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Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With just over two weeks to go until the half term break, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Parents evenings will be held at the end of October and details will be shared in this bulletin.

After half term we will be sharing our Open Day videos and Q and A sessions, please feel free to share these with your family and friends, we are sad to not be opening our school doors to families at this time but recognise that this is the best way to maximise safety. Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you a successful week.

The Chestnut Park Team

Executive Headteacher update

Public Health

Last week we saw our first bubble close for a short period of time. Due to the detailed safety measures we have in place, I am grateful that this was just for 20 children.

I felt it may be helpful to outline the process we went through with Public Health at this time. When there is a confirmed case they ask us to consider close contacts in the 48 hours before the onset of the Covid Symptoms. In some cases, the infected person may have already been off 48 hours when the symptoms start and therefore we may be advised that no further action is needed at these times.

Where an infected person has been in the school community in the 48 hours prior to the Covid symptoms, Public Health have also advised us, in these cases, to close for 14 days from the onset of symptoms. The actual closure maybe less than 14 days in cases where the infected person has already been away from the school setting for some time. We would take advice on each case before acting.

When calling Public Health, what have we been asked about close contacts in schools?

This included skin to skin contact, any face to face time within 1 meter, 15 minutes or more closer than 2 meters or 1 meter or less for 1 minute or more (but not face to face). Current

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guidance means we send the close contacts home to isolate and not the close contacts siblings.

How can we all help?

- We do understand that it is a challenge when one sibling is in school and another is not- please try wherever you can to bring the sibling to school but if you have difficulties and cannot manage this within the family unit, please do contact the school.
- Please maintain the 2m distance at all times when coming to the school; please be mindful that our staff outside need to stay safe and therefore maintain the 2 meters when speaking to them. Please help us to stay safe as well by respecting the distancing and only coming at your allocated time for drop off.
- In order to avoid a queue, please continue to telephone the school for as many queries as possible. Where a conversation is needed, please use the window to reception and do not enter the school building.
- Please ensure your children are not playing with children other than your own when you drop off and collect them.



In this weeks assembly, I spoke of Kindness. During these difficult times, it is vital we are both kind to ourselves and to others. Opening school, with all the safety measures, has certainly relied on the kindness of our wonderful team of staff who have gone the extra mile to support the start of term. I am certainly very privileged to work with such an inspirational team and our supportive families.

Lets spread a little kindness this week- you may also wish to use the kindness note below. My target is to send ten a week throughout October.



Mrs Brooks
Executive Headteacher

Just to say.....

Thank you parents and carers for your patience and understanding when we are supervising the entry and exit to school.

From, Mrs Brooks

Head of School Update

Dear parents,

We continue to work hard at Chestnut Park and the rich learning that is happening around the school is a delight to watch. Walking the school each day and being greeted by the children with fun facts and what they are learning is certainly the best part of my day.

The entering and collection times seem to be working much more efficiently and we want to thank you for your time and patience with this matter.

Please see some further updates below:

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Lost Property

There are a great deal of jumpers and coats left at school- we washed all the jumpers left last week and ask that you now collect any lost property. Any lost property not collected by half term will be removed from site.

Open day

If you are looking at a Reception place for your child for September 2021 then please visit our website and under the admissions tab you will find further information and a link to register your interest for one of our virtual open days.

Or please use the link below to complete the form and register your interest.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdD6rS1AtJLsr7aLSR9SwovX3N22tomHr1X9nYbAsYoOtF4Yg/viewform>

Arrangements for Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October. These will be held virtually via the online portal, School Cloud. A letter with further details were sent out this earlier in the week. Please do use the parents' guide below for more information on how to use School Cloud.

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

If you have any concerns in the meantime then please do email your child's class teacher.

Welcome PowerPoints



By now, You should have all received your 'Welcome to your new year group' PowerPoints via email. Please check with the school office that your Parent Pay account is activated in order to receive. The aim of these presentations is to give you an insight into the year ahead for your child and any important information you may need to know.

