



Dear Parents,

Welcome to edition 4 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.

We would like to remind parents that the school office opening hours are 8.30am – 4.30pm. The office does get extremely busy before and after school and we would ask parents to please be patient whilst waiting to be seen. Thank you.

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 |
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| 3HG & 3TH 99.3% | 4LS & 4NG 98.6% | 5SW 98.8% | 6CY 98.3% |

Are you keen to help your child feel more confident with their Spelling and Grammar?

Download the Spelling and Grammar booklet from the school website for:

- ✓ Spelling activities and games which can be played at home
- ✓ Links to other websites, games or activities to make learning at home even more fun
- ✓ A list of the 100 statutory words to be learnt in years 3 and 4, 5 and 6
- ✓ An explanation of the grammar terminology being used in your child's class
- ✓ Details of the spelling foci (rules and patterns) explored in your child's year group

If you would like a printed copy of the booklet, please contact Mrs. Hossin who will organise this for you.

Web link: <http://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Spelling+and+Grammar+Parent+Booklets&pid=192>

Mrs. Hossin can be contacted via the school office, or via e-mail: lhossin@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk



Club Cancellations: Due to the Year 6 London Residential next week, the following clubs will not be running:

Chess, Board Games, Top-Trumps and Nature Documentary

If your child currently attends one or more of these clubs, please ensure that you have made alternative pick-up arrangements for these days. Thank you.

Picking up after school and extra-curricular clubs: We would like to ask all parents to ensure their children know, understand and will do the following (all club leaders will also be asked to reconfirm this procedure with the children in their club):

In the event of uncertainty at the end of the school day or after school club when a parent is not waiting in their usual spot a child:

- **Must** wait within the school grounds at the usual spot for a short period of time (approximately 5 minutes).
- **Must** report to the reception desk at the main entrance. A call will then be made to the parent to resolve the situation
- **Must Not**, under any circumstances leave the school premises to look for their parent.

We would also ask parents to **ONLY** pick children up from the front playground after an extra-curricular club, this makes it significantly easier for a school to resolve any pick up difficulties; reduces stress and anxiety for children; increase children's safety particularly during the dark winter period.

Many thanks, in anticipation of your support on this matter.

Department of Education Census

Parents will today receive a separate email from Chesswood asking for the completion of a survey. The survey is part of Census required by the Department of Education and therefore **it is vital that all families complete it.** This is a statutory requirement under Section 537A of the Education Act 1996 to provide them with data – this is done on a termly basis.

Please could you complete the survey by using the link below, or the link in the email that you will receive separately today. You only need to do the survey once. The deadline for completion of the survey is Tuesday, 4th October. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

Parents Evening: Please do not forget to book your parents evening slot by using the link below. The deadline for booking slots is Thursday, 6th October.

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

Letters/Trip payments: Please could we ask that any reply slips, trip payments etc. that are being returned to school are done by your child to the class teacher. All classes have a folder in which reply slips etc. are collected each morning and then returned to the school office. Reply slips and letters should not be handed in to reception.

Half Term and Holiday Courses: Premier Sport will once again be running a holiday club at Chesswood during the October half term and again during the February half term. Bookings can be made for both by following this link: [Premier Sport – Chesswood Primary School Holiday Courses](#)

For further information, please see the letter and timetable at the end of the newsletter.

Dogs/Playground: A gentle reminder to parents that dogs are not permitted on the school premises at any time. The only exception to this are Guide Dogs.

Rail Strikes: The RMT union has announced that it plans industrial action on the following dates:

- Tuesday 11 October until Thursday 13 October
- Tuesday 18 October until Thursday 20 October
- Thursday 3 November until Saturday 5 November
- Tuesday 22 November until Wednesday 23 November
- Tuesday 6 December until Thursday 8 December
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If these strikes go ahead they will have a significant effect on services, and Southern Rail regret the potentially considerable disruption and inconvenience to students, families and staff who rely on their services. They are working on plans to operate the fullest service they can, and will publish details as soon as possible on their web site at <http://www.southernrailway.com/your-journey/strike>.

