



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

Monday 6th January - Back to school

**Wednesday 15th January – Celebration
of Learning**

**Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 23rd
January – Parents Evening**

1. Carol Concerts – All - Information
2. Latest Correspondence – All - Information
3. Spring Clubs – All – Information
4. Volunteer Readers Needed – All
5. Book amnesty and donations week 6th -10th January
6. Free School Meals Criteria – Information
7. External Events – All – Information

1. Carol Concerts – All - Information

We would once again like to thank all staff, parents and all the children for making the Carol Concerts such a successful enjoyable occasion. There was so much in the concert, that demonstrates the impact of the drive we have had, not least building confidence in children, being inclusive and promoting a strong sense of community. We have had such positive response from parents and the local community, please see a selection of photos from our Carol Concerts below.



2. Latest Correspondence – All - Information

Who needed it	Correspondence
All Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday - Homework • Spring Club Letter

3. Spring Clubs – All – Information

Spring Clubs are now available for Signup via SchoolsBuddy, please ensure you apply for your child's club before Tuesday 7th January more information can be found at <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Extracurricular+Clubs&pid=194>

4. Volunteer Readers Needed – All

Can you spare a regular hour, one day a week, in the afternoon?

We are looking for volunteer readers to come and support readers throughout the school. You will be given a small group of children that you will support weekly, on a one-to-one basis, to help them develop their fluency and understanding of books/ no experience is necessary and you will be given some training so you are confident with what you are doing. Any friends of our school community are welcome; granddads and grandmas, parents, aunts and uncles, big brothers and sisters, neighbours ... You would all be welcomed and we hope you would find it rewarding too.

If you are interested please come into the office and sign up or contact Ms Monger by email at zmonger@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk and you will be able to start in a couple of weeks once the DBS check is complete.

5. Book amnesty and donations week 6th -10th January

We are looking to increase the stock of books in our library but before we do, we need to get a good picture of what our current stock looks like. Could you please help your child have a look at home to see if there are any Chesswood books they have forgotten to return to school. Reassure them that, even if it is a giant bag of them, we will just be delighted to have them returned!

We would also greatly appreciate any reading books in good condition that your child has outgrown and we will add them to our library for our children to enjoy.

6. Free School Meals Criteria – Information

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 or concerns please contact Mrs Rainford (trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk) within the school office.**

7. External Events – All – Information

£2.35

Childrens Choice Menu

Thursday 16th January

Choose a main

- Beef Burger in a Bun & Chips
- Veggie Nuggets & Chips

on the side...

- Baked Beans or Salad
- Tomato Ketchup

for dessert...

- Jammy Jack (Happack)

for a drink...

- Blackcurrant Squash,
- Milk or Water

To enjoy our Census Day Menu, please order at www.mealselector.co.uk by Sunday 6th January. Please take note ordering is for KS2 children only.

BOOK SPRING TERM NOW (JANUARY TO APRIL 2020)

FREE (with school uniform & shoes)

THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Fun, exercise, Fresh air and different activities every week.
'CHILDREN 100% WASHABLE, TOWEL DRY'

Inspiring Adventure Clubs for Kids

Our mission is to encourage kids to spend time outdoors and gain all the benefits from doing so. Our priority each week is that everyone has fun and is excited to join us for our outdoors adventures. Every week is a different activity and alongside playing games and learning new skills within the club we work on promoting team work, confidence building, leadership and resilience. We encourage children to develop a sense of achievement, an awareness of the environment around them and all the great outdoors has to offer.

NEW ACTIVITIES SPRING TERM '20 INCLUDE:

- POKÉMON STACK ATTACK - EVOLUTION GAME - BUG HUNTING
- ECO PLANTING - SHELTER BUILD - CAMP FIRE COOKOUT
- TOFFEE APPLE MAKING - GIANT CATAPULT BUILD
- SURVIVAL DASH - MEXICAN GODS' EYES
- NERF® & LOADS MORE FUN & GAMES

* AT PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ONLY

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WILL RUN ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

ARUNDEL COFE SCHOOL, ARUNDEL	MON	SOPTING VILLAGE PRIMARY, SOPTING	THURS
CHESWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL, WORTHING	TUES	STYNING COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL, STYNING	MON
DOWNSBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING	WEDS	ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL	WEDS
EASTBURY PRIMARY ACADEMY, SOUTHMOCK	WEDS	SHOREHAM-BY-SEA	FRI
ELM GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING	MON	SWISS GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHOREHAM-BY-SEA	FRI
ELKE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTHMOCK	FRI	THE GLOBE PRIMARY ACADEMY, LANING	TUES
HANDCROSS PARK SCHOOL, HANDCROSS	MON	THE LAURELS PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING	TUES
KLENE COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING	WEDS	THE TOWERS CONVENT SCHOOL, UPPER BEEDING	WEDS
SEA SIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL, LANING	FRI	UPPER BEEDING PRIMARY SCHOOL, UPPER BEEDING	THURS
SHELDONIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, BURGESS HILL	FRI	WATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, QUAINLEY	THURS
		WEST PARK COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WORTHING	TUES

OFSTED REGISTERED // CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

HOLIDAY CLUBS - SAPLING PARENT & TODDLER GROUP - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



We wish you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas Break and look forward to seeing you all in 2020

