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Chestnut Class Newsletter – Summer 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break. As the children enter their final term in Year 3, we continue to have lots of exciting activities ahead. Some of the highlights include May Day preparations, Arts Week and Sports Day!



Curriculum

This term, our topic is 'The Romans'. For more information, please view our attached Topic Web, which will also be available on the school website.

Homework

The 'Enriching Learning' homework sheet will be posted on the school website with the expectation that one piece is to be returned to school, completed, every **Thursday**. Books will be returned to children on Friday. Alternatively, the children can complete the Mathematics task, which will be set and checked every **Thursday**, or challenge themselves on Times Tables Rock Stars.

Please look out for the weekly spelling/phonics pattern sheets, which will be provided by your child's spelling/phonics teacher every **Thursday**. Your child will be tested on words connected to this rule or pattern on the following **Thursday**.



Reading records will be checked every **Friday**. Please try to encourage your child to read regularly throughout the week. 5-10 minutes of extra reading daily, with an adult or independently, will really support the work that we do within school.

P.E.

In Term 5, the children will have their P.E. lesson on Monday. In Term 6, the children will have their P.E. lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday

P.E. kits should remain **in school at all times**, apart from when needing to be taken home to be washed. This is especially important for this term as our sessions may change to ensure that we have access to the May Pole! All children should have indoor and outdoor kit, including a house t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms, a warm long-sleeved top and trainers. **Please make sure that your child's P.E. kit and school uniform is clearly named.**



Forest School

This term, we will be attending Forest School. This will be every Wednesday. Please read the separate letter for more information, particularly regarding suitable clothing.

Important Dates

- Friday 19th April – Culmington Residential Sharing Worship – 2:30pm. Parents welcome.
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (School closed)
- WB 20th May – Walk to School Week
- Wednesday 22nd May – May Day Celebrations. Parents welcome.
- WB 27th May – Half Term
- Monday 3rd June – INSET Day (School closed)
- WB 3rd June – Arts Week
- Saturday 15th June – School Association Summer Fayre
- Wednesday 19th June – Sports Day. Parents welcome.
- WB 24th June – Prayer Space
- Tuesday 25th June – Roman Day in Chestnut Class. Further letter to follow.
- Tuesday 9th July – Changeover Day
- Wednesday 10th July – Reports to parents
- Friday 19th July – Summer Party
- Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term.

News on these and further events will be communicated with you via email. Please note that dates are provisional at this time and subject to change. Please keep an eye on emails from the school office for further updates.

Contact

If you wish to make contact with me, there are a number of ways that you can do this.

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you or pass on a message.
- Alternatively, I will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected and this would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.
- Please remember that emails should be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to me if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.



Reminders

- Water Bottles – Please make sure children have a clear, named water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. **Please note, there should only be water in these bottles (not squash, juice, flavoured or fizzy water).**
- **Summer Protection** – As we enter the summer months, all children should be prepared for outdoor play. Sun hats should be brought to school, and sun cream applied before the start of the school day. **Children should also have coats on those rainier summer days!**



Kind regards,

Miss Crockett

Below are reminder sheets to help encourage independence in your child. You could put it on the fridge or your child's bedroom door so they can ensure that they have everything they need each day.

Term 5

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	PE
Tuesday	PE Kit Forest School Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Forest School
Wednesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle Homework Book	Spelling Test Homework Checked
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Reading Record Checked

Term 6

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	PE
Wednesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	PE
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle Homework Book	Spelling Test Homework Checked
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Reading Record Checked

