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Friday 5th March 2021

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COVID-19 Update

In line with the current national and local situation regarding cases of COVID-19, we are dealing with more positive cases linked to the school. Wherever there is a direct risk to pupils or staff at school, as a result of an identified positive case, we will communicate this immediately to those affected ensuring they isolate in line with track and trace expectations.

This will occur when an identified positive case has

- had contact with any staff or pupils in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms
- had contact with any staff or pupils in the 48 hours prior to the test (where asymptomatic)

Where a positive case has had contact with a bubble, we will close the bubble for a period of 10 days from the last contact.

Where a positive case has not had contact with any staff or child in school (for example, they were not in school for over 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms), there will be no further action required by the school.

Case	0-7 days	8-14 days	22+ days	Grand Total
Confirmed Case			12	12
Not a case		1	243	244
Potential Case	3	2	91	96
Grand Total	3	3	346	352

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:

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

If <u>anyone</u> has <u>any one</u> 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

1. Latest Correspondence – All – Information

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.				
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 an	d 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			

2. 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-

<u>sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Home+Learning+%28For+children+who+are+isolating%29&pid=1</u>
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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.	

3. COVID Reporting - All - PLEASE READ AND ACTION

If <u>anyone in your household</u> has <u>any one</u> of the COVID symptoms, you <u>must</u> get tested and inform the school via the COVID case reporting form on our school website. This includes weekends and holidays; it is really important for this form to be completed to allow the school to follow the appropriate protocol and take action as soon as possible.

If any of the following are true:

- Your child has experienced symptoms
- Your child has tested positive
- Anyone in your household experiences any one of the three symptoms
- You are a staff member, external staff (supply teacher, peripatetic music teacher) or volunteer and you or anyone in your household has developed symptoms or tested positive

You should complete the COVID-19 online form as soon as possible

All families are asked to complete the online form on our website at HOME > PARENTS > COVID 19 https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=COVIS+19&pid=330&action=saved

If, for any reason, you are unable to complete the form with essential information please email covid@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

During school holidays and weekends only – when there is no other alternative, if it is not possible to complete the form or email and you have no other alternative, please text 07837971769

Text only, please do not call or use this phone number for any other reason, other than COVID reporting.

Please only use this number to report a confirmed positive case.

Text: Positive COVID Case (if you have a positive test result). A member of our team will contact you to get the information verbally, please only use this as an absolute last resort.

As indicated, it is our sincere hope that none of the above need to be used by any family or staff member. However, if it does, we expect that all members of our school community being aware of and using this online reporting system will allow a quick response in the interests of all members of our community, particularly those who are vulnerable and those with vulnerable family members.

4. Change to Arrival Information for Monday 8th March – All – Please Read

Following feedback from teachers on how to help all children settle back into class and build relationships again, children will come straight into class in the mornings for the first week back rather than wait in their playground zones. The class teachers are looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school. There will be many adults available to help all children adjust to the new rules and expectations with the full return to school.

5. What Will School Be Like? - All - Information

We have put together a presentation explaining what school will be like when everyone returns on Monday 8th March. It includes what will be the same, what will be different and reassures children for their first day back; we suggest parents take the time to go through this with children over the weekend. It can be found on the website under Parents>Latest Correspondence>Current Academic Year Correspondence or by clicking https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=14397



6. DfE Guidance on Face Coverings in School - All - Information

From Monday 8th March, new advice applies to the use of face coverings by staff, pupils and students in schools. In primary schools and early years settings, it is recommended that staff and visitors wear face coverings where social distancing cannot be maintained between adults. These measures will be in place until Easter. As with all measures, DfE will keep this under review and update guidance as needed.

Children in primary schools do not need to wear a face covering and they should not be asked to wear one. Dr Susan Hopkins, the Chief Medical Adviser for NHS Test and Trace, has said that "the consensus among educationalists, public health and clinical specialists is that it is not advisable for primary school children to wear face coverings. That is why Public Health England has not recommended to the Department for Education that they should be worn by primary pupils in the classroom. Children need to see facial expressions to develop their communication and language skills and practically, they can have difficulties keeping them on all day."

Information about Chesswood's face covering policy is across pages 4 and 5 of the Spring Term 2020-21 Arrangements letter sent to all parents on Monday 1st March, available to view on the website under Parents>Latest Correspondence>Current Academic Year Correspondence or clicking https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=14239&type=pdf. If you have any concerns or queries over the use of face coverings please contact the office on office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

7. Medication Requirements – All – Action

In light of all pupils returning to school on Monday 8th March, can we please remind all those with medication requirements to ensure these are brought into school and handed to a member of staff upon return. All medication must be provided in its original box/ packaging with the prescription label clearly attached detailing the child's name and dosage requirements.

