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1. COVID-19 Update

We can confirm there has been one positive case this week, which parents have been informed about. If you have any concerns in relation to any of these numbers, please contact office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk. These figures are not a reason for a child to be absent from school. Should it be necessary for your child to isolate, we will be in contact.

Case	0-7 days	8-14 days	15-21 days	22+ days	Grand Total
Confirmed Case		1	2	1	4
Not a case	20	8	5	137	170
Potential Case	14	4	2	49	69
Grand Total	34	13	9	187	243

Do NOT attempt to send your child to school for any reason if anyone in your household is displaying any one or combination of symptoms below:

- A new, continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss, change in normal sense of taste or smell

If **anyone** has **any one** or more symptoms of coronavirus they must isolate with their household and seek a test or isolate for 10 days. Other members of the household must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result has been received. If you are unsure of any of the rules surrounding the Any One Rule, please read the letter online here: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=7993&type=pdf>

If anyone in your household displays any symptoms, please complete the COVID-19 form on the website <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID+19&pid=330&action=saved>

2. Latest Correspondence – All – Information

Keeping up to speed	
We are very aware both professionally and personally how hard it is to keep up with communications from school and from everywhere else for that matter. And, nobody has the time to search for letters they think they might have missed and are experiencing understandable parent anxiety of the consequences of missing important communications. We hope the very clear links and organisation below will ensure you are able to find any school communication quickly and easily.	
You may find the current and all previous newsletters for this academic year for reference on our website	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Latest+Correspondence&pid=176
Newsletter from previous academic years may be found at	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Previous+Academic+Year+Newsletters&pid=1007
You may find all current term correspondence for the whole school	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Current+Term+Correspondence&pid=780
Current and previous correspondence for specific year groups	
Year 3	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+3+Correspondence&pid=180
Year 4	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+4+Correspondence&pid=177
Year 5	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+5+Correspondence&pid=178
Year 6	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+6+Correspondence&pid=179

3. Online Learning During Isolation – All – Information

If your child is isolating, please remember there is a wealth of online learning available on our website;

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Home+Learning+%28For+children+who+are+isolating%29&pid=1095>

This can also be accessed by visiting:

HOME > LEARNING > HOME LEARNING > YEAR GROUP > HOME LEARNING (FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ISOLATING)

Learning has been split into phases as below:

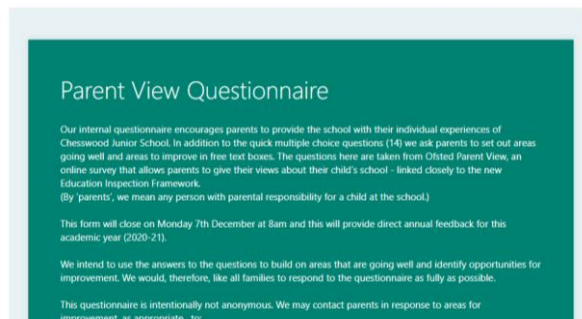
Phase	Guidance
Phase 1	The first thing you should do is make sure you have finished this week's year group homework to the best of your ability.
Phase 2	Tasks set for the specific week of isolation – Reading, Writing and Maths.
Phase 3	Wider curriculum tasks – tasks are set for the half term across multiple subjects.
Phase 4	During each day of isolation: Read an appropriate book for at least 30 minutes Complete IXL English tasks for at least 30 minutes Complete IXL Maths tasks for at least 30 minutes If you do not have access to the internet please let your class teacher know immediately and they will look at options during the period of isolation.
Phase 5	Independent learning, use the links to visit other websites; our game zone and knowledge organisers for different subjects.

4. Parent Feedback Form – All – Please Action

Please Help! We need your feedback 😊

We launched a Parent Feedback form which has been live for one week now and available for completion at <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Feedback&pid=1168>

We have only had two responses in that time and we were really hoping we would have most families complete the short questionnaire by **8:00am Monday 7th December 2020**. Please, take 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire; if you have no comments and simply select from the multi choice answers it will take less than 5 minutes. That said, comments really will help us know exactly what is going well for you and help to alert us to specific things we can improve for you and the whole school community.



All school staff would really like to get this feedback from families, to affirm their good work and let them know areas that could improve.

Please try to find the time to complete it – it genuinely makes a real difference to what we do.

5. Worthing Food Foundation – All – Information

Chesswood Junior School are pleased to announce that we are working with Worthing Food Foundation as a drop off point for donations. Please check the list included and check your cupboards to see if you have something you could offer. Worthing Food Foundation would really appreciate your help. You can donate on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week by giving the item to your child to drop off in the morning. The box will be outside the gazebo in the upper school playground for years 5 and 6, and outside the office for years 3 and 4. Unfortunately, due to our current restrictions, we cannot invite adults into school with donations.

