

Chestnut Class Parent Information Session

Monday 8th September



Staff

Staff working in Chestnut class:

- ▶ Class teachers - Mrs Puntrello (Monday - Wednesday)
Mrs Farrugia (Wednesday - Friday)
- ▶ TA/Lunchtime Supervisor - Miss Coffey
- ▶ Mrs Churchill (Computing) Wednesday PM

Senior Leadership Team



Mrs Blunt
Headteacher



Mrs Mason
Deputy Headteacher



Mr Kingham
Deputy Headteacher
SENDCo

The Senior Leadership Team works across both Harlington and Sundon Lower Schools.

Values

- ▶ We are proud to be a values based school.
- ▶ We teach a value each month in class and in assemblies.
- ▶ Our behaviour system links back to our values.
- ▶ Please continue to send in a note when your child has displayed one of our values at home.

Our values are:

	Year A	Year B
September	Respect	Respect
October	Responsibility	Responsibility
November	Peace	Independence
December	Compassion	Patience
January	Appreciation	Appreciation
February	Honesty	Honesty
March	Perseverance	Courage
April	Trust	Forgiveness
May	Co-operation	Resilience
June	Positivity	Hope and Optimism
July	Friendship	Citizenship



Behaviour

Harlington Lower School Behaviour Policy



At Harlington Lower School, we are **respectful**, **responsible** and **safe**.



We show each other the value of **kindness**.



This means using kind words, kind hands and kind feet.



If you do these things, an adult may say 'well done'.



You may get a sticker or a dojo point.



You might get a certificate in assembly.



What happens if my behaviour is unkind?



Reminder and choices



1st warning



2nd warning



An adult will give me a consequence.



Sent to Mrs Mason.



Sent to Mrs Blunt. Your family will be phoned.



You may be excluded.

Behaviour

- ▶ DoJos are used across the school
- ▶ An SLT sticker = 5 DoJos
- ▶ DoJos can be given for hard work, excellent work, showing the values/manners, sports, 5 Bs etc
- ▶ Individual DoJos equate to rewards. E.g. 10 dojos = their egg hatches
- ▶ When a whole class gets a multiple of 500 DoJos, they can choose a class treat e.g. an extra playtime
- ▶ A child each week from each class will be in the golden book
- ▶ Sports certificates from home can be shared in celebration assembly on a Monday.
- ▶ Values leaves can be brought in from home to celebrate children showing the values at home

Attendance

- ▶ Staff are in school every day unless they are unwell or there are exceptional circumstances - we ask that parents do the same.
- ▶ If your child is unwell with sickness or diarrhea we have a 48 hour policy.
- ▶ If your child won't be in school, please email the school office.



Punctuality

- ▶ Gates open 8:45am
- ▶ Years 1-4 doors closes promptly by 9:00am
- ▶ From this week encourage your child to walk themselves to the classroom door and say goodbye to your child at the gate.
- ▶ Children arriving after this time need to be escorted to the main entrance and will be marked as late.

Holidays

- ▶ Holidays cannot be authorised. However, please do complete a request form (available on the school website) and hand it into the school office at least 6 weeks before hand.
- ▶ For any other leave of absences, please also complete a form.



Application for Leave of Absence during Term Time

- This form should be completed **AT LEAST SIX WEEKS** prior to the requested absence date.
- A separate application must be completed for each child.

Pyramid Schools Trust School			
Students full name			
Address			
Form / Class name			
Date of Birth		Year Group	
Period of Absence			
From		To	
Number of school days		Return to school date	
Absence • <u>CBC Holidays in term time guidance</u> • if request is for a family holiday, please explain the exceptional circumstances why it MUST be in term time			
Name		Relationship to student	

Signed		Date	
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Please indicate if your child/ren has a sibling in our local schools:	
Pyramid Trust Schools	Other Schools
Arnold Academy	Chalton Lower School
Harlington Lower School	Eversholt Lower School
Harlington Upper School	Greenfield Lower School
Parkfields Middle School	Silsoe Lower School
Ramsey Manor Lower School	Toddington St George Lower School
Sundon Lower School	
Westoning Lower School	

School Action	• Previous holidays checked • Liaise with feeder schools prior to decision / authorisation • Form teacher / Head of Year informed / consulted • Supporting evidence required
Current Attendance Figure	

Decision regarding request for leave of absence in term time	
Number of days requested	
Absence request authorised	
Absent request unauthorised	
Absent request can be partly authorised	
Reason for decision	
Signed by Headteacher	
Date	

Reading expectations

- ▶ Your child will bring home a fully decodable book matched to their current phonics level (from the Twinkl Rhino Readers scheme).
 - ▶ Books will be changed on Friday to give your child time to practise and build confidence.
 - ▶ We encourage you to read with your child at least 5 times a week. They don't need to read the whole book each time—just a few pages a night is perfect, and they might read the whole book two or three times across the week. Reading the same book multiple times helps with decoding, fluency, expression, and comprehension.
 - ▶ Please record in their reading record every time you hear your child read.
 - ▶ Your child will also take home a “reading for pleasure” book from the library, which is for sharing and enjoying together - it may not be decodable. This will be changed in the class weekly library slot on a Monday.
 - ▶ Teachers will hear every child read multiple times throughout the day in phonics lessons and across the curriculum. Teachers will hear every child read individually at least once per half term. Children will also be heard by TAs and reading volunteers.
- Please support your child's reading by encouraging regular practice at home—it makes a big difference!

