



Dear Parents,

Welcome to edition 3 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 6th – 9th September. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3TH 100% Amazing!	4LS 98.6%	5CR 99.4% 2nd week running!!	6SU 98.1%

Pupil Photographs: The deadline for ordering your child's school photograph was 3pm today. If you still want to purchase the photo, but haven't sent in your order, please do so by Monday. Unfortunately any orders received after that will not be able to be processed.

Events, trips and online payments: We would like to thank parents for their patience with regards to Schools Buddy. This is a brand new system, and as with all new systems, there are teething problems. We hope to rectify these shortly.

If you have not received your registration email, please email bmiller@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk and we can check your details. Once registered you can download the Schools Buddy app from the Apple Store and connect it to your account. An Android app will be released in the near future.

We require all parents to register with Schools Buddy as once it has launched, we will no longer accept cash payments at school. Parents who do not have internet access at home are welcome to come in to school and use a computer in the ICT suite to register and make any payments in the future.

Parents Evening: Our first parents evenings of this academic year take place on Tuesday, 11th and Thursday 13th October. We would encourage parents to sign up quickly, as there are a limited number of spaces. Places can be booked via the online system, following the link below. The deadline for booking slots is Thursday, 6th October.

<http://parentsevening.chesswood.org.uk>

Harvest

Worthing Churches Homeless Project will be leading a Harvest assembly for the children on Thursday 29th September. In support of the charity, we would like to ask our school community to donate an item from the list below. We would like the donations to be sent to school on **Wednesday, 28th September**, so that they can be arranged for the assembly the following day.

Supermarket items:

Any supermarket items are welcome (as long as they remain in date and do not require refrigeration!), the following items are particularly useful at this time:

Coffee
Sugar
Squash
Fruit juices
Biscuits
Any cleaning products, especially Washing powder
Toilet Rolls

Our current clothing wish list is:

Ladies trousers/jeans (medium sizes)

Non clothing items:

Saucepan's, any size
Baking trays in good condition
Toasters
Microwaves
Irons
Double sheets

We are still in need of a few parents to come along at 9.30am, 28th September to help sort the donations. If you are able to help, please contact Tracy Edwards on **tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk**.

Scooters/Bikes: Children are welcome to bring scooters and bikes to school (bikes subject to bike ability award or cycling with a parent). As the school premises are exceptionally busy and we have children and adults with disabilities such as sight impairment therefore it is dangerous to ride bikes or scooters before and after school. As such, the following must be observed:

- We strongly advise but do not insist children wear a helmet – this is a parental responsibility
- Any bike must be in a roadworthy condition i.e. all brakes must work
- **Children walk the bike or the scooter on or off the premises at all times.**
- **Bikes and scooters are parked carefully in the designated areas**
- Parents of younger children are asked to ensure their children do not ride their bikes or scooters on school premises.

Failure to abide by the above will result in permission to store the bike or scooter on school premises being withdrawn. We do strongly encourage parents to provide children with a lock as both scooters and bicycles can be locked to the racks provided. Names should also be etched onto bikes and scooters to help with identification. It is inevitable that some children have the same scooters, and if they are not locked, this can sometimes lead to a mix up!



This scooter has been reported missing from the school playground. If anyone has seen this scooter, or taken it home mistakenly, please contact Tracy Edwards at school. The scooter is very new and its owner would really appreciate having it returned. Thank you.

Conkers: Children are allowed, even encouraged to bring conkers into school for conker fights as long as the following are observed:

- String no longer than 35 CMS
- No reckless swinging that could, in the opinion of an adult, lead to injury towards another
- Swinging of the conkers can only take place as part of a conker fight
- Pick up all conker pieces at the end of the fight
- Win with grace, lose with dignity
- In the event of a dispute the adults word is final

Failure to abide by any of the above will lead to a ban for that academic year.

Trading and Games Cards: Children are allowed, even encouraged to bring trading or game cards into school as long as the following are observed:

- A child must only bring in the cards if they are prepared to lose them – the school cannot guarantee lost or stolen cards will be found or even investigated.
- They are not touched, used or even thought about during lesson time.
- They remain the responsibility of the child at all times.
- A child cannot have more than 25 on their possession and in school at any one time.
- Cards must be traded fairly at normal playground rates.
- In the event of a dispute the adults word is final

Failure to abide by any of the above will lead to a ban for that academic year. Adults involvement in solving disputes is based on professional judgement, essentially if there is a suggestion of theft.