You can also donate money online via the website at lesaldenfoundation.org.uk

If you need emergency food assistance you can call the foundation on 01903 442149 or complete the form online at the link above.

Check out the Facebook page

facebook.com/WorthingFoodFoundation for more information and to keep up to date with their latest updates.



**We're still open!
Please donate**



The latest Covid-19 national lockdown will have a serious impact on our communities. Many households are set to lose their livelihood and income.

You can help us support those in need by donating non-perishable food items and toiletries.

Phone: 01903 442149

ITEMS WE NEED:

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| • tinned meat | • squash | • sanitary towels / tampons |
| • tinned meals | • tea /coffee | • toilet rolls |
| • tuna | • biscuits | • toothpaste / toothbrushes |
| • tinned veg | • jams / spreads | • nappies |
| • soup | • cereals | • baby wipes |
| • long-life juice / milk | • tinned tomatoes | • baby food, baby milk |
| • tinned puddings | • shampoo | • pet food. |
| • pasta / rice | • conditioner | |
| • washing-up liquid | • deodorant | |
| • washing powder | • shower gel | |
| • razors | • hand soap | |
| • shaving foam | | |

You can drop off Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Give the item to your child and they can bring into school to leave at the drop off point. This is the box outside the office for years 3 and 4, and in the gazebo for years 5 and 6. Due to current restrictions we are unable to invite adults to drop items into school. Thank you on behalf of WFF.

6. Christmas Post – All – Please Read

We need to change the way children give and receive Christmas cards this year, so please carefully read the below guidelines for our festive post this year;

- ✳ Children may give Christmas cards to other people in the Chesswood community, but we must quarantine them before handing them out. The quarantine period is currently 72 hours.
- ✳ Each class will have a Christmas post box for cards to be posted into for children and adults **in their class**
- ✳ There will be a whole school Christmas post box in Reception for any children or adults that are **not in their class**
- ✳ Post boxes open from **Monday 30th November**
- ✳ Children can post cards from Monday to Thursday. Post boxes will be shut on Thursday at the end of the school day so the post can be quarantined and ready for delivery on Monday
- ✳ Please do not bring cards in on Fridays, as the post boxes will all be shut
- ✳ Last post will be **Monday 14th December**, for last delivery on Friday 18th December – the last day of term

If you have any queries, please contact us on office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

7. Flu Vaccinations – All – Information

A huge thank you goes out to the NHS staff who came and administered our flu vaccinations on Thursday. If you wanted your child to have a vaccination but they didn't receive one on Thursday, please contact the Vaccination Clinics on 01273 696011 (ext. 8533). The office hours are 08:00am-16:00pm Monday to Friday.

8. Pick Up & Drop Off – Year 3 – PLEASE READ AND ACTION

Dogs on Site

In recent months, we have had a more flexible response to parents bringing dogs on to the school site. However, this must now stop as it is leading to challenges and owners getting annoyed about bigger dogs not being allowed when smaller dogs are. This was never an official change, we were just trying to be flexible to help families out. However, it has led to confusion and annoyance for a number of people therefore we needed to look again at this.

From now on, we will return to the original policy i.e. dogs are not permitted on school site unless they are a guide dog. This means dogs may not enter through any gate and should be kept away from the entrance areas. We would ask that dogs that need to be left whilst parents are on school premises should be tied up away from the entrances used by children. This includes any and all dogs whatever their size. School staff managing the gates have been asked to ensure dogs do not enter the premises (even if smuggled in coats or bags and very cute).

We understand this may cause some inconvenience. We are sorry for any confusion the attempt at relaxing the position has led to and hope you will understand the need to adjust. Please follow this guidance and do not challenge staff if they need to remind you of the school policy if you bring a dog onto the school site.

Conduct in the Car Park

It has been made apparent that some parents are walking in between parked staff cars in the car park when dropping off and picking up children, approaching the fence. We would ask parents to please refrain from doing so; this opens up the possibility of accidental damage caused to cars via keys, keyrings, zips, handbags, etc and breaking social distancing rules when leaning over the fence.

Thank you for your cooperation.

9. Chartwells Job Vacancy – All – Information

A vacancy has arisen within Chartwells, the company who provide our school meals. This position:

- Is a Customer Service Advisor position and would be within various schools
- 7.5 - 10 hours per week
- Term time only

To apply, or for more information, please contact Sarah on 07917326817.

