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

Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th – 4MO, 4JH & 4SU
Carrot Wood trip

Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th – 4PB, 4HH & 4JD

Tuesday 10th - Year 3 Meet the Teacher

Thursday 12th – Year 5 Meet the Teacher

Friday 13th - Year 6 Meet the Teacher

1. Free School Meals – All – Action

We would like to appeal to families who meet the following criteria to register for free school meals. By registering your child they do not need to have a free school meal but it does mean they will be entitled to an extra £1300 each year for at least six years to help support their learning and access to school activities:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

The funding is used in a variety of ways with school to benefit registered children, such as:

- Additional support in school – teaching assistant support in the classroom; counselling services within school; pastoral support available every day
- High need, high support class – the funding also enables us to maintain a very small support class in Y6 which also reduces class sizes in all other classes within the year group. This very valuable arrangement could be extended if all eligible parents registered for FSM.
- Tutorial support – there are up to two one hour sessions available for children registered for FSM to enjoy and benefit from small group teaching sessions with their own class teacher.
- Extra music support i.e.: Rocksteady
- Free breakfast club access with IXL club
- School visits: financial support available to ensure children can access day and residential visits

Your child does not have to have a free meal daily but if they would like to, the school will ensure one is available (with prior notice).

Please act now if you believe you would be eligible. If you need any help or have any questions queries of concerns please contact: office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

2. Meet the teacher Session – All – Action

As the new Year is now well underway, we are offering you an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher. The short session (45 mins) will enable your child's new teacher to introduce themselves; share important information about this year's curriculum, homework and other 'housekeeping' information e.g. important dates, trips, weekly timetable, how to get in contact with the class teacher etc. Year 6 teachers will also focus on the Y6 National Test arrangements and appropriate (low stress!) preparation for them.

Parents will also have the opportunity to ask general questions about the year to ensure you are in a good position to support your child.

Day	Time	Year Group
Tuesday 10th September	3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	3
Tuesday 17th September	3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	4 (due to Carroty Wood Residential)
Thursday 12th September	3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	5
Friday 13th September	3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	6

The first parent evenings of the year will be

- Tuesday 22nd October 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (last appointment 5:20 p.m.)
- Thursday 24th October 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (last appointment 7:20 p.m.)

Booking will open for the parents evening, week beginning 23rd September – we will write to all parents with details on how to book, at that time.

3. Brexit Preparations – All – Action

Schools have been asked by the Department for Education to alert parents to the following:

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

For more information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

4. Medical & Contact details– All – Action

Please ensure that you have informed the office of any new medical and ensure that any ongoing illnesses and or medication has been documented.

Have you moved in the Summer break or updated your phone number? If so please can you ensure you update the school office accordingly.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school admin team in person or via email on office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

5. Absence reporting – All – Action

Could we ask that any absence for a child is always communicated via the absence telephone line on 01903 204141 (option 1). You may also want to communicate with other staff members including teachers and supporting assistants. However, as a large school it is really helpful that the school office are notified directly and can account for absences.

6. Sports News – All – Information

Aldi's Kit for Schools

We are taking part in Aldi's Kit for schools promotion - if you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you will receive a sticker to go on our poster which will be on display in the gym. Stickers can be left in the folder on the PE Office door. If we manage to collect 150 stickers we would get a new sports kit and if we manage 300 then we could have the chance to win £20 000 to build a health legacy at Chesswood.

PE Kit & Jewellery

A reminder that PE kits should be in school every day of the the week complete with trainers. No jewellery (earrings/watches/necklaces) must be removed during PE lessons. If ears have been pierced in the last 6 weeks they may be covered with tape/plasters (children should do this themselves) otherwise they should be removed.

Sports Club/Fixture Helpers

Due to the large numbers of pupils participating in clubs and events for the school we are looking for additional parental help to assist with supervising the children. If you are willing to regularly help out at Sports Clubs or tournaments - please contact Mr Quick - tquick@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

7. Summer Reading Challenge – All – Action

Well done to everyone that took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. We had an excellent response and really enjoyed looking at all of the photos. If you haven't already done so, please email library@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk – pupils will be awarded 10 house points for their photo of them reading and 25 house points if they completed the Library Reading Challenge.

We have a permanent book shop located outside of Mr Jolley's office, parents can browse the discount books with their children before and after school and then take them to Reception to purchase.



8. Volunteers & Temp vacancy – All – Action

The school are currently looking for volunteers to help on trips, offer office support & help in the library. Please contact the school office in person or email office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk if this is something of interest to you.

We are currently recruiting a temporary member of staff to join the admin team, please visit the school website for further detail:

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Employment+Opportunities&pid=37>

9. Secondary Transfer – Year 6 – Action

Please see the below poster with details on secondary transfer, you will receive further details in a letter next week if your child is in Year 6:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2020?



Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and timesaving. If your application is received after the deadline of Thursday 31 October 2019 your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday 9 September 2019. 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: Thursday 31 October 2019



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West Sussex SEND IAS Service

Is your child starting primary or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2020?

