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1. COVID-19 Update

We can confirm there has been no positive cases 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		4	5
Not a case	7	18	27	150	202
Potential Case	5	2	5	55	67
Grand Total	12	21	32	209	274

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. 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 attending Chesswood has experienced symptoms
- Your child attending Chesswood 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.

5. Worthing Food Foundation – All – Information

