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Dear Parents

Mid-Year Reports

Each year the Governors ask parents to complete a survey about Chestnut Lane School so that they can identify areas of strength as well as areas for development. We make every effort to respond to your comments and suggestions and we believe that we have identified a very positive initiative that will meet your requirements for more information earlier in the year regarding your child's progress. We also believe that it will provide a structure for both parents and staff to work together to beneficially impact the children's development.

The proposal is to pilot a new system for reporting pupil progress by introducing a mid-year report for English and Maths which you will receive after half term. The report will contain progress information as well as targets, which are based on the teacher's assessments against age related expectations. There will also be a feedback section enabling you to request further information on any of the areas within the report.

The report will be followed up with workshops run by all teaching staff for parents. These will include ways that you can support your child at home to meet their targets and answer queries raised in your feedback.

Parents will still receive an end of year report which will have a review of the mid-year targets as well as information about all other subjects.

This means there will be no formal consultation evening this term, however we believe the workshops for parents will be more beneficial as they will be planned in response to requests from parents. The workshops will be held in March.

As always every teacher will be happy to meet with parents to discuss any points raised on the mid-year report but we would ask that you wait until after the workshops to make an appointment.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
2015 - 16	Consultations	Consultations	End of year report
2016 - 17	Consultations	Mid-year report for English and Maths. Plus workshop opportunities to find out how best to support your child at home. Attended by all staff.	End of year report for all subjects, with an additional review of mid-year targets.

This pilot is initially for one year only. We will welcome feedback from the parent body at the end of the school year which will help to inform our decision on reporting to parents in the future.

Yours faithfully

Christine Plimsaul
Headteacher

