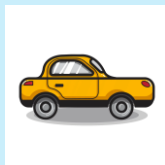




Welcome to our first newsletter of the term!

We hope that our old families have settled back into the school routine well, and hope that our new families have found starting Chestnut to be a positive experience. Our main focus for the start of term has been getting to know each other and familiarising the children with their new friends, staff members, routines and new resources. Over the next few weeks, before half-term, we will be exploring the popular theme of transport as our topic and investigating different types of transport, the types of noises associated with different vehicles, talking about children's own experiences, having fun with wheels, reading stories to do with transport and taking a traffic survey of vehicles in the neighbourhood. We hope that some of you will be able to join us for this.



New staff

This term we are excited to welcome new staff to Chestnut. The children are very lucky to have so many adults – both old and new supporting them on their learning journeys through play. Meet our new staff:



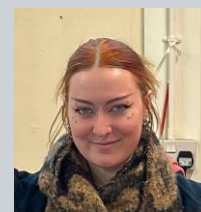
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Zoe



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Settling in Reviews and points of progress

When children start at Chestnut Nursery School, we spend the first few weeks getting to know them, observing their play, finding out about their individual interests and patterns of learning, observing their strengths and considering areas where the children might need some help. If your child has just started with us, we will make a time to meet you before half-term so that we can share our observations and build on our home/school partnership. For parents with children who have just moved up into the main playroom you can expect to read a long observation of your child on Tapestry which will give you an insight into how they are progressing and developing with their new keyworker.



Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 6th October** - @ 2.30pm **Nursery School Traffic Count**
As part of our topic on vehicles we will be taking the children out to Burnthouse Lane to observe, count and talk about the different vehicles we can see. Parents /carers are invited to join us.
- Friday 16th October** - **Just One Tree Day** This is an in-house fundraising day to support the charity Just One Tree (see the recent Tapestry post for more information). We are inviting the children to wear something green and give a donation which will support our Just One Tree campaign. During the day the children will enjoy tree related activities.
- Wednesday 21st October** - @ 3-4pm **Gardening Club** Parents/Carers are invited to accompany their child and help with some gardening jobs
- Friday 23rd October** - @ 4-6pm **Autumn Celebration** Come and join us for a community celebration of shared food and activities for all the family. Although this is a free event we will be asking for donations for food and drinks to raise funds for activities for the children.
Please note there will be no After School Club on this day.



Half-Term – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

- Monday 2nd November** - First day back and start of an international placement for our German Student for 3 weeks – with an opportunity for cultural exchange.
- Tuesday 3rd November** - @ 3.30pm Open evening for new families

Change of sessions

Please note, if you wish to change your child's sessions you will need to complete a change of session form, available from Sarah Sargent on the front desk. Sessions changes will be processed once a month, in order to make sure we have enough staff/ correct ratios for any changes. You need to wait for confirmation of session changes from admin before any changes take place. On Tuesday 17th November we will also process new application forms for the January term.

Last month's gallery



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