



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

Monday 3rd July – 9.30 – 11.30 Year 3 Sports Day

Friday 7th – School Disco

Friday 7th July – Last day of clubs (unless otherwise advised)

1. **Weekly attendance**
2. **Punctuality – all – Action**
3. **Fidget Spinners – all – Action**
4. **Friends of Chesswood Event – all – information**
5. **Celebrating External Achievement – all – information**
6. **Sports News – all – information**
7. **External Events – All - Information**

1. Weekly attendance

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

The following classes have won the year group attendance trophies for 19th June to 23rd June 2017. Well done!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3TH 98.9%	4LS 98.9%	5CW 99.1%	6HS 97.8%

2. Punctuality – all – Action

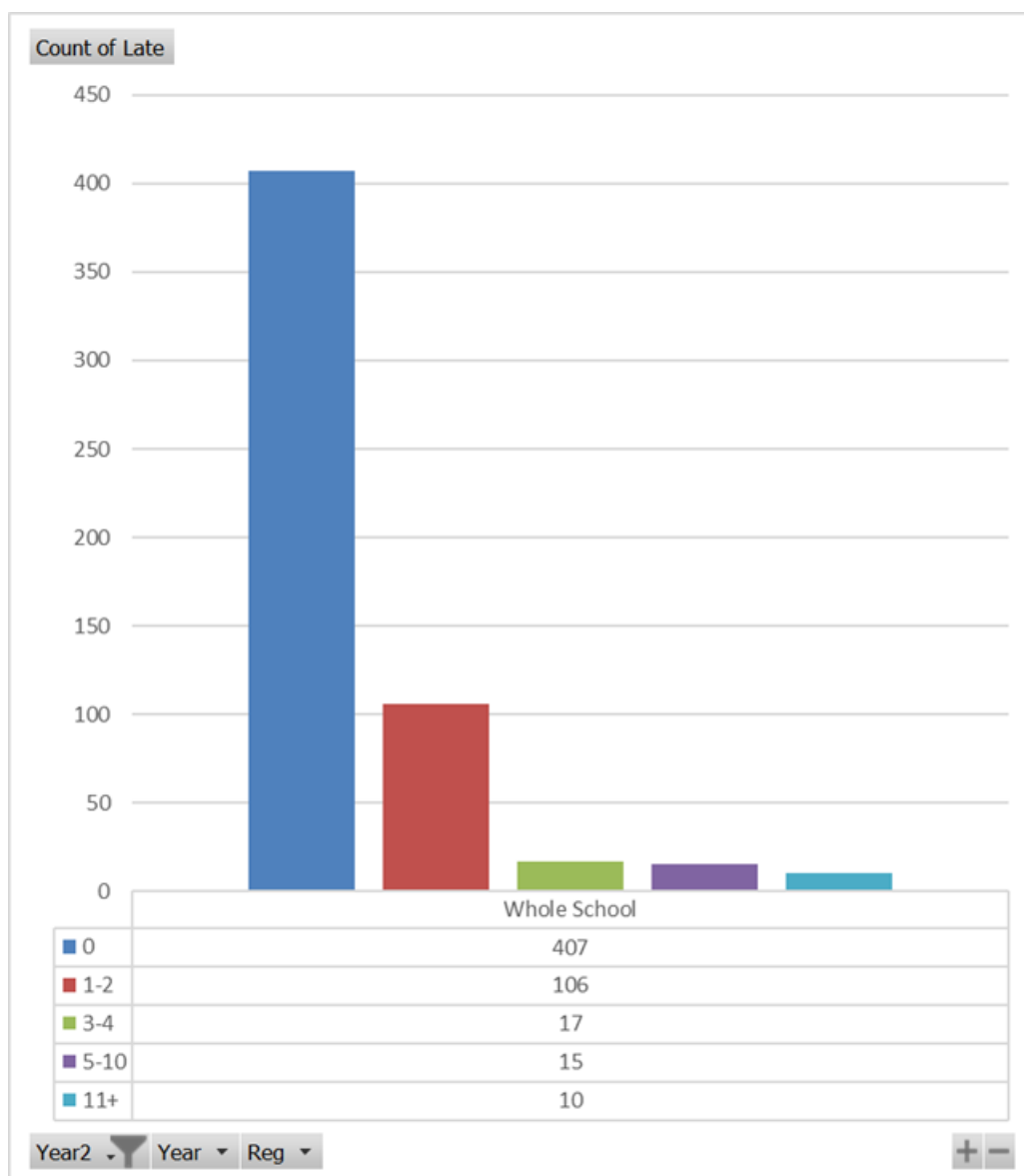
From Monday 3rd July the East gate (end of school field) will close when the school bell rings before school. This is a result of two factors, the first is that staff are needed within school as soon as possible to continue their education work, currently in excess of one hour per week is used to wait for children and families who arrive after the school bell in a morning, over the school year (39 weeks) this amounts to almost two weeks missing teacher assistant time, we cannot ignore this. The second reason is the need for all children, supported by their parents, to develop good punctuality habits that will be needed both at secondary school and beyond, especially in the working world.

