

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...

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Chestnuts this year. We have a lot of exciting things in store for everyone!

We have had a positive start to the year with children settling into their new classes really well. Our newest Nutlets in Seedlings and Saplings have been amazing, especially when coming in at the start of the day. It's hard to believe they have only been in school a few weeks when you see them in school ready to learn at 8.55am!

Well done too to Key Stage 1 children who are also gaining independence and starting their daily learning brilliantly each day.

Key Stage 2 have also shown that they are ready to learn and tackle the challenges that the year ahead will bring.

Parents' evening is fast approaching and appointments will be bookable again using our online system. More details will be coming very soon.

Curriculum News



The Cornerstones Curriculum

This year, we have launched the new Cornerstones Curriculum. The children have been enjoying their new learning and have been very excited about the new topics that are on offer. Read more about the different things that we have done throughout this Chronicle. Thank you to FOC for helping us to purchase this fabulous new curriculum.

eSafety

Do you know who your child is talking to on line?

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Great resources for all ages

Mandarin

Nǐ hǎo! (hello)

Welcome to our fourth year of Mandarin in Chestnuts Primary. This year, we welcome back Mrs Lu - our Chinese language assistant. There is the opportunity for the children to take part in Mandarin Club. Sign up for this opportunity using school money.

Zàijiàn (goodbye)



Sports News

Sport.

At Chestnuts, the children have always enjoyed a wide range of sports. This year is no different!

We have lots of sports on offer through our weekly Fun Friday. These include yoga, dance, basketball, Zumba, netball and cross country. The children have enjoyed their first few sessions.

We also have lots of sports clubs on offer, both at lunchtime and after school. In the past, our sports teams have been successful in their sporting competitions and we hope that this is the case again this year.



Park Runs

There is a monthly free fun run with routes suitable for all ages and abilities.

Choices of routes are 3km, 6km or 10km. Sample routes can be downloaded from the website.

They take place at 10am and are at Furzton Lake.

Meet in the Star car park off Watling Street, opposite the National Bowl.

For more information, visit the website below

<https://www.theparkstrust.com/events/parks-and-run-071018>



School Meals and Payments

Chestnuts School offers an online payment facility for trips/visits, music, breakfast club and school dinners. Parents receive an email or text message with a unique password allowing you to log on to our payment website School Money. If you need a reminder please contact the school office.

www.eduspot.co.uk

This facility allows you to select your menu choices and pay using debit/credit card. Cash payments will still be accepted at school through our main office, although online payment is the preferred method. You can pre-book breakfast club and school dinner up to each half term. Universal free school meal children and free school meal children must log on to make their menu choices but no payment is required.

All choices must be submitted by midday Thursday of the previous week. However, school dinner must be booked by midday Thursday of the last week of term for meals the first week back after any school holiday.

If you have any problems with this system, please contact the school office.



Friends of Chestnuts (FOC) needs you!

If you would like to be part of the Friends of Chestnuts fundraising group, please give your details to the office who will ask one of the members to make contact with you. We very much appreciate all the support FOC give us and they would be happy to welcome new members.



FOC Events

The Friends of Chestnuts have recently held a coffee morning for Macmillan. This was well attended and we thank you for all of your support. These events would not be possible without your help.



Park Smart!

We would like to remind parents not to park across people's drives when parking to drop off or pick up their children at school. Cars are not permitted to stop on the yellow zig-zag lines or any double yellow lines.

We would also like to remind parents not to double park as emergency vehicles need to have access at all times in case of emergency.

Parking is available on St Clements Drive by the park.



Pupil Premium—what is it and how can it help?

Pupil premium funding is available to any children who have been eligible for Free School Meals in the last 6 years. This funding is given to the school each year, for six years, to provide additional support for your child. Even if your child is in EYFS or KS1 and is entitled to Universal Free School Meals, this application can help in other ways.

As a thank you, we offer free school uniform to those in receipt of pupil premium funding. If you have any questions, please speak to the office or email; office@chestnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk

To register or see if you are eligible, please go to https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE



Dates for your diary

10-12th Y6 Residential

10th Lord Grey open evening

12th KS1 Book Night

16th Y5/6 Korfball Competition

18th 3.30 and 6pm EYFS parents meeting

24th EYFS Howe Park Wood trip

25th Outdoor leaning morning for the children; 2-3pm Curriculum afternoon

26th INSET day

28th Half Term

School Council 2018-19

Congratulations!