All medications must be accompanied with the relevant forms. These can be completed online using the following links:

Parental Agreement Form to be completed for ALL types of medication:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bFAfoyNHwUaT1tnJfpJx98G7Ft5HQP5EnPugtbAWOvBUMkxDR1RRVkI1TTVYWIMxVTlYSUVXUUZZRi4u

Asthma Information Form to be completed per school year for children with asthma inhalers: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bFAfoyNHwUaT1tnJfpJx9xv1f29kwt1LtGv6sSLzp WhUOEZYTkYwSTJPVFAwQjRXNIhHNFJKNjM0Ui4u

If you have any concerns or queries with regard to medication at school, please email medical@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

8. Uniform - All - Information

From Monday 8th March, the basic expectation will be for all children to wear school uniform as set out in the school brochure https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Brochure&pid=188 — however — we recognise there may be some frustrations sourcing some items of school uniform in correct sizes and colours. As such, we will be flexible on the uniform policy until the end of the school year. We would like to also take this opportunity to remind everyone that long hair must be tied up for PE and some science lessons. We encourage children to wear a watch for school, however other jewellery is not typically permitted; children may wear a single-pair of stud-type-earrings-only — no hoops or long earrings are permitted due to risk of catching. For safety reasons, we expect children to be able to remove their own earrings for PE and games; in exceptional circumstances, tape will be provided however do ask parents to teach their child to remove their earrings independently. Thank you.

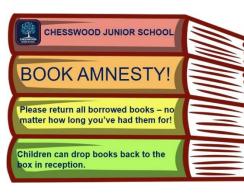
9. Free School Meal Application – All – Please Read

We would like to appeal to families who may meet the criteria to register for free school meals. If your circumstances have changed recently and you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals please visit https://www.chesswood.w-

<u>sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals+%28Free+%26amp%3B+paid+for%29&pid=257</u> for more information and to complete the online form. Please act now if you believe you would be eligible, if you need any help or have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Rainford at <u>trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</u>

10. Book Amnesty - All - Action

Please could all books that were borrowed over the recent lockdown (or any books you've borrowed over the years) be brought back on the week beginning the 8th. Our library is looking a little bare, and it would be great to have all our books back for the children to read on their return to school. There will be a box in reception children can drop the books into, no matter how long ago they were borrowed. Please have a look to see if you have any hiding at home! Thank you.



11. World Down Syndrome Day – All – Action



World Down Syndrome Day is on Sunday 21st March and it is a global awareness event.

We are going to celebrate this again in school on Friday

19th March by wearing our Odd Socks.



This year's global theme is 'We Connect': For WDSD 2021 the focus is on improving connections to ensure that all people with Down syndrome can CONNECT and participate on an equal basis with others.



This year, Edward Richey, who has Downs Syndrome, will be creating a presentation to share with classes on Friday 19th March. This will improve understanding of some of the disabilities that we have within our community and celebrate Chesswood as an inclusive community who see the people first, not their disability. It will celebrate how we connect together to support everyone to be included and aspire to achieve their dreams.

How can you support Edward and help spread the word about Downs Syndrome?

By wearing #LotsOfSocks!

Anyone who comes into Chesswood School on Friday 19th March wearing odd socks will receive 10 House Points.

12. Keeping Children Safe Online – All – Information

During lockdown children are spending more time online, so it is even more important that we support them with staying safe. Please find below new guidance and support to help you try and keep your child safe online:

BBC 'Own It' provides a child friendly guide to online topics and issues. This is essential viewing for children and parents and is a great website for learning how to stay safe and happy online. Please take the time to allow you and your child to explore this website and enjoy all it has to offer. https://www.bbc.com/ownit/the-basics



We now have a child friendly page on our website where children can get help from a range of support groups. It is important that you share this information with your child, as telling someone is the first step towards solving online problems. https://www.chesswood.w-

sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Ask+For+Help&pid=1294&action=saved

Remember to visit our E-Safety page for further support and guidance: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=E+%2D+Safety&pid=238

During lockdown, SafeToNet are offering free memberships to their app which uses word recognition and word patterns to identify potential risks to children within online communication. SafeToNet is an app for parents which can help safeguard children from online risks such as

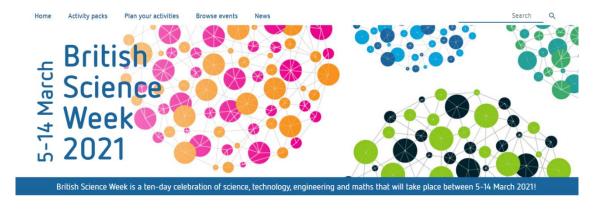


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cyberbullying. It also provides well-being exercises for children targeting stress, fear and anxiety. If you register before 30th April 2021, the app is free for life. Please find more details on the SafeToNet website.

https://safetonet.com/landing-pages/covid/

13. British Science Week – All – Information



Now that we've had World Book Day it's time for British Science Week!