Governing Body Vacancies: We have several vacancies on our Board of Governors.

Working closely with the headteacher and school staff, Governors are responsible for:

- Making sure the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the headteacher to account for the school's performance
- Making sure the school's money is well spent

Being a Governor is a great way to get involved in the work of the school and to help it succeed. Governors also gain experience and skills that can be useful in the workplace. In return, you would need to be available to attend evening meetings at least once a month, and to take the time to read paperwork in advance. Being able to visit the school during the day from time to time is also highly desirable.

People from all walks of life can make a valuable contribution to the Board of Governors – no previous experience or knowledge is required. However, we would particularly welcome applicants with expertise in the following areas:

- Project management
- Human resources
- Health and safety at work
- Construction, building maintenance and estate management

We want the Board of Governors to represent the full cultural diversity of the school, and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds.

Most of the current Governors are parents of children at the school, and we try to be a friendly and inclusive group. If you would like to join or want to know more, please contact Tracy Edwards (Clerk to Governors) on tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk, or the Chair of Governors Simon Broadhurst via the school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Secondary Transfer, Year 6: Parents of Year 6 pupils were sent a letter on last week from West Sussex County Council regarding the Secondary Transfer. The deadline of applying for your child's Secondary School place is **Monday, 31st October 2016.** Please be aware that if you miss this deadline, you risk your child being allocated to a different Secondary school that the one you would have chosen.

If you are unsure of the process, please contact Tracy Edwards on tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Local Secondary schools will be holding Open events over the coming weeks. Please see dates below:

St Andrew's High School	Wednesday, 21 st September, 9am (Open Day) Tuesday, 4 th October, 6pm (Open Evening)
Worthing High School	Monday 26 th September – Thursday 29 th September, 9am (Open Morning Tours) Thursday 22 nd September, 4 – 7pm (Open Evening)
Davison High School	Monday 19 th – Tuesday 27 th September, 9am – 11.30am (Open Mornings) Tuesday 4 th October, 5.30pm – 8pm
Bohunt School	Monday 3 rd – Thursday 6 th October, 9am – 10.30am (Open Mornings – by appointment – please contact Bohunt directly) Wednesday 28 th September, 6pm – 9pm (Open Evening)
Durrington High School	Thursday 13 th and Friday 14 th October, 9am – 10am (Open Mornings) Thursday 6 th October, 6pm – 8pm

Celebrating Children's Achievements

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

Charlie Pease, 4MH

Charlie recently completed the 5K Brighton Colour Run with his mum. Charlie has been raising money for The Sam White Legacy <http://www.samwhitelegacy.org.uk/> and has so far raised £745!!!!



Cooking with Confidence

FREE 6 Week Course
For People living in Worthing and Adur

Do you need to **lose weight for health reasons?**

Need ideas for quick, easy to prepare **healthy meals that are low in fat but taste great?**

Practical tips to **lose weight the healthy way**

Join us and get lots of practical ideas for healthy cooking, enjoy tasty meals and receive weight management recipes to help you at home.

6 week 'Cooking for Health' course

Wednesday 9th November 2016, 6pm to 8pm

at Worthing High School, South Farm Road, Worthing.

Cooking with Confidence

FREE 6 Week Course
for Parents and Carers living in Adur

Would you like to **improve your
confidence in the kitchen?**

Need ideas for quick, easy to prepare **family meals
that don't cost a fortune?**

Practical tips to **encourage children to try new foods**

If you are a parent or carer and live in Adur come and try our new
Cook and Eat Course starting in November

Starting Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Stepping Stones Children and Family Centre
Gardner Road, Fishersgate, BN41 1PN

10am – 12pm

Sadie takes a
trip around

06 October 2016

£2.30



BRITAIN

Choose a main meal...

Fish & Chips
Veggie Burger & Chips

on the side...

with Peas,
Coleslaw or Salad

for dessert...

Chocolate Rice Crispy Square
Fruit Yoghurt



To enjoy our British-inspired day, please contact: www.mealselector.co.uk.

Online orders to be placed by midnight Sunday 25th September

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Was your child born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013?

If so then he or she is eligible to start school in September 2017.

Apply online! It's simple, convenient and timesaving, plus you get an instant email acknowledgement that your application has been received.

Apply online from 3 October. If you would like further advice or information contact:

 **03330
142 903**

Free internet access to apply online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries;
- Children and Family Centres.



Apply online at:
□ www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
Deadline: Sunday 15 January 2017