Year 6	Joseph	Summer
	Kyan	Eden
Year 5	Saful	Cecelia
	Dominik	Freya
Year 4	Leo P	Phoenix
	George	Sarah
Year 3	Alfie C	Chloe
	Adam	Katie
Year 2	Max	Isla
	Tyler	Amelia
Year 1	Zachary	Molly
	Alfie	Darcey
EYFS representative	Alfie	



READING

Reading is so important to a successful education and life long success.

Please ensure you read with your children and sign their reading records.



Exciting Experiences!

Teachers are busy planning lots of exciting experiences for the children throughout the year. Some classes have already ventured outdoors with their learning. Orchard have been to Pear Tree Bridge Marina and Year 5 have been outside re-enacting the battle between Wat Tyler and King Richard. Lots more is planned for the year so please keep an eye out.

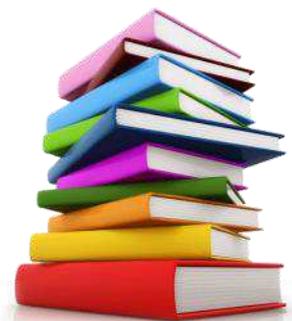


Book Nights

We have always valued reading at Chestnuts. This year, we will be continuing to promote a love of reading for all children. In order to do this, each phase will again be holding a book night at some point during the year.

Key Stage One's is first on Friday 12th October. During the evening, the children will be taking part in a range of activities based around The Twits.

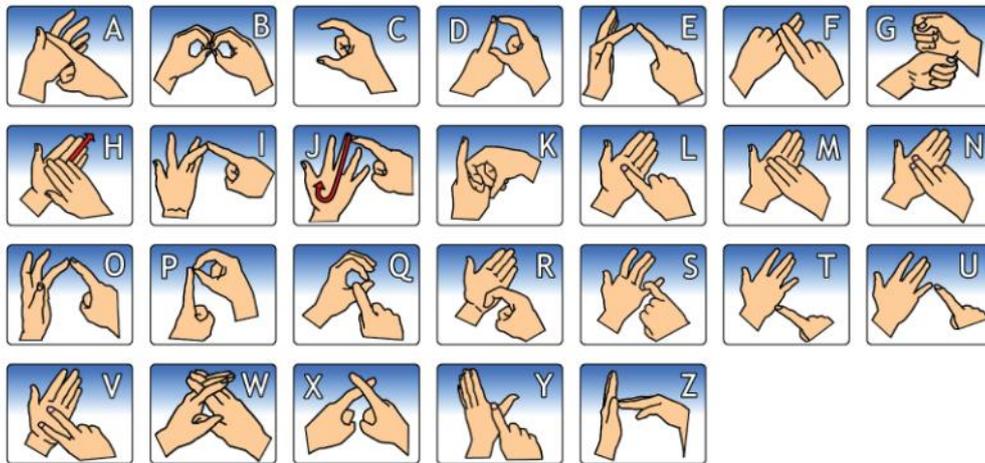
All other phases will have similar opportunities throughout the year so look out for the dates!



Woodlands

Woodlands is our provision for the hearing impaired children in Milton Keynes. They are based at Chestnuts but spend most of their time in class. This page is an opportunity to find out more about the work they do.

BSL - FINGERSPELLING ALPHABET



Who I Trust

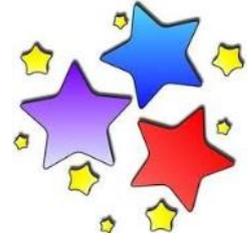
Following an assembly from the NSPCC, the Woodlands children created this display to show who we can trust.





Wonder Work

Year 4 Writing



Why it is important to look after our teeth

Introduction

Read this text and learn how to look after your teeth. You need teeth because they are vital to the digestive system.

Why is it important to look after our teeth

It's important to look after your teeth if you don't want tooth decay. Tooth decay is when plaque drills holes in your teeth. You don't want tooth decay because it really hurts. Plaque is a thin, sticky substance that sticks to your teeth.

The different types of teeth and their roles

There are four different types of teeth. Incisors, canines, molars and premolars.

The incisors help you bite, the canines help you rip and tear, the premolars help the molars chew and the molars also chew.

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