British Science Week runs from 5th March to 14th March and this year is focussing on innovation.

In classes next week we're going to be having some fun running rocket experiments linked to the three current Missions to Mars and especially the amazing recent Perseverance Rover landing. We're also then hoping to post a video of these experiments online to try and make up for the fact that unfortunately we haven't been able to have a Science Fair this year.

Alongside this we're also going to be running a design and innovation competition between now and the end of term.

We're going to give you two choices for what you can design!

Competition Option 1 - Innovating for the future: Designing your own Chain Reaction machine. We'll be talking about these in school but if you want to get started here are some links that will help you: Watch this amazing video first - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qybUFnY7Y8w https://tinkerlab.com/engineering-kids-rube-goldberg-machine/ https://pstt.org.uk/application/files/3515/3900/2529/Chain Reaction Booklet - v5 final 2.pdf

Competition Option 2 - Innovating for the future: Designing your own classroom for the future. What do you think the classrooms of the future will look like?

> What will be learning? Will we still need teachers?

Again here are some useful links/ideas if you want to get started:

https://funacademy.fi/8-year-olds-design-futuristic-classroom/

https://www.theschoolrun.com/classroom-of-the-future

The deadline for entries will 12:00PM on March 29th (Monday of the last week of term) so that we can celebrate all your wonderful designs and choose winners before the end of term.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

We are looking for interesting design and innovation and so the winners might not be the best looking but will be the entries that have the best and most original ideas!

If you are interested in finding out more about British Science Week here's the website link: https://www.britishscienceweek.org/

All the best and take care,

The Chesswood Science Team

Computer Screen Background Competition – Winners! 14.

We recently held a competition where children designed a new computer screen background for the school computers. WELL DONE to everyone who entered - winners have now been decided! All entries will be recognised in a booklet similar to the Christmas card one – this is currently being put together and will be released soon.

The overall winner has won 100 house points and an art gift. The year group winners have won 75 house points and an art gift.

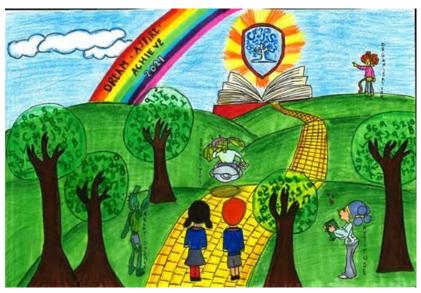
Runners up have won 50 house points

Art gifts are on their way so we will notify classes when they are ready to be collected!



A very very big WELL DONE to everyone who entered – we can see a lot of effort has gone into every entry and it was really hard to choose the winners. Everyone will be recognised for their hard work and effort shortly!

Overall Winner – Gihansa Bandaranayake 5AY



Year 3 Winner - Emilia Orendain 3DH



Year 3 Runners Up:

Alvin Kautkinas 3HG Amaya Rahman 3HG Ellie Geralds 3HG Nina Bodey 3HG Kayla Austin 3LB Polly-Fay Ridley 3PB Rachel Benjamin 3PB Angela Moneva 3ML Fin Holden 3ML

Ming Kai Yu 3ML Brandon Phan 3ML

Year 4 Winner – Ayla Marchant 4CR



Year 4 Runners Up:

Grace Westwater 4CR Katerina Paila 4CR Lois Burrows 4CR Samuel Watkins 4OM

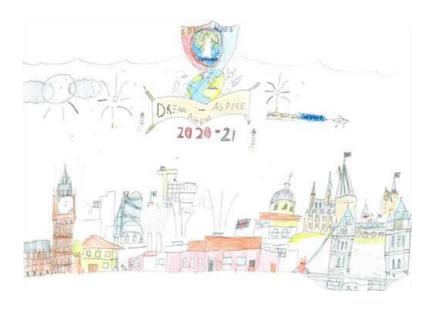
Year 5 Winner – Lotte Edwards 5UH



Year 5 Runners Up:

Chiara Gates 5AY Eliza Budd 5AY Harvey Cranmer 5AY
Miley Proudfoot 5AY
Sydney Wayper 5AY
Aylin Alsarhan 5EM
Fern Sayers Rye 5EM
Edward Jose 5HH
Layan Almuwainea 5HH
affah Miah 5HH
Emily Fitzgerald 5JH
Jed Goossens 5JH
Mateo Basabas 5JH
Alice Wilson 5KM
Thehansa Jayamanne 5KM
Bianca Caldare 5KM

