



Chestnuts Primary School

NEWSLETTER

31 January 2020

Dear Families,

We have had a great week this week celebrating Chinese New Year and learning all about the traditions and rituals. It has been very interesting. Thank you to all the children who shared their stories.

I am very concerned with the punctuality of some of our children. It is very important that your child is in the class line at 8:50am ready to calmly go into school and get ready for the day. Please make sure your children are here on time.

Also, the weather has been getting increasingly colder so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Horwood

Punctuality

It is extremely important that your child/children arrive to school on time. Lack of punctuality affects learning and behaviour not only of the pupil who is late, but it has an impact on all other learners as the teacher is required to recap on missing learning for those who arrive late. This reduces learning time for the rest of the class.

Pupils' should be in their class lines in the playgrounds ready to come in and start their day by 8:50am every morning.

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property at the moment. Please make sure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that if they are lost it is clear where we need to return them. Any clothes not collected by half term will be donated to charity

Dates for your diary



- **Monday 3rd February** - Start of SEND Review Week
- **Tuesday 4th February** - Fibonacci Class to Greig City 10:30am–1pm
- **Wednesday 5th February** - Communication & Language Workshop for Early Years Children 9–10am
- **Friday 7th February** - Mozart Class Assembly
- **Friday 7th February** - Quiz Night 8–11pm £10/ticket
- **Thursday 13th February** - Y3 to Wigmore Hall 9am–1:30pm
- **Friday 14th February** - Hadid Class Assembly
- **Friday 13th March** - SEND Coffee Morning 9am
- **Friday 20th March** - Adoptive Parents Coffee Morning
- **Tues 31st March & Wed 1st April** - Parents Consultation Meetings

Attendance

With the start of a new term we would like to remind our families that any **NON-URGENT** GP or dental appointments **MUST** be arranged for outside of school hours and general health check-ups should be made during school holidays.

Holiday Play Scheme

If you would like your child to attend our Holiday Club which is running from Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February, please fill out an application form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Application forms are available on the school website, from the school office or email Louise at office@chestnutsprimary.com.

Chestnuts Knit Night

Our marvellous parents are organising a Knit Night for anyone who would like to meet up with other knitters, learn new techniques or learn to knot from scratch. If you are interested please come along to our first Knit Night on Wednesday 26th February at the Brou's Cellar (Brouhaha, 501 Green Lanes, N4.)

All knitting levels welcome - we are happy to teach you.

If you have any questions call **0790 3014567** (Amelia & Anja)

Trailblazers

We are very pleased to let you know that Chestnuts is now working alongside the organisation Trailblazers. They are a team of wellbeing workers, mental health professionals and other partners who support the emotional wellbeing of children, young people and parents.

Trailblazers work within selected Haringey schools raising the profile of mental health, offering a service to talk and get further support if needed.

If you are worried about a child or young person, you can encourage them to ask to see us in school or tell a teacher or member of staff that they trust.

A leaflet has been given out to every child in school this week with more information. If you would like to discuss anything further or you would like some additional support please contact our SenCo, Ms Scott, at senco@chestnutsprimary.com

Year 5 Trip to Finsbury Park

Last week Year 5 went to Finsbury Park to take part in an Adventure Learning session celebrating 150 years of the Park. Children learned about maps, symbols, keys, coordinates, compasses, orientation, scale and representation, as well as some of the history of the park. It was a great experience.



Mystery Tunnel in Reception

The Reception Classes had a very exciting Wednesday morning when they found a tunnel had appeared outside their classroom! Ms Barrett very bravely went through the tunnel but she did not return and the Reception children spent the morning looking for her and making posters to see if anyone in school had spotted her. Nobody had!

About an hour later, the children received an email and pictures from Ms Barrett to say that the tunnel had taken her to Tibet! Ms Barrett returned a little later with an exciting story of rescuing a baby Yak. It was so good to see Ms Barrett home and safe! What an amazing magic tunnel!



Paying by Pay Point

Over the next few months we will be phasing out our use of Pay Point as a means of paying for school activities as we have found that very few people use this service. This is the bar code at the bottom of letters which allows you to pay by cash in your local shop. However, if you would still like to pay by Pay Point you can still come into the school office and request a barcode and we will provide one.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2020

First Half	Tuesday 7th January 2020	Friday 14th February 2020
Half Term	Monday 17th February 2020	Friday 21st February 2020
Second Half	Monday 24th February 2020	Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term 2020

First Half	Monday 20th April 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020
Half Term	Monday 25th May 2020	Friday 29th May 2020
Second Half	Tuesday 2nd June 2020	Friday 17th July 2020 2:00pm

Change of Bank Holiday to Friday 8th May for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day (it was originally Monday 4th May)

We return after the Summer Holidays on Thursday 3rd September 2020