



Chestnuts Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to share our plans for the final four weeks of school with you. Unfortunately, due to government guidance, we have been unable to do many of the things that we would normally do in the summer term. We have worked tirelessly to try to find creative ways to allow some of the key events to take place for the children but some, we just cannot manage.

Sports Day

We will be holding our annual sports day on Wednesday 30 June (reserve day should the weather be unkind to us will be Wednesday 7 July). The guidance for this event requires us to maintain our existing bubbles and so each year group will take part in the traditional sports day events whilst remaining separate from the rest of the school. The children will however be taking part at the same time as other year groups in their key stage and so will be able to see each other and cheer each other on. Whilst we have been told by the Department for Education that parents could be allowed to attend in groups of 30 that are consistent with the child's bubble, we have been unable to find a way of ensuring that parents are unable to mix, particularly where they have more than one child at school. Our field and staffing levels are just not big enough to ensure that consistent groups, whose details are all logged, are maintained and kept separate. I fully appreciate that this will be a disappointment to many of you; however, our staff are needed to support the children and run the events rather than acting as marshalls. Our priority has to be ensuring that the children have the experience and opportunity to perform and excel in their sports day. We considered the option of running our event in year groups to allow parents to attend but felt that this would not be in the children's best interests. They have spent so much of the year in their year group bubbles away from the other children that we felt the opportunity to see other children achieving and enjoying themselves was important and was paramount in our decision making process. We will of course share the certificates and achievements with the children and photographs on social media.

Chestnuts Got Talent

This event will be going ahead. Any child who would like to enter and show off their talents, from singing and dancing, to magic acts or poetry recitals, unicycle riding to juggling are invited to audition. Auditions will be taking place in year group bubbles in the week beginning 28 June 2021 and the



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winning entry from each year group will be brought to a grand final to be held in front of the whole school outside. The school will be sat in their bubbles and will all get to watch the finalists, before a star panel select their Chestnuts Got Talent winner for the year. The children best get practising!

Transition to new classes

Ordinarily, we would hold several transition afternoons to allow children to meet their new teachers and experience their new classrooms. Unfortunately, we will be unable to do this in the normal way due to the current restrictions of maintaining bubbles. Therefore, on Thursday 8 July (weather permitting) we will be holding an outdoor transition session for all children. The children will be informed of their new classes and then have an opportunity to spend some time as a group outside with their new teacher, who will remain socially distanced from them. The support staff who are currently with your child's bubble will go with them to ensure that, should any children need close support, there is an adult available to help them.

On Friday 9 July, some children who may suffer from anxiety and nerves, will be invited to spend a second session with their new teacher which will also take place outside.

We will also be sending home a link to a transition video for each year group so that parents have an understanding of what will happen in the new year groups and you will have the opportunity to hear from the new class teachers.

Chestival

Unfortunately, we have been unable to find a safe alternative to our annual Chestival and so this event will not be taking place this year.

Year 6 Leavers Events

There will be a separate letter coming out to Year 6 parents with additional information about the end of term arrangements.

Reading books

All reading books will need to be returned to school on Friday 9th July to enable us to do a stock check ready for the autumn term.

School bags



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Please can you ensure that all children bring a bag (this could be a plastic bag) to school with them on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th July. As you have been unable to come into school and see your children's work this year, we will be sending everything home to you with the exception of their independent writing books. These will be used in their next class. If your child doesn't have a bag to put their work in, then they may well struggle to bring it all out!

We are sure you will be disappointed by some of the decisions that we have had to make this year and we apologise for any upset that this may cause; however, our decisions have been based around the guidance from the Department for Education and the best interests of our children.

We remain ever hopeful that we will be able to reopen school in September in our normal way (which we know many of you have yet to experience) and as soon as we are able to invite you back in for events, we will make every effort to do so. As soon as we receive guidance on the expectations for us in September, we will be in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Becky Skillings
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