Year 6 Winner – Zach Saunders 6SJ



Year 6 Runners Up:

Angela Griffiths 6EP Aleisha Golds 6SJ Marnie Denney 6SJ Matthew Kerr 6SJ Oliver Woollven-Pegg 6SJ

15. Fundraising – All – Information

Enter the EasyFundraising Mother's Day Giveaway to help Friends of Chesswood School WIN a £500 donation! To enter, simply visit the competition page and click any of the listed retailers before midnight on 14th March! Enter now: http://efraising.org/NhppthlqG8



16. Rampion Wind Farm Story Competition – Chesswood Winner!

Cerys in Year 5 has won the Year 5 category of the Rampion Wind Farm story writing competition! There were 52 entries for Year 5, so there was some tough competition, but Cerys' story was chosen as the winner. She wrote about the adventures of Zephyr the Inventor; all winning entries will be printed in a book and soon available to read on their website.

Ming Jie and Sasha, also in Year 5, also had their story entries shared on the Rampion Wind Farm social media pages; they had lots of entries so it was a real achievement to have these shared. Head over to the Rampion Wind Farm page https://mobile.twitter.com/RampionVC to read the stories!

Well done Cerys, Ming Jie and Sasha!

17. PSHE – Information

In Upper School next week, during PSHE, we'll be looking at LGBT+ History Month, which was in February. The lesson will focus on the different types of family and we will celebrate some heroes of the LGBT community including Alan Turing, JoJo Siwa, Janelle Monae and Olly Alexander.

The teaching will be age-appropriate and include simple, sensitive definitions of the LGBT acronym, with a clear, anti-discrimination message. As the theme of LGBT+ History Month is 'Body, Mind, Spirit', we will also explore things we can do to keep us physically and mentally healthy.

Lower School were able to access the topic through Newsround.

18. World Book Day - All - Photos

Well done to everyone in school and at home who dressed up for World Book Day on Thursday! There were some superb costumes and we all had a great day celebrating our love for reading!



19. Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards 2021 – All – Information

Nominations are now open for the Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards 2021!

This has been a difficult year to say the least, but out of this situation we have seen heroes come to the fore; staff of the NHS and care workers have quite rightly received the accolades and publicity they deserve for their amazing efforts but there are many other heroes too. Staff in the education sector have been working tirelessly to ensure children are taught, fed, inspired, and motivated.

The KM Charity Team deliver the Teacher of the Year Awards and we would like to spread the word to everyone in the school community to nominate a member of Chesswood. This is not a popularity contest; it isn't measured on the number of votes but instead a panel of judges read the content of every entry and have the difficult decision of selecting the winners.

Please, spend 5 minutes completing the online nomination form to enter any member of staff who has gone above and beyond this year. It really means a lot and will really be appreciated.

Anyone can nominate and it's not just teachers who are recognised – these awards celebrate every role in schools from secretaries and administrators to caretakers, headteachers and volunteers. Not everyone can win but all nominees receive notification of their nomination and that in itself goes a long way to them knowing how appreciated they are.

Winners from every district will be honoured at the awards ceremony with the overall countywide champions announced on the night. In addition, there will also be a pre-recorded version of the event aired simultaneously in order for everyone to celebrate.

To nominate is simple:

★ Go to www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/awards/toty/ and complete the online nomination form

With your help we can make this year's Teacher of the Year Awards bigger and better than ever before and make sure that the unsung heroes of the past year receive the recognition they truly deserve.

20. Writing Competition – All – Activity

West Sussex have launched a creative writing competition about 'Living in Lockdown'. Entries should be either a short story of 500 words max, or a graphic story of 200 words max. The closing date is Thursday 22nd April, and there will be prizes! Email entries to

wsvs@westsussex.gov.uk using the subject 'writing competition' and include your name and age on the email. For more information, visit our website https://www.chesswood.w-

sussex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=14040



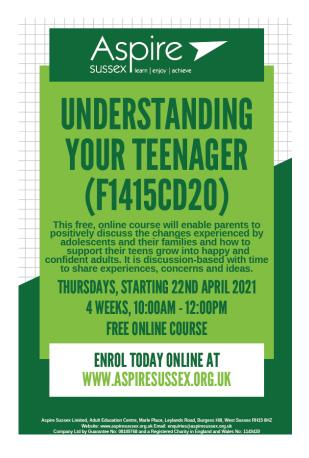
Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards

Let your colleagues know how much they are appreciated! You can nominate ANY member of school staff as we want to celebrate all of you

21. Aspire Family Learning Courses – All – Information

Aspire Sussex are running some free, online family learning courses during March and April; Springtime Crafts and Understanding Your Teenager. See below for more information.





22. External Events



