

# Chestnuts Chronicle



A World Class School

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**Encourage, Enable, Empower  
The Chestnuts Way!**

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## A note from the Headteacher...

We are now at the end of the 2017/18 school year and what a year it has been!

We have had lots of exciting events in school, lots of visitors who have commented on the behaviour and interest of the children and many exciting trips out of school.

At this time of year, it is inevitable that we will be saying goodbye to some children, parents and members of staff. We wish everyone who is embarking on a new challenge the very best of luck in all they do. We will also be getting ready to welcome new members of our community and we are looking forward to this!

Everyone at Chestnuts, children and staff, have worked really hard over the year and we hope that everyone enjoys their well earned rest. We hope the children will be taking part in our Chestnuts101 challenge over the summer and look forward to seeing everything they have done in September.

All that remains is for us to wish you all a very restful, peaceful and safe summer!

# Curriculum News

## Growth Mindsets and Learning Skills

How many learning skills can you use over the summer holidays?



Absorbed



Managing Distractions



Persevere



Noticing



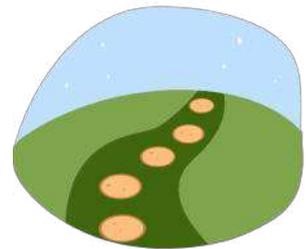
Ask questions



Making links



Imagining



Reasoning



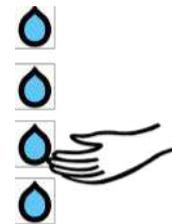
Revising



Planning



Capitalising



Distilling



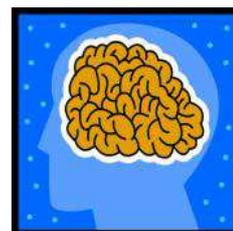
Imitation



Collaborate



Empathy & Listening



Meta-learning



Interdependence

# Sports News

## Willen Lake Activity Week

23rd July to 27th July (Mon—Fri)

8.30—5.30pm

Prices vary—booking required

Throughout the week participants will try different activities including sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, raft building, archery, katakanus, and a range of fun games, all of which makes an ideal introduction to watersports.



## Get Cycling MK

Caldecotte Arms - Fayre & Square, Bletcham  
Way, Caldecotte, Milton Keynes, MK7 8HP

03 Jun 2018 - 30 Sep 2018

Meet at 9:50am start at 10am Sunday

This event is FREE

[Find out more information about Get Cycling Mk](#)



Taking place every Sunday, our rides are perfect for beginners and families or those wanting to find some new cycle routes, explore MK and be around like-minded people. All of the rides are led by very friendly, experienced and knowledgeable cyclists. We ride at the pace of the group and never leave anyone behind. Book your place using the Lets Ride website as numbers are limited on every ride. All of the council's cycle rides are listed under the name 'Get Cycling MK' so it's easy to see who you will be riding with.

## Athlete Visit—Three Little Pigs

As a school we were very lucky to have a visit from Laura Samuels. Laura is a triple jumper and has represented the country at International events, winning a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014. The children started the morning off by completing a series of activities which they had been sponsored to take part in, prior to the event beginning.

After break time the children attended an assembly led by Laura, she told her personal story of how she got to where she is today. She treated the children to a display of part of her warm up routines; the height to which Laura could jump was absolutely phenomenal. Laura was truly inspirational and told the children to follow their dreams because with hard work they can achieve it.





## Year 1 Circus Skills

Year 1 took part in a circus skills workshop with The Great Gappo. He taught us how to juggle with scarves, balance a peacock feather on our fingers, spin plates, dance with Chinese ribbons and spin diablos. We used all of our learning skills to imitate and persevere, even when the tricks were difficult.

## Year 4 Spy Missions



Year 4 went on their very own special mission. They had a day full of excitement, completing special tasks on their secret mission at Spy Missions. In groups, they had to crack codes to doors on a laptop by solving mathematical problems. The excitement was building as they each waited their turn to enter the mission zone. Once inside, they were given instructions by their guide. At times it was very dark inside and they had to navigate their way around and complete their tasks. They crawled through small narrow tunnels, climbed over high fences, avoided laser beams and shot targets before finally whizzing down a slide to escape the last room. All the children were engaged in the mission and enjoyed it immensely.