Snow Dogs by the Sea: The [Martlets Hospice](#) has teamed up with [Wild in Art](#) and Penguin to stage an extraordinary public art trail in Brighton & Hove. The magical sculpture trail features 45 giant Snowdog sculptures, inspired by the much loved animated short film, The Snowman™ and The Snowdog .

Our Snowdogs, beautifully decorated by artists and generously sponsored by [local businesses](#), will be on show from Saturday 24th September to 27th November across Brighton & Hove. There will even be a Snowdog at London's Victoria Station!

They are joined by a pack of 20 Snowdog puppy sculptures designed by local school children, which are on show for the duration of the trail, at Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, Booth Museum of Natural History, Hove Library, Hove Museum and Jubilee Library.



At the end of the trail sculptures will be auctioned to raise funds for [Martlets Hospice](#).

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 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:

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| 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 |

Sports News

Penalty Shootout





NO

Trick or treaters
Please



Remember to be polite
on Hallowe'en night!

CHESSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL – FOOTBALL AND MULTI-ACTIVITY OCTOBER HOLIDAY COURSES

| TIME / DAY | FOOTBALL FUN MONDAY 24 TH OCTOBER | | TRICK OR TRICK TUESDAY 25 TH OCTOBER | | WICKED WEDNESDAY 26 TH OCTOBER | |
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| 09:00 - 09:20 Registration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration and check contact details Plan of the Day and Teambuilding games Location – Register in the small hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration and check contact details Plan of the Day and Teambuilding games Location – Register in the small hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration and check contact details Plan of the Day and Teambuilding games Location – Register in the small hall | |
| 9:20 – 10:20 Energy games | Game 1 – Traffic Lights Game 2 – King of the Ring Game 3 – Messi Madness Location – Outside on school field | | Game 1 – Dome and Dishes Game 2 – 3 in a row Game 3 – Bib Attack Location – Outside on school field or small hall | | Game 1 – Bulldog Game 2 – Treasure Hunt Game 3 – Human Connect 4 Location – Outside on school field or small hall | |
| 10:20 – 10:30 Break | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snack and Drink Teams allocated Location – small hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snack and Drink Teams allocated Location – small hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snack and Drink Teams allocated Location – small hall | |
| 10:30 - 11:15 Session 1 | FOOTBALL: Dribbling and Passing Outside on school field | FOOTBALL: Skills Workshop Outside on school field | FENCING: On Guard Outside or small hall | GYMNASTICS: Routine work Small hall | FOOTBALL: Messi Madness Outside | DANCE: Halloween Showtime small hall |
| 11:15 – 12:00 Session 2 | FOOTBALL: Skills Workshop Outside on school field | FOOTBALL: Dribbling and Passing Outside on school field | BASKETBALL & NETBALL: Shoot some hoops Outside or small hall | | ARROWS ARCHERY: Bullseye Outside or small hall | |
| 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch & lunchtime activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Free time / Penalty Shoot Out / Crossbar Challenge Location – small hall and outside on school field | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Free time / Obstacle Course / Football Location – small hall and outside on school field | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Free time / Multi Sports / Football Location – small hall and outside on school field | |
| 1:00 – 1:55 Session 3 | FOOTBALL: Attacking and Defending Outside on school field | FOOTBALL: Beat the Keeper Outside on school field | TEAM CHALLENGE: Outside or small hall | PARACHUTE GAMES: Outside or small hall | TEAM CHALLENGE: Outside or small hall | ATHLETICS: Road from Rio Outside or small hall |
| 1:55 – 2:10 Break | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snack and Drink Location – small hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snack and Drink Location – small hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snack and Drink Location – small hall | |
| 2:10 – 3:15 Totally tournaments | TOTALLY TOURNAMENTS: Football Matches Outside on school field | | TOTALLY TOURNAMENTS: Dodgeball & Handball Small hall | | HALLOWEEN SPECIAL: Treat or Trick 'Multi-Activities' Outside on school field or small hall | |
| 3:15 – 3:30 De-registration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Quiz and Children signed out Location – small hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Quiz and Children signed out Location – small hall | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports / Halloween Quiz and Children signed out Location – small hall | |

• All activities subject to change and weather dependent