



Chestnuts Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

First and foremost, we hope you are all keeping safe and well in these difficult times.

As we have mentioned before, we do not expect you to 'teach' your children so we have tried to offer activities and tasks that will allow them to revise and recap on key skills they will have already been taught in school to help them occupy their time. Thank you for your ongoing support with school, Google Classroom, and the Facebook activities.

On reflection of the effectiveness of the work being set, it has become evident of the various barriers for a lot of families in accessing Google Classroom so we will be making some changes from **Monday 18th May** to offer more support with your child's **maths activities**.

Changes to EYFS and KS1

There will not be any changes to the format of the tasks that EYFS set.

If your child is in Year 1 or 2, you will receive a weekly 'Arithmetic' sheet that will contain 5 questions for each day of the week. We advise you to encourage them to just do 5 each day rather than all at once. On the Friday of each week, we will send out the answer sheet so the children can identify how well they did.

Along with this, there will be 3 tasks set for the week. These tasks can be shared with the class teachers via the year group email address.

Changes to KS2

If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6, they will be also be sent a weekly 'Arithmetic' sheet that will contain 5 questions for each day. Again, we encourage them to do some each day rather than all at once. Similar to KS1, the answers will be emailed out every Friday for children to check. Added to the bottom of the arithmetic sheet will also be an investigation of a very challenging nature for some children to explore.

In addition to this, we have signed all of KS2 children up to a program called **MyMaths**. This will allow the children to have access to 3 online lessons a week, guiding them through step by step, with a task at the end of each lesson to practise what they have just studied.

At the bottom of this letter is the guidance of how to access MyMaths. **On Monday 18th May, you will receive a message via Marvellous Me containing your child's login and password.**

We still actively encourage you to share your work in the year group email as the teachers are really enjoying seeing what you have been doing. The maths work can also be shared this way too.



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We would like to re-iterate our message that how ever much or little the children feel they are able to do is completely fine. We would just like to make it easier for more of them to be able to access maths activities with less pressure of the various programs and software needed and we hope these changes will be positive ones for you.



Guidance for parents

How to access MyMaths

Go to www.mymaths.co.uk and login at the top of the page with the school's username and password. On the next page your child should enter their personal username and password in the My Portal box. MyMaths will then remember who they are and automatically log them in to the tasks.

Login Details

The school username is: **chestnuts1**

The school password is: **success52**

Your child's unique personal username and password will be sent by Marvellous Me on Monday 18th May.

If your child has been set a task by their teacher it will appear in the Homework area. There is a link to the lesson if they want to revise first, and a link to the homework itself. When your child completes both pages of an Online Homework the scores will be saved to the database. Their teacher will be able to see how well they did and leave feedback.

If a **green star** appears next to a topic, they have good skills in that area. If an **amber star** appears they still have some difficulties. If a **red star** appears they need to go back and relearn the topic. Get them to try the lesson again or ask their teacher for extra help.

Having trouble accessing MyMaths?

If no links are working, it may be that you have a Pop up Blocker. You will need to allow MyMaths to use Pop Ups and we suggest that you add www.mymaths.co.uk to your list of trusted sites. If you are having trouble accessing content, it may be that you need to activate Flash in your browser. You can find more information on this in the technical section of our support site by clicking Help at the top of the screen after you've logged in.



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As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We are here to support and help you in these ever changing and unusual circumstances.

Yours faithfully

Becky Skillings
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