team.
- A willingness to promote the school within the community it serves.
- The ability to support and challenge the Head Teacher and her leadership team.
- The time to prepare for and attend Governors' meetings.

What is the time commitment?

There are approximately six full governors meetings a year with meetings usually running from about 6:30pm on a Thursday. Governors are also asked to join one of the committees that meet around six times a year and/or to take on a "link" role with special responsibility for a particular area of focus, e.g. reading. You will need to spend time getting to know the school well and preparing for meetings by reading paperwork beforehand. Governors are expected to attend induction training and other training depending on their needs. Once elected, your term of office will be four years.

What's in it for me?

It is not a role to be taken on lightly but a committed governor will find it very rewarding, with opportunities for personal and professional development and a chance to influence the direction of the school. As well as the available training you will be supported by other governors and the clerk to the governing body.

What are the next steps if I am interested?

If you are interested but would like more information or simply to chat about what is involved, please contact Hugh Merritt, Chair of Governors by email at governors@chestnutsprimary.com.

If you wish to put yourself forward please pick up an application form from the school office and return it by **Friday 7th June**.

If there are more than two candidates then there will be a ballot of parents. In this case candidates will be asked to write a short description of themselves to circulate with the ballot paper.