Homework

- ▶ Children are expected to read 5 times a week at home - this is the main part of their homework.
- ▶ A Maths and English activity will be sent home in a folder each week on a Friday and is due back the following week.
- ▶ Please get your child to practice logging on to Purple Mash so they can do this independently in school.

Snack

- ▶ Year 1 - Rolling snack of fruit or vegetables will be available.
- ▶ Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school.



Curriculum

Chestnut timetable

Time	8.45 -10.30				10.45-12:00		12:00-1:00	1.00-2:00	2:15-3:30	
MON	CP	9.00-9.30 Phonics	9.30-9.45 Maths input	Maths groups Continuous provision	10.45-11.00 Celebration assembly	Science input Continuous provision	Lunch	1:00-1.20 English input	Continuous provision English small group tasks	Library/music
TUES	CP	9.00-9.30 Phonics	9.30-9.45 Maths input	Continuous provision Maths small groups		11.40-11.55 Mastering number		1:00-1.20 English input	Continuous provision English small group tasks	3:00-3.20 PSHE session
WEDS	CP	9.00-9.30 Phonics	9.30-9.45 Maths input	Continuous provision Maths small groups		11.40-11.55 Mastering number		1.00-2.00 Jennie Computing Joint PPA L&M	2:00-3:00 P.E.	3:00-3:20 History/ Geog input
THURS	CP	9.00-9.30 Phonics	9.30-9.45 Maths input	Continuous provision Maths small groups		11.40-11.55 Mastering number		1:00-1.20 English input	Continuous provision English small group tasks	3:00-3.20 R.E. input
FRI	CP	9.00-9.30 Phonics	9.30-9.45 Maths input	Continuous provision Maths small groups		11.40-11.55 Mastering number		1:00-1:20 English input	Continuous provision English small group tasks	3:00-3:20 D.T./Art input Story time

Assessment

- ▶ Year 1 Phonic Screening test (National) - in the Summer term.
- ▶ Assessments - at the end of each half-term in Reading, Writing, Maths
- ▶ Children often unaware that they are being tested
- ▶ Parent consultations - October, February
- ▶ Full written report - End of the Summer term
- ▶ If we have any concerns we will speak to you before.

Lunches

- ▶ If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please speak to the school office.
- ▶ School lunches can be booked
- ▶ Please ensure that packed lunches are healthy and nut-free.

Uniform

- ▶ Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- ▶ White shirt or polo shirt with or without school logo
- ▶ Smart, tailored grey trousers either full length or shorts, grey skirts or pinafore
- ▶ Summer alternative-Pale blue checked dress, grey skirt, grey shorts
- ▶ Plain grey or white tights or grey or white socks
- ▶ Black flat heeled school shoes (not trainers, canvas, or open toed).
- ▶ Royal blue fleece jacket with school logo for outdoor wear (optional). May be worn to and from school or at playtimes.
- ▶ Please supply a pair of wellies and suitable coat for when the weather is wet.
- ▶ **Please clearly label all items of clothing**

PE kit

- ▶ Navy or black shorts
- ▶ Round neck T-shirt in house colours
- ▶ Trainers
- ▶ Black or navy tracksuit bottoms and/or a black or navy hoodie may be worn for outdoor PE
- ▶ Our P.E. day is Wednesday - children are to come to school in their P.E. kit.

Safeguarding

- ▶ If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to Mrs Mason, Mrs Blunt or Mrs Carter.
- ▶ Please ensure that you have set a collection password via the school office.
- ▶ Please pass the password onto anyone who is collecting your child for you.
- ▶ Any unfamiliar adult will be asked to give the password before your child is released for collection.

Communication

- ▶ If you have any questions, concerns or want to pass on information, please speak to the child teacher in the first instance.
- ▶ For any safeguarding concerns, please speak to Mrs Mason, Mrs Blunt or Mrs Carter.
- ▶ For any SEND related questions, please speak to the class teacher or to Mr Kingham.
- ▶ If you still have concerns after speaking to the class teacher, please speak to Mrs Mason and then to Mrs Blunt.

Trips and special events

- ▶ Our school trip to the The Grove Theatre - Tuesday 9th December
- ▶ Harvest , Christmas and Easter celebrations
- ▶ KS 1 Nativity - Wednesday 10th Thursday 11th December
- ▶ Mother's day events and sales - details nearer the time
- ▶ Father's day events and sales - details nearer the time
- ▶ Chestnut Charity event - w/c 27th April
- ▶ End of year KS1 trip - details to follow.
- ▶ Sport festivals throughout the year arranged by Mrs Keeble

Volunteers

- ▶ We are currently looking for volunteers to help with reading and with Forest School.
- ▶ If you are interested, please speak to the office.

Any questions?

