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1. Summer Term Arrangements – All – Information

The Headteacher Mr Jolley recently sent a letter to all parents detailing arrangements for the summer term. Please can you ensure that if you are a keyworker or your child is currently attending school that this form is completed as soon as possible. Even if your child/ren are currently attending school this needs to be completed. The closing date has now passed as this was Wednesday 22nd April by 5pm.

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Attendance&pid=790&action=saved>

- Limited community opening
- Free school meals
- Home-school contact
- Learning arrangements
- Computing and online safety
- Managing worries
- School nursing service
- Frequently asked questions
- Chesswood TV

2. Food Vouchers – Information

The Department for Education (DfE) has now developed a centrally-funded national voucher scheme **for families eligible for free school meals**. We believe we have now contacted every family eligible for free school meals before the end of term via SchoolsBuddy or a telephone call. If there are any issues with this system, please contact trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk as soon as possible and so any issues can be resolved.

3. Working at Home with Autistic Pupils – Information

The West Sussex Autism and Social Communication Team have released a guide which aims to support parents with a range of ideas to support their children, whom may have social communication differences/ autism during the COVID-19 pandemic. This guide was shared with parents via SchoolsBuddy.

4. Pre-Payment Meters – Information

Do you have a Pre-Payment meter? There is an emergency fuel voucher scheme that is available to vulnerable householders with pre-payment meters in West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. The

scheme is being funded through the council-backed energy supplier, Your Energy Sussex Fuel Poverty Fund.

Citizen's Advice in Sussex is administering the scheme and can issue the following vouchers to eligible householders; £49 for a family and £28 for a single occupier. During the Coronavirus outbreak they will be relaxing the criteria to allow householders to receive more than 1 voucher within a 12-month period.

If you or anyone you know of are currently in financial crisis that can benefit from a fuel voucher, please get in touch with your local Citizen's Advice Centre who will be able to carry out an eligibility assessment, answer any questions and issue you with a fuel voucher. You will then be able to take this along to your nearest PayPoint, Payzone or Post Office outlet to top up your key meter.

5. Rail Safety – Did You Know? – All – Information

Please see below a safety poster provided by Network Rail, reminding young people about the importance of safety when using the rail network. It is important to remember:

- The railway is never switched off. Electricity powers the overhead cables and third rail 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Passenger services are not the only users of the rail network – freight trains run all through the day and night
- Never anticipate that you know when the next train is due. Fewer passenger trains running on the rail network allows more freight services to operate during the day, transporting vital goods around the country. A freight train can travel up to 100mph



DID YOU KNOW?



Our train tracks and overhead line are **NEVER SWITCHED OFF**.



The stopping distance of a train with the emergency brakes on is the length of **20 Premier League football pitches** 2000 metres.



Throwing items at trains or placing objects on track the maximum sentence given can be **life in prison**.



No one is authorised to cross a level crossing on a red light **not even the emergency services**.



A average train weighs over **400 tons** which is equal to **80 large elephants**.



If you trespass on the railway and get caught the maximum fine is **£1000**.



In England and Wales you are criminally responsible and could be **imprisoned from the age of 10**.



Yellow line on a platform is to **warn you** that trains can pass at high speed and create air turbulence - **never cross the yellow line** until your train has come into the station and stopped.

6. Useful Websites & Links – All – Information

There is a huge range of useful websites and links on the Chesswood website. These are accessible by going to www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk > Learning > Home Learning > Useful Websites & Links. You can then choose your subject and it will redirect you to a page with several helpful resources.

7. Chesswood TV – All – Information

Episode 2 of Chesswood TV is now LIVE! To watch this and the previous episode, head to the website > Learning > Home Learning > Chesswood TV.

Chesswood TV has two channels, Chesswood TV 1 (CTV1) and Chesswood TV 2 (CTV2). Our new TV service will include a new programme weekly. CTV1 will focus on whole school weekly challenges for our wonderful Chesswood children and families. None of this would have been possible without the inspiration, hard work and creativity of Sam Holden, 4JD – Director General of CTV 1 & 2 and his dad Mark Holden – New Editor.

In season 1, the following challenges have been planned, so get your thinking caps on – How can you get involved (entrance is restricted to Chesswood families only as Internet space is limited)?

WEEK	CHALLENGE
Friday 1 st May	Jokes & comedy
Friday 8 th May	Extreme Origami
Friday 15 th May	Great CTV Bake Off
Friday 22 nd May	Home Theatre

All CTV 1 Challenge videos must be less than 60 seconds to be included in a TV episode

CTV 2 will focus on celebrating as much of the wonderful work children have been completing at home (with the help of family members). There will be a photo gallery of your creations each week. We really look forward to seeing the many great things you have created and know how much love, care and attention you have used to 'Be The Best You Can Be'.

We will include as many CTV 1 & CTV 2 entries as possible each week and over time expect to include all children once and fairly. **Challenge entries will need to be sent to: ctv@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk, by 5pm on the Wednesday before the programme goes to air on Friday.** Entries for CTV 2 will be selected from all of the lovely work you send in for your class pages; again, we will use entries sent by Wednesday 5pm each week. Entries sent after that will be eligible for the programme in the next week.

8. Active Sussex Information – All

Active Sussex have released a guide with a schedule of activities that are free to access, encouraging everyone across Sussex to get involved, keep active and improve mental well-being. This was shared via SchoolsBuddy.