Once the East gate is locked children or children with parents will need to walk to the Chesswood road entrance and sign in at the school office. *Parents who use the Ladydell road entrance and are still on site when the bell sounds must leave by the Chesswood Road entrance – the Ladydell road entrance will not be reopened once it has been locked as the member of staff's priority will be to support children with learning as soon as possible. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but hope you understand that getting the most hours next to children, in times of austerity must be the priority.*

Children are expected at school by 8:45a.m. every day so they are in good time for the start of the day. **Children can arrive by 8:30 when a member of staff will be on duty on each of the play grounds. The school bell will sound at 8:50 a.m.** Once the bell has sounded and children have overwhelmingly left the playground any arrivals after that point will be considered 'late before registration', if this happens once or twice then children are simply encouraged to jog into their classroom. If it happens more than that over a number of weeks then children will stay in at break time, initially for 5 mins (this does not include

late arrival due to genuine appointments e.g. doctors, opticians) – unless it is persistent. We have not and will not focus on recording this as it typically slows arrivals down and leads to more anxiety for all. Arrivals after registration closes (9:00 a.m.) will be considered ‘late after registration closes’ (this is a standard registration term used in England), where there is good and genuine reason the child will go straight to class; if the reasoning is not sufficient (daily traffic jams, parent still asleep, brother wouldn’t get dressed) and there have been multiple late arrivals before or after registration closes then children will stay in at break time, initially for 5 mins – all late arrivals are recorded at this time.

The chart below demonstrates that the overwhelming majority of children (407) have never been late, this is consistent with previous years. There are a significant minority whom are late 1-2 per year (this is typically recorded when children are late after registration closes). As you can see there are then very small numbers of children who are late to school more than twice. We would therefore ask all parents to help us, help your child develop essential habits for now and the future, where possible seeking to ensure your child has no late arrivals as per the vast majority of children within school.



3. Fidget Spinners – all – Action

The day would come sooner or later when the fidget spinners would need to be controlled somewhat! I was hoping the 'craze' would blow over but it has persisted. The following rules are now in place:

Children are allowed to bring fidget spinners into school however, we strongly believe that management of something is better than a draconian ban. Where guidance and rules are respected a blanket ban is unnecessary. However, if individual choose not to follow the reasonable rules below they will be banned from bringing or using others spinners in school, depending on the circumstances they may also face further sanctions including detentions. So have them, enjoy them but abide by the rules!

A child may bring one fidget spinner onto the school premises

The fidget spinner must not be touched, used or even thought about whilst

- in the classroom or any school lesson
- eating lunch

A child must not use anyone else's fidget spinner without the express permission of the owner

The fidget spinner is the child's responsibility, from time to time, items can be lost, broken or stolen – if it has any value, monetary or personal, leave it at home.

- Precious professional or lesson time should not be used to investigate fidget spinner issues

4. Friends of Chesswood Event – all – information

Summer Term Disco

Friday 7th July!

Years 3 & 4 - 5.00 - 6.15pm

Year 5 & 6 - 6.30 - 7.45pm



Tickets are £2 (to be
purchased on the evening)

Drinks, Tuck & Glow sticks will be on
sale on the night

5. Celebrating External Achievement – all – information



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 Miss Taylor on staylor@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Well done this week to Amelia in Year 4, she has won first place in the Floor and Vault competition for Worthing Gymnastics.

6. External Events – All – Information



Will you be buying a new school bag next term?

In 2015 Dave Linton a Youth Worker, was heartbroken to learn that most children in care transport their worldly belongings in a bin bag. In that moment, Dave set out to do something about it. With just £480, he started Madlug and came up with his 'one for one' policy: **with every bag you purchase, one will be given to a child in care.** The bag itself is unbranded to avoid stigma. It folds away to fit neatly into a sock drawer or a Social Worker's car boot without wasting storage space. And each bag has a label that says "You are incredible" to remind every child that they have value, worth and dignity.

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