



Dear Parents,

Welcome to edition 12 of the weekly communication. Please ensure that you read the communication and school diary carefully to ensure you are up to date with all the many events etc. that are taking place at school.

Weekly Attendance Awards

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

The following classes have won the year group attendance trophies for November 28th to 2nd December. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3KM 99.6%	4KC 98.1%	5SW 99.4%	6CY 99.7%

Christmas Hot School Meal:

The deadline has now gone for ordering Chartwell's Christmas meal, so unfortunately they cannot take any further bookings. The meal takes place on Thursday 15th December.

Christmas Jumper Day:

We will be asking children to join us in wearing Christmas jumpers on the last day of term, Friday 16th December, this is purely to get everyone in the festive mood and no donation will be expected.

Carol Concert:

Ms Cossins' has requested that if there are any parents that are able to assist in walking the children to St George's church for the carol concerts on 13th and 14th December please can you email her your availability – ccossins@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Library:

Xmas Library Challenge! A free to enter quiz is currently available to all pupils in the upper school library, with the theme 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.'

All students are welcome to do the quiz – book tokens are prizes to the right answers pulled out of a hat!

Christmas Fair:

Just to say a huge thank you to all parent helpers and staff for all their hard work and for all of you who attended last week's Christmas Fair. We raised just under £3000!!

Sports News

WSSA Indoor Athletics Cup Final

On Tuesday afternoon our upper school athletics squad set off for Worthing Leisure Centre to take on TAB, West Park, Broadwater and The Orchards in Cup final of the indoor athletics competition. The group was feeling positive after a good qualifying round, knowing that we could do even better than the third place in the previous round.

We got off to a flying start with the Y5 girls securing first place in the Obstacle relay, which was followed by the rest of the teams also gain good place finishes. Following this Thomas managed joint 1st place in the Speed Bounce, giving us a solid points score from the first few events.

Into the field events we had individual successes in the vertical jump (Alisa - Y5 & Luke - Y6), standing long jump (Reuben - Y5 & Luke - Y6), Standing Triple Jump (Nat - Y6), Chest Push (Elyza -Y6).

Following this was the relay races we had a first place for Y6 boys (Ezekiel and Luis), however, our Y5 girls won (dominated) every race with all race victories Emilie and Kate in the 6-Lap Parlauf, Isla and Caitlin in the 1+1, Alisa and Lily T (2+2) and the 4x1 relay (Emilie, Mary-Grace, Kate and Alisa).

It got a little bit nail-biting towards the end and many of the other schools were looking in our direction as winner, unfortunately, we were pipped at the post by TAB, however, it was an amazing performance by all the athletes involved to get second place in the competition.

Cycling to School

If your child is cycling to school they must be wearing a cycle helmet, also nobody should be cycling or scooting on the school's grounds during pick up and collection times.



Christmas Carol Concert:

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Christmas Choir singing in the town centre, as well as various care home visits during the week, you sounded fantastic!



Celebrating children's achievements:

It is very important that Chesswood celebrates the achievements of its pupils, not just within the school but outside of school as well. Many of our pupils take part in numerous activities outside of school and regularly achieve fantastic results.

Ronan Bambrick from 6TS, performed last Saturday playing the violin, with the West Sussex Music Junior String Ensemble to a packed audience at a Christmas concert held at Bohunt School, well done.

Jasmine Lascelles from 4LS competed her first 4 piece Gymnastics competition on 27/11/16 at the Sussex, she won gold vault, silver floor, bronze for beam and bar, and got 3rd overall! Well done



Ide Sullivan from 6CY finished a 5k inflatable run in Brighton, well done!



If your child has achieved something outside of school that you feel we should know about, please contact Sophie Taylor on staylor@Chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Other News:

Friends of Homefield Park are holding a free Christmas event in the park on Monday 19th December at 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Southerly Tennis Court in Homefield Park. Everyone is welcome to come along.



All clubs have now finished and a letter will come out in the first week of next term for all Spring 2017 clubs.