## Dates for your diary

01/09/18 – 30/09/18

Mon 3rd—Staff training day

Tues 4th—First day of term

Mon 17th - Tues 18th Y5  
residential

Thurs 20th Sept—School  
photos

Mon 24th—Tues 25th Y5  
residential

## Reception—The Three Little Pigs

The children have enjoyed lots of learning around the Three Little Pigs.

They enjoyed retelling the story and even made their own brick house!

They had to use lots of learning skills in order to complete their learning



## Year 3 Bucks County Museum

Year 3 went to Bucks County Museum. The children had the most fantastic time. They were treated to a Roald Dahl story telling experience where a BFG dream was shared with them through the trumpet. All children were totally absorbed in the experience. Memorable parts of The Twits story were also shared with the children, including Mrs Twits glass eye!

After their story telling experience they were allowed to explore the Roald Dahl museum. All the children were totally engaged and their faces were beaming with smiles. They were zapped and shrunk just like Mike TeeVee, they crawled through Fantastic Mr Fox's tunnel, took a trip in the great glass elevator and had many more magical experiences.



## Year 4 Letters

Year 4 have been busy writing letters to different people. We sent Flat Stanley journals to a school in Germany. They asked us to be part of the exchange as their school name is Chestnuts too! We also replied to a lady who used to come to our school in 1956. She sent us her old school report.

It was very different to those we have today. We told her how the school and the area had changed. She appreciated our letters as she wrote back to tell us they had arrived!



## Year 3 Local Walk

Year 3 have been busy in topic learning about our local area. As part of their learning in groups they came up with several questions that they wanted to ask local people about the area. The children were then given the opportunity to go out into the local community and ask members of the local community their questions. All the children were very polite in how they asked their questions.



## Chestival

This week, each year group performed their Chestival acts in front of the other children, staff and, for the first time, parents.

This year's theme was "musicals" and each year group showed that they had worked hard to learn songs and choreograph dance routines. The acts were thoroughly enjoyed by all and we thank you for joining us this year for this special event!





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## **Governing Body Update**

Let me end this school year by saying a massive thank you to all the team at Chestnuts for their hard work and commitment throughout this year. A key challenge we faced back in September was the need to improve the children's ability to write well. We have worked hard to achieve this and succeeded in our challenge.

However, school life is not just about the academic successes of the children. Anyone attending events this week such as the Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Chestival would have seen how much the children have developed and have enjoyed their time at the school.

The Governing Body also recognise the important role that parents and carers have to play in making the children's experiences of school so successful. It is well understood that positive parenting is a significant factor in the success of children. So, we say a big thank you as well, to the parents and carers who have supported the school, the teaching team and their children.

Have a lovely summer.

Wayne Scott  
Chair, Chestnuts School Governing Body.

## FOC Update

The Friends of Chestnuts would like to thank all the parents and carers for helping them to raise money this year to help support the children.

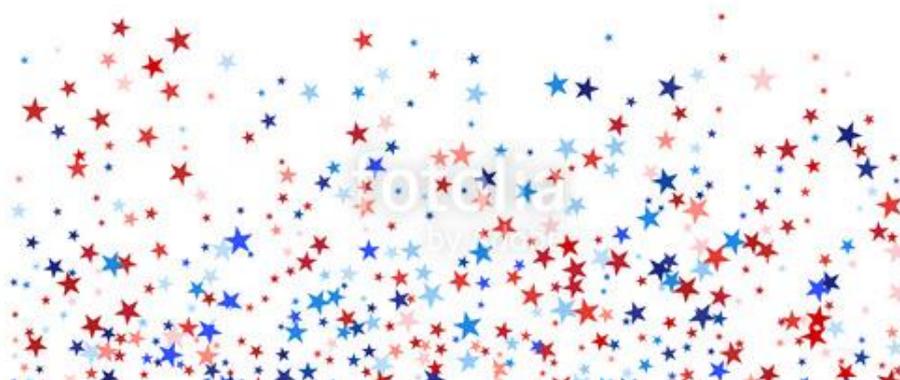
This year the FOC have purchased the following items to help improve what we can offer the children in school:

- New playground toys
- The new and exciting Cornerstones Curriculum which will be introduced to the children in September
- Resources for interventions to support the children

Next year they wish to continue their fundraising efforts to help revamp the library and the books on offer. They hope that you will continue to support them in their efforts.

If you would like to become a member of FOC in September and help organise fundraising events, please contact the main school office who will be able to pass your contact details on to the right people.

The FOC team wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday.



# July 2018 in photos...



Reception work



Year 4 Letters from Germany



Year 1 Circus Skills

