



## **CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**Weekly Communication  
Edition 24  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Upcoming key dates for the diary (please see diary for extensive list):**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Time to dance (Selected pupils)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Year 6 visit to St George's

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Film Afternoon (ticketed event)

- 1. Absence request – All – Action**
- 2. Sports News – All – Action**
- 3. PTA Film Afternoon – All – Action**
- 4. Celebrating Children's Achievement – All – Action**
- 5. Treat Week – All – Action**
- 6. External Events – all – information**

### **1. Absence request – All – Action**

Under exceptional circumstances pupils may be granted absence from school, to request this please fill out the online form, which can be found on our website:

**<http://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/form/?pid=203&form=19>**

Please note that any request for absence must be discussed or submitted BEFORE any arrangements surrounding the request are made. Absence will only be agreed in exceptional circumstances.

#### Guidance Notes

- In line with Government legislation, leave of absence during term time will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- If such circumstances exist, then the matter should be discussed well in advance of any intended absence period (circumstances permitting).
- Further evidence or documentation may be requested by the school.
- Both the current and previous attendance histories will be taken into account.
- Parents are expected to arrange scheduled time off, such as holidays or other overseas visits and family gatherings during non-term time periods.

#### Attendance Facts

- Pupils are only at school for 190 days each year. This leaves 175 days each year when pupils are not in school (This is clearly a sufficient amount of time in which to organise holidays, visits and other family events).
- 95% and above represents good attendance. 95% is the equivalent to 9½ days absence per year. This is the minimum expectation.
- 90% attendance represents half a day off every week. This would mean missing 4 weeks of lessons in a year.
- 80% attendance represents 1 day off every week.
- Ensuring a child has good attendance is the legal responsibility of parents.

## 2. Sports News – All – Action

### Y4 Netball Tournament

What a team performance on Tuesday afternoon – in glorious Spring conditions the team played extremely well in their first tournament. Out of the 7 matches they played 5 wins and a draw saw them into runners up overall.

Team: Sorrel, Alice, Doris, Agnes, George, Emily, Rosie and Luca.



### Y5 Shield Football

On a very, very wet Monday the team faced a strong West Park team, the players tried their best but were unfortunately beaten in the Shield quarter final match.

### Y5 Bikeability

All Y5 pupils have been given information regarding free Bikeability Training coming up in April /May. If you would like your child to take part in this training, please complete the application form from the booklet and return it to Mr Quick. Pupils must be able to ride a bike for this and have a helmet. Classes will either be taking their training on the w/c 30<sup>th</sup> April or 7<sup>th</sup> May.

### Upcoming Events

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Time to Dance (Worthing Pavilion)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Football Festival Vs TAB (TAB)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Y3&4 Indoor Athletics Competition (St Andrews)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Y3 Football Tournament and Netball skills sessions

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Gifted and Talented Indoor Athletics Pentathlon

### SPORTS DAY DATES

Year 5 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Year 6 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Year 3 – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June

All Sports Days will start at 9.30am on the school field and finish by 11.15am.

## 3. PTA Film Afternoon – All – Action

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CHESWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA  
*Presents*

**FILM AFTERNOON**

**PADDINGTON 2**

**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**  
3.15pm to 5.15pm

**£2.00** per child to include 

**DRINK & POPCORN**

Spaces are limited. Tickets sold on first come-first served basis

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## 4. Celebrating Children’s Achievement – All – Action

Anastasija in Year 3 travelled to Minsk in Belarus recently to take part in the 4th Open European Championship in Modern Sword Fighting, representing the UK.

Athletes from 17 countries were present at the event. Nastia had 3 competitive fights in her group in the sword & shield discipline, with a great result winning the golden medal in the girls 6-7 year old age group.

This is the first time that the UK was represented in such a tournament.



## 5. Treat Week – All – Action

### Half Term Treat Week!

Every day from 26<sup>th</sup> March at  
break, lunchtimes and after  
school in the Reception



Prices from 25p!

## 6. External Events – all – information

The road safety team at WSCC are running free Bikeability holiday courses during the Easter and summer holidays this year for pupils aged 10 years and over.



### **FREE Bikeability Level 2 Cycle Training Holiday Courses**



(Minimum age 10 years)

#### **Easter Holiday Course**

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (4 days)  
9.00am until 11.00am

##### Course Venues

Oak Grove College, Worthing

Forest School, Horsham

Maidenbower Junior School, Crawley

The Arena Sports Centre, Bognor Regis

St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

#### **Summer Holiday Course**

30<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 (4 days)  
9.00am until 11.00am

##### Course Venues

Oak Grove College, Worthing

Forest School, Horsham

The Arena Sports Centre, Bognor Regis

St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

Maidenbower Junior School, Crawley

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**PLEASE NOTE PLACES ARE LIMITED**