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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	15-21 days	22+ days	Grand Total
Confirmed Case				12	12
Not a case	3	2	2	236	243
Potential Case	1	2	3	85	91
Grand Total	4	4	5	333	346

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>

1. 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

2. Lockdown Learning – All – Information

From Thursday 7th January, these will be the key pages to guide children in their daily learning. Class teachers will be updating daily, setting activities across all relevant areas of the curriculum. We will seek to engage children as much as possible, providing email access to class teachers so that key work can be submitted, or advice sought if required. If closure is prolonged, we will set up class pages to celebrate quality outcomes from each class. This can be found by visiting [HOME > LEARNING > HOME LEARNING > DAILY LEARNING – SPRING 2021](#) then selecting the relevant year group. From here, you can navigate to each specific year group page. This will include tasks uploaded each day.

3. COVID Reporting – All – PLEASE READ AND ACTION

If **anyone in your household** has **any one** of the COVID symptoms, you **must** 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. Pre-Loved Uniform – All – Information

If you need to replace any of your child's uniform, please place an order using the following link <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform%2C+PE+and+Equipment&pid=174> for our pre-loved uniform; alternatively, email uniform@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk. All items have been washed and are reasonably priced.

5. Free School Meals – All

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-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals+%28Free+%26amp%3B+paid+for%29&pid=257> 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 trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

6. Vaccine Social Story

We have added a new ELSA Social Story to our Pastoral Child and Family Support Webpage. 'We Have a Vaccine' is a story to inform and help children to understand what the new vaccine might mean for all of us. To access, please visit

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+%2D+General+worries&pid=760>

For any queries, please contact the Pastoral team on pastoral@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk



7. 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.

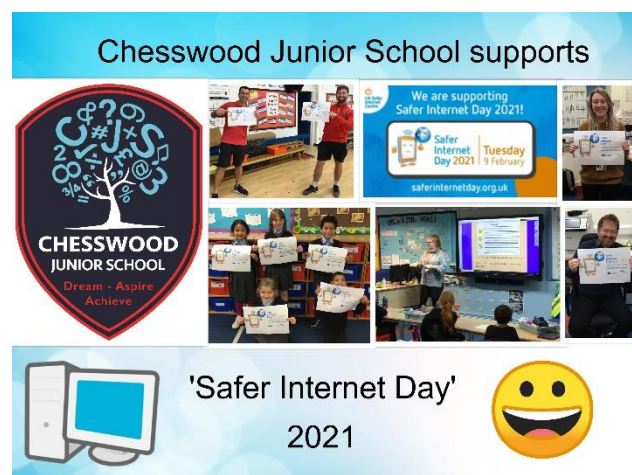
To nominate is simple:

- ★ 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.

8. Safer Internet Day – All – Information

This week, everyone at Chesswood has been celebrating '[Safer Internet Day](#)'. It has been a great opportunity to discuss how to stay safe online and also how to talk about our feelings relating to online content. The internet is a great place but we need to remember how to use it properly and how to stay safe. We also need to know what to do if things are not going so well online. We are here to support you with any online or e-safety concerns or worries. Please [visit our website](#) for more e-safety information.



9. Fuel Hardship Grant

Financial support is available for families who are struggling to pay their bills this winter. The County Council is working with Citizens Advice to offer a DWP Covid Winter Grant Scheme for families in need across West Sussex.

If you need to be referred, please email office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

The closing date for this funding is 31ST MARCH 2021.

The grant can be used for a range of things, from paying gas, electric and water bills, boiler repairs, purchasing blankets, slow cookers, heaters. Other help may be mobile phone top ups, energy advice, benefit checks referrals for specialist debt advice.

The criteria for who can apply is broad and includes;

- Families who have had to claim Universal Credit and don't have significant savings
- Families on Universal Credit, home schooling and worried about heating their home
- Families in debt and struggling to pay their gas or other bills
- Care leavers on a low income
- People with disabilities who are worried about putting their heating on

For any queries, enquiries or if you need to be referred, please contact the school on

office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

10. Pancake Day Competition 2021 – 16th February – All

With Pancake day (Shrove Tuesday) quickly approaching, occurring during half term, we are inviting you to send in a mini video or photo of a pancake “flip” and the finished pancake. The best will win a prize and 100HP, runners up will win a prize plus 50HP and all entries will be awarded 25HP!

The competition opens on Friday 12th and closes Sunday 21st February. Entries should be sent to

mhills@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

We also welcome pictures and details of your favourite pancake recipes and have a prize for the “best flop” so even if it isn't as successful as you would like, you may still win a prize!

Good luck and happy pancake making!

