



Chestnuts Primary School

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2 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reports

As previously notified, school reports will be ready on Friday 10 July. For those children in school, they will bring their own, and any siblings reports, home at the end of the day.

For those children not in school, we will have them available to collect in the same way the home learning packs were available.

If your child's surname begins:

A – C please collect from St George's Road Gate between 10am and 10.30am

D – H please collect from St George's Road Gate between 10.30am and 11am

I – M please collect from St George's Road Gate between 11am and 11.30am

N – R please collect from St George's Road Gate between 11.30am and 12 noon

S – Z please collect from St George's Road Gate between 12 noon and 12.30pm.

If you are unable to make the times suggested above, then please contact the office and we will be able to make alternative arrangements.

Reading books

If your child has any school reading books at home, we need to request that they are now returned to school. All books will need to be placed in a plastic bag with the child's name and class on it. This is to ensure that we can safely update our records and don't chase you for missing books in September that you have returned.

For those children currently attending school, please bring them with you any morning from Monday 6 July and place them in the box which will be placed by St Georges Road Gate.

For those children not currently in school, please bring them with you when you come to collect your child's report.



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New Classes

In with your child's report, you will also find lots of information relating to next year. This includes, which class they will be in, which teacher they will be with and a presentation with useful information about the year group they will be joining.

If after reading this information, you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Staffing Changes

As always seems to be the case at the end of the summer term, we have some staffing changes that we wish to share with you.

Miss Hayley will be taking a secondment opportunity and will be joining the team at Rickley Park in September for two years. We hope she enjoys the opportunity and look forward to seeing her back at Chestnuts in September 2022.

Miss Phillips and Miss Tank have both been working with us over the last year, but are formally joining the staff team from September and Mrs Cole and Miss Jones are returning following their maternity leave.

We sadly have some permanent goodbyes to say. We would like to wish Miss James, Miss Andreas and Mrs Abbott well as they all move on to pastures new.

Gifts

We have been asked on numerous occasions whether pupils and parents, will be able to provide staff with a gift at the end of the year. If you feel that this is something you would like to do, then please bear the following in mind, all gifts will be stored for 72 hours before staff are able to open them so delivery to school on Monday 13 or Tuesday 14 July would be ideal, and please avoid anything perishable.

Please do not feel that this is obligatory in any way, we are just answering questions that have been raised.

Year 6

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our amazing Year 6s. We have not been able to celebrate their time at Chestnuts in the normal way and, for this, we are very sorry. We still plan to host a celebration for them all as soon as larger gatherings are allowed. We have however, been



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able to plan some socially distanced activities for the children in school to participate in together in the last week to try and make it a fun week (weather permitting). We have also worked with the photography company that we use, to create a leavers photograph. Please look out for further information regarding this next week.

Summer Holidays

Since school was partially closed on 20 March, we have continued to provide childcare for critical workers including through school holidays. The requirement from the Government for this to happen has been removed and therefore we need to inform you that school will be closing to ALL children on 17 July. Google Classroom and topic packs will not be issued after this date to allow all children and staff to rest ready for a very busy return to school in September. The topics already posted on Google Classroom will continue to be available should you choose to carry on with some learning over the summer. As always, there is no pressure to do so.

September

Yesterday, the Department for Education published the guidance on how schools are to reopen to all pupils in September whilst maintaining safety. As a school, we have a lot of planning to do to ensure we follow all the guidance. We hope to have a first draft of the plan with you before we break up on the 17 July and will continue to communicate with you throughout the summer as and when concrete plans are in place.

All that is left for us to say is we hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer break and we really cannot wait to be all back in school in September.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher



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