Thank you for your continued support,

Hayley Lewis

Head of School



A welcome from the office Team

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Natasha Rainford-Hay

Hi my name is Natasha Rainford-Hay Office Manager at chestnut park primary school. My role at Chestnut park is to essentially ensure the smooth running of the school office on a daily basis. Providing support for the parents/carers whose children attend our school, with the support of an administrative team an SLT.

I started at Chestnut Park in 2015 and have watched the school grow and feel very honoured to work for such an amazing school where the children are taught to grow, learn and flourish. Chestnut Park is truly a school of excellence.



Nahida Aktar

My name is Nahida and I'm the Office Administrator for Chestnut Park Primary School. I have just recently started working for the school and I have to say it has been lovely meeting new parents! I am responsible of being the initial point of contact for incoming phone calls, visitors, parents and pupils with a professional, helpful and friendly approach to build positive ongoing relationships. Also, I am responsible for providing a flexible, productive and responsive administrative service to the teaching team and management team thereby contributing towards the smooth running of the school. I look forward to establishing new positive relationships with students and parents and together overcome any challenges in the upcoming months



Safeguarding

Google and Parent Zone are delighted to launch a series of **digital drop-ins** about the online world - on everything from Cyberbullying to Sharing Carefully.

We asked you to tell us what 'Be Internet Legends' could help you with - and then developed the livestreams based on your answers!

Delivered on **YouTube** and led by Parent Zone's experienced team, digital drop-ins take a 360° look at a specific topic, offering

- practical strategies if you're concerned
- activities for families who just want to learn more
- learning points from Be Internet Legends
- signposting to other resources and games.

If you're a parent, feel free to join us whenever you like. Each session is 30 minutes long, totally free and accessible on YouTube.



https://parentzone.org.uk/parentsessions?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=aadb23681-

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SEND

At Chestnut Park Primary School we recognise that being a parent is one of the most rewarding, but also one of the most difficult jobs in the world. When everything is running smoothly in our lives it is hard enough to be a parent, but when hiccups and problems arise in family life, then it can sometimes feel that parenting is an uphill struggle. Everyone needs a helping hand at some point in their lives. If you feel that you are not coping at home, then please do not hesitate to share your concerns or difficulties with us. We are able to access a wide range of support services which can help parents overcome a range of issues. Please see below for some links which may also help or contact me at: j.payne0@chestnutparkschool.org

<https://www.pipcroydon.com/>

At PiP we work with parent carers of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities aged 0-25 living in Croydon.

Our aim is to improve lives of parents by providing specialist support, expert training and up to date local knowledge and information.

We care about the individual, about inclusion and about recognising that success for different people comes in different ways.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY INFORMATION, ADVICE, SUPPORT (SENDIAS) SERVICE CROYDON

Our SENDIAS service offer independent, impartial and confidential free advice and support for parents and families who have children or young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability

If your child or young person has Communication and Interaction, Cognition and Learning, Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs and you need impartial legal advice and information on SEND or Educational Health and Care plans, please come along to Our Drop IN sessions or contact us by phone or email.

Free DROP IN sessions every Friday 10am-12pm (term time only)
Carers Support Centre
24 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PB

Contact us on phone: 02086635630/5631
Email us: Croydon@kids.org.uk
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Keep up to date with us:
www.kids.org.uk | KIDBoherty
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Kids Giving disabled children a better future

<https://chatterpack.net/>

ChatterPack is a voluntary-run, special educational needs and disabilities hub

We work hard to support families, schools, and other professionals through our free monthly SEND newsletter, our free resources, and through sharing accurate, practical, respectful, advice and information

Dates for the diary, Autumn Term- (Please notes dates may change and these will be communicated with the parents with prior notice)

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19th October	Harvest Festival will be sent to parents via email
Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October	Parents meetings
Friday 23rd October	End of the first half of Autumn term
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Children return to school
Week beginning 2nd November	Handwriting parents' workshop to be sent out to parents
Dates to be confirmed	Virtual Christmas Nativity - Year 1
Dates to be confirmed	Christmas songs - Year 3 and 4
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 18th December	INSET Day
Monday 4th January	INSET Day

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