Miss Hills & Mr Light (DT Leaders)

Ingredients

For the pancake mixture:

- 110g/4oz plain flour, sifted
- pinch of salt
- 2 eggs
- 200ml/7fl oz milk mixed with 75ml/3fl oz water
- 50g/2oz butter

To serve

- caster sugar
- lemon juice
- lemon wedges

Or any other toppings you like!

Visit [Pancake recipe - BBC Food](#) for a detailed method. Adapt as you wish!

Visit [How to make pancakes - BBC Good Food](#) for a quick demonstration video.



11. World Book Day – 4th March – All

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. Children in school are invited to come in dressed as a character from a book; children at home are also invited to dress up and email pictures in, as well as attending their daily Teams registration in costume.

In place of our highly successful reading carousel which we cannot run this year due to COVID restrictions, each teacher will record themselves reading an extract of a favourite book. These videos will then be played to celebrate World Book Day and share our love of reading. A story will be read during the daily Teams call too.

Some exciting events will be happening during the week too; more details to follow!

12. Fundraising – All – Information

Did you know that you can help raise funds for Chesswood every time you shop online?

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Whenever you buy anything online you could be raising FREE donations for **Friends of Chesswood School** with easyfundraising.

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofchesswoodschoo/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Friends of Chesswood School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges.

Throughout the Chesswood community these donations could really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofchesswoodschoo/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

13. SEND Activities – Information

Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation have launched safe outdoor activities to support the wellbeing of local children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). For more information and to book a space, please visit <https://www.arundelcastlecricketfoundation.co.uk/send-activities/>

14. Wildflower Project – All – Information

Chesswood School is partnering with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to create a bright and cheerful wildflower garden at school for all staff and children to enjoy, whilst remembering those who gave their lives in both world wars.

Parents and children are encouraged to also join in the fun at home!

Best in Bloom is a competition for people of all ages and all gardening abilities. Whether your green to gardening or green fingered, the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation (our charity arm) is encouraging

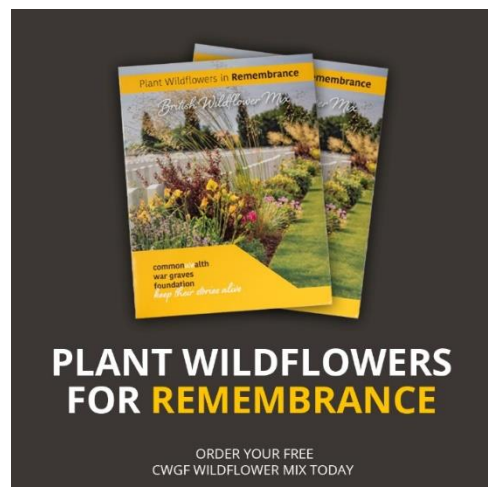


you to take part by requesting a free pack of Wildflower Mix seeds to grow your own memorial garden. This could be a small plot in your garden or allotment or just a pot or container on a windowsill or patio.

The seeds within the mix have been specifically chosen to reflect those that would have grown on the battlefields of the First World War. Those who take part can share the results of their efforts by posting a photograph on Twitter or Instagram using #WarGravesWeek. The best in bloom will be judged by horticultural experts and the lucky winner will take home a prize of up to £200 to spend in a garden centre.

The competition forms part of the CWGC's first ever War Graves Week- a week of national activity. Running from the 21-28 May 2021, War Graves Week will shine a light on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's work and the people who keep Remembrance of our war dead alive.

The seeds are available to order from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website at www.cwgc.org



Whilst the seeds are free, donations to the CWGF are encouraged. The CWGF aims to engage and educate people- especially the young - with the work of the CWGC. It offers a programme of innovative educational and engagement activities, telling the stories of the 1.7 million fallen Commonwealth servicemen and women, and of how the CWGC now, as then, continues to honour their sacrifice.

15. PSHE – All – Information

After half term, in PSHE, we'll be looking at different ways to ensure a good night's sleep.

If you would like any support with this at home, click here for some helpful advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-how-to-fall-asleep-and-sleep-better/>

For general support on mental health issues, please go to our pastoral page, which is jam-packed with useful resources:

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Pastoral&pid=206>

Sweet dreams from the PSHE team!



16. External Events

Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare have launched 'Raystede Rangers', a range of interactive games, puzzles, make and do activities and much more to learn about the five animal welfare needs and how to care for pets. The website includes a range of fully resourced activities, which can be completed at home. Once they have completed at least one activity for each of the five animal welfare needs, they can share what they have learnt to claim a Raystede Ranger certificate and badge. Please visit <https://www.raystede.org/education/raystede-rangers-online-challenge> for more information.

We hope you all enjoy
the half term break.

School returns on
Monday 22nd February
2021 continuing under
Limited Community
Opening.