



Middle Barton School

Newsletter

Friday 18th June 2021

Head's News

The children are thoroughly enjoying the new basketball posts and are getting really good at scoring baskets! I am pleased to say that our playground will be cleaned and repainted over the next few months as well as outdoor exercise equipment being installed down the side of the field. This will include cross trainers, skiing and rowing machines and other activities for the children to increase their levels of fitness. We are also installing black boards along the fence for outdoor creativity.

We have also secured funding from the River Learning Trust to redo the pupil toilet block in the old building and provide a much-needed adult toilet in that building as well.

We are sorry today that after lots of consideration of the new guidance, we have decided that sports day will go ahead without parents watching. We will however record it and share. The class performances however will go ahead, with two adults per household being invited to, where possible, outside events with socially distanced groups of no more than 30.

Both our student teachers have completed their teaching practices with us, but we are delighted to be able to employ them both for some hours until the end of term to help in classes across the school.

End of year reports will be sent home with the children on Monday 19th July and there is a section for you to return should you wish.

It has come to our attention that several of the children are using 'TikTok' and we wanted to ask your help in ensuring that our children are safe on-line and know about the future implications of posted material and the potential for it to never 'disappear'. Firstly, as with many of these social media sites, you have to be 13 to have your own account and for any of our children the safest thing is for YOU to set up a child's account for TikTok or YouTube. This means that the content is appropriate for under 13's and they are safe to use it.

We have had parents inform me that they follow their own children so that they can 'police' their accounts. Extra precautions are: set the account to private, turn off the comments facility and set the account to not save posts. Of course the issue is, as with Snapchat, that viewers are 'screen-shotting' posts and sharing them.

So, to summarise, the safest action is to not allow children to have these accounts. If they must, then check them and police them regularly by being followers.

One of our parents has mentioned that cars are often left running outside the front of the school during drop off and pick up. Please could we be mindful of the potential harm to people as well as the environment and turn them off whilst waiting. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and try to stay dry!

From the office:

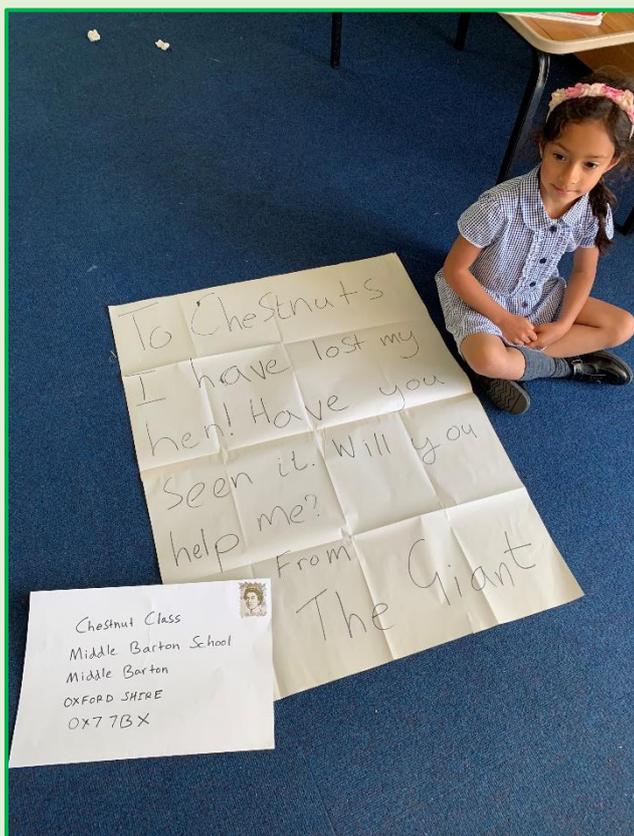
Class photo orders – please ensure that all orders are returned to the office by Tuesday 22nd June. After this date orders can be made directly online, but there will be a charge for delivery.

Exciting events in Chestnut Class!

On Wednesday we found mysterious beans and received a letter from a Giant looking for his missing hen. We created missing hen posters, and searched high and low for the hen that lays golden eggs.



We planted one of the magic beans and it grew into a beanstalk over lunch!



Dojo points

Acorn = Tom

Chestnut = Alice

Sycamore = Amelia W

Maple = Tahlia

Willow = Harrie

Oak = Henry

Values leaves