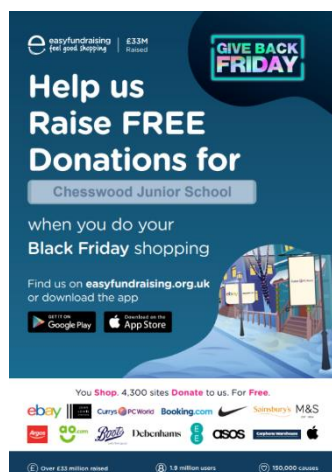
10. Winter Raffle – All – Information

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions with COVID-19 we are unable to hold our annual Christmas Fayre this year. However, Friends of Chesswood have decided to organise a Winter Raffle which is usually a major part of our Fayre. We will not be issuing paper tickets but instead you will be able to enter via SchoolsBuddy (there is no limit to the number of entries) and the Draw will be streamed live on **Friday 11th December 2020 at 2pm**. Further information will be sent shortly.

If you are shopping the Black Friday sales, make sure you use Easyfundraising. Over 4,300 shops and sites will donate, so you can raise

a FREE donation for Friends of Chesswood School every time you grab a bargain!

In addition to this, you can also support Chesswood every time you shop with Amazon. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Friends of Chesswood at NO COST TO YOU. On your first visit to www.smile.amazon.co.uk select Friends of Chesswood as your chosen charity. You can use your existing Amazon account but where you see a product is marked “eligible for smile.amazon.co.uk donation” then ensure that you change to the smile.amazon.co.uk page before completing the purchase. If you have any questions, please contact either Kate Brown – kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk or the school office.



11. Light Up Trail – All – Information

Light Up Trails are running a school art competition – the winner will receive a free family ticket to Light Up Wiston Estate and a £2500 for their school's art department!

To enter, you need to make an exciting Light Up Trails poster and upload it to their website. The more creative the better; use textiles, sparkles, paint – anything you can think of to make the page light up! For more details, visit

www.lightuptrails.com/competition



12. Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 16th December – All

If you would like your child to have a Christmas hot lunch meal on Wednesday 16th December you can now book online at www.mealselector.co.uk **please book no later than Sunday 6th December.**

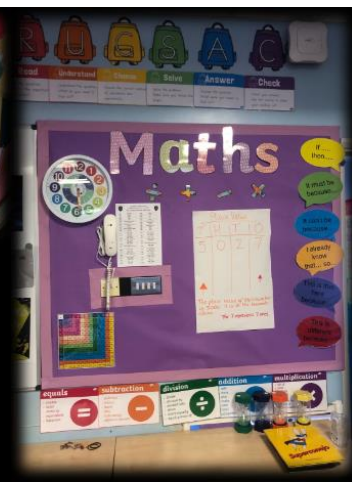
A festive menu poster for Wednesday 16th December. The background is light blue with a cartoon illustration of a water bottle character wearing a Santa hat and a blue skirt, splashing water. The text 'Wednesday 16th December' is in a green box, and '£2.35' is in a red box. The main title 'Festive Menu' is in large green letters. Below it, the text 'Choose a main meal...' is in red. The main meal options are 'Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Cocktail Sausage & Gravy' or 'Quorn Fillet with Stuffing Ball & Gravy'. Below that, 'on the side...' is in red, followed by 'Roast Potatoes' and 'Peas and Carrots'. Then 'for dessert...' is in red, followed by 'Chocolate Dipped Shortbread' or 'Fruit Salad'. Finally, 'for a drink...' is in red, followed by 'Fruit Squash', 'Milk', and 'Water'. The bottom of the poster features a red banner with the text 'To enjoy our festive-inspired day, please order at www.mealselector.co.uk no later than Sunday 6th December'. The West Sussex County Council logo is on the bottom left, and the Chartwells logo with the tagline 'EAT LEARN LIVE' is on the bottom right.

13. This Week At Chesswood...

There has been so much excellent, fun learning happening...



YEAR 3



YEAR 4



14. External Events

There are some excellent practical tips and expert advice for parenting challenges, particularly during the COVID pandemic, by visiting: <https://gov.wales/parenting-give-it-time>; this covers so many aspects of parenting from babies to teenagers, and has free printable resources.



**ART HOUSE
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

FAMILY SESSIONS
21ST AND 22ND DECEMBER
10-11.30AM AND 1-2.30PM
£7/PERSON
(ONE ADULT AND TWO KIDS MAXIMUM PER FAMILY)

KIDS DROP-OFF SESSIONS
28TH AND 29TH DECEMBER 10AM-1PM
£15/CHILD
(BRING A SNACK AND PACKED LUNCH)

****IF GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS DO NOT RELAX
AND ALLOW US TO REOPEN,
YOU WILL BE GIVEN STUDIO CREDIT****

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