Do you think, for whatever reason, you may struggle with the Admissions process?

If you feel that you may find it difficult to understand or complete the primary and secondary admissions processes, the West Sussex SEND IAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.



Secondary School
Online applications open:
Monday 9th September 2019
Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is:
Thursday 31st October 2019.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)
Online applications open:
Monday 7th October 2019
Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:
Wednesday 15th January 2020

For more information on the admissions process: www.westsussex.gov.uk/

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in 2020 and you feel you would need support in considering your options, or perhaps will need help with the forms, please contact the West Sussex SEND IAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555
Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk



10. Road safety – all – Action



Park Politely



Have you abandoned your vehicle?



www.operationcrackdown.org/

If you stop and block a driveway

- Stay with your vehicle
- Stop for the shortest possible time
- Be ready to move if the home owner needs access
- Be polite to our neighbours at all times

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Safety First Seen this?!



Record it and report it

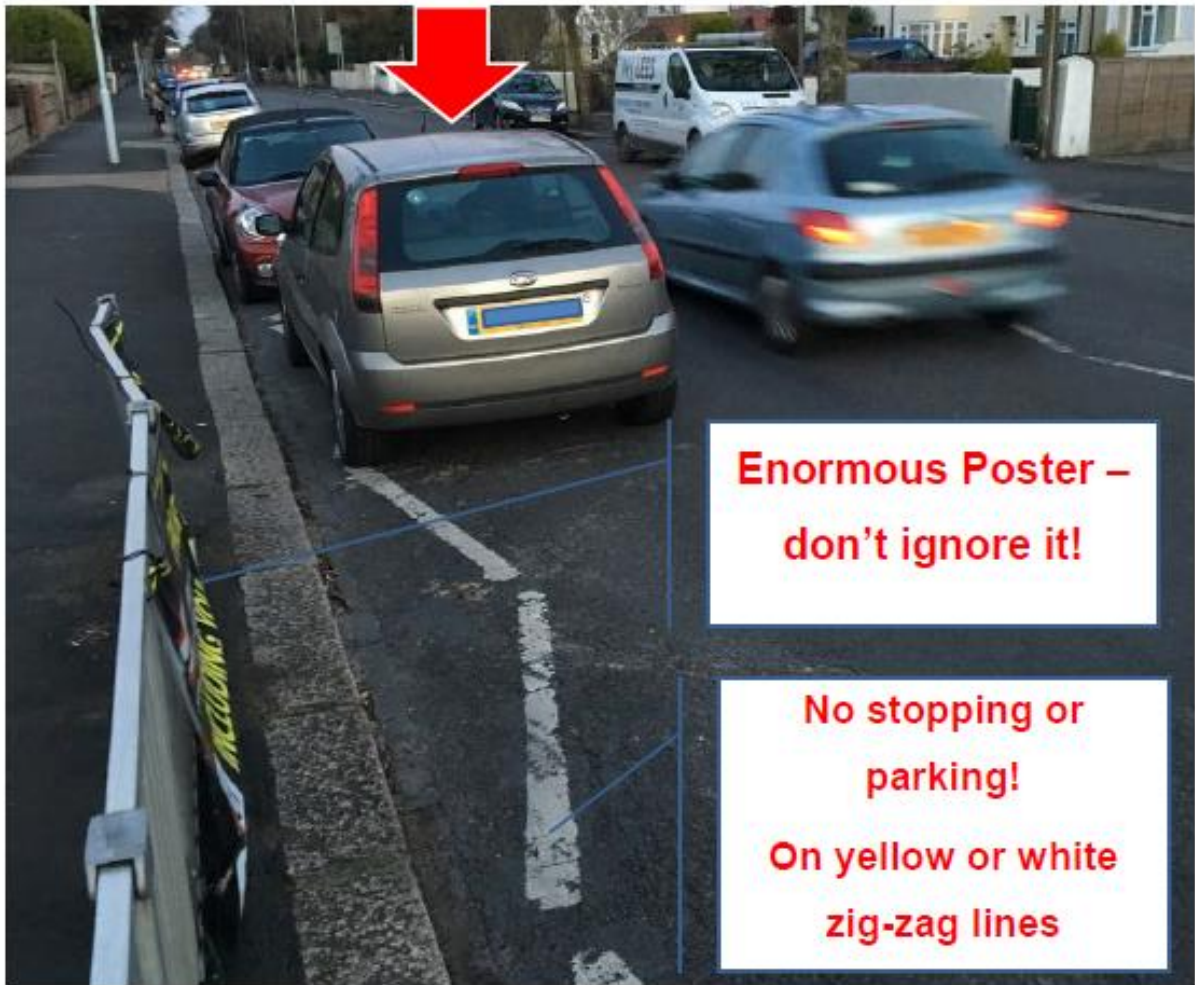


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Safety First

Do Not Stop or Park
here!



No excuses
don't do it!

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