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

Half Term – 20th to 24th February

World Book Day – 2nd March, chance for children to dress up as their favourite book character

Inset Date – 15th March 2017

NEXT WEEK IS HALF TERM

1. Weekly Attendance Awards – All - Information

Bright Sparks – Turn up, Turn up on Time, Turn up Ready for Action!

The following classes have won the year group attendance trophies for 6th February to 10th February. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3KM	4AL	5CW	6SU
100%	98.2%	98.8%	99%

2. Paperless homework – All - Action

Please be aware we will no longer be sending a paper copy of Homework. It will continue to be emailed and available on the school website on Wednesdays. You will also find the new Take away tasks here :<http://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Homework&pid=144>

3. Club Cancellations – ALL

Sport Club Cancellations due to other competitions:

Wednesday 1st March – Upper School Netball and Tag-Rugby

Thursday 2nd March – Lower School Football

Monday 6th March – Lower School Netball and Hockey.

Music Club Cancellations:

Thursday 2nd March – Recorder Club

Friday 3rd March – Disney Choir

4. Year 5 Guided walk – Year 5 parents - Information

As part of the Year 5 topic “Me and My Town”, on Monday 27th February 2017 the children will be going on a guided walk around Worthing Town Centre to look at some of our remaining historical buildings. This will take place within the school day but please ensure that children are wearing comfortable walking shoes and a rain coat if appropriate on the day.

5. Staff leavers – All - Information

Mrs Burdock, librarian, undertook her final day as our school librarian yesterday. Mrs Burdock is leaving her post to concentrate on tutoring. She has been a wonderful librarian and in a very short time has led a library revolution within school, including a move of tens of thousands of books to relocate and reorganise the library last summer – no small task. For the moment the library is in the good care of the well trained school librarians.

Mrs Emerson King, teaching assistant, who has worked tirelessly supporting our most vulnerable children and children with special educational needs will also be leaving us after four years. Mrs Emerson-King constantly goes above and beyond the call of duty in her role and will be greatly missed by children and staff alike.

Mrs Giles, Year 3 teacher, will be leaving the school after seven years of dedicated service. Mrs Giles is moving to a junior school closer to her home in Brighton. She has led art within the school in recent years and will be best remembered for the wonderful creations in the Worthing Children’s parade – one of which was built so large that it couldn’t leave the school hall without some serious modifications!

On behalf of the Chesswood school community I would like to wish Mrs Emerson King, Mrs Burdock and Mrs Giles every success and happiness in the future.

6. Road Safety – All - Information

Earlier this week a parent raised a concern about two boys crossing Chesswood Road in a way likely to put them both at higher risk of a road traffic accident. One child was older possibly year 6 and one child was younger possibly year 4. It was, as is often the case, the older child whose behaviours caused concern. This tends to occur as the older children, as I am sure you know, can become a little over confident and no longer follow what parents have told them, thinking they know better, whilst the younger children typically do follow and do give roads appropriate respect.

Class teachers have shown a range of videos in class this week to remind children of the risks and consequences.

I would ask all parents to:

- Determine whether their child is walking with the most appropriate friend to school.
- Review whether their child, if Y3 or 4 can be appropriately supervised by a child in Y5 or 6.
- Look at the videos below and determine which will be the most appropriate.

Very hard hitting – Y6 (Parents must view this before showing to their child – it may be useful if your child is Y6 and really isn’t recognising the risks. This video will not be shown in school).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hmn5XN1QfaE>

Hard hitting – Y4-6 – Shown to all Y4-6 classes this week

The boy who did not stop, look and listen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67XsZ8lwORk>

The boy who did not look for a safe place to cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxHBVgM9zfg>

The girl who didn't dress bright in the dark

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0c75VKvcsY>

Less hard hitting – Year 3 – Shown to all Y3 classes this week

Hedgehog – King of the road

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAgxZ-l5pY8>

Hedgehog – Stayin Alive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnwxN24E2yY>

Safe cross code dance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DlluoGcCKNg>

7. Laser pens – All - Information

During the week a parent reported a small group of boys using laser pens outside of the school. Children are not permitted to bring laser pens into the school grounds. If a child is found with a laser pen then it will be confiscated immediately and only given back to a parent. From Monday 27th February, any child in possession of a laser pen on school premises will be given and after school detention, if they also use it then it is likely that they would be temporarily excluded from school.

Although many laser pens are relatively weak, some laser pens can and do cause significant injuries particularly to eyes. On that basis, to ensure that risk is removed from the school premises – all laser pens are banned. This includes possession or use by adults in school.



<http://www.itv.com/news/2016-03-18/mother-is-calling-for-laser-pens-to-be-banned-after-her-son-shone-one-in-his-eye-and-suffered-a-thermal-burn/>

8. Online Safety – All - Information

In assembly this week, Year 5 & 6 children have gone through the NSPCC Share Aware resources designed for Key Stage 2 Children. They focus on two messages

Teaching children the dangers of

- Sharing personal pictures online
- Talking to strangers online

The resources can be viewed and used by parents to reinforce these messages with their children :

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/teaching-resources/>

9. World Book Day – All - Information

World Book day is on Thursday 2nd March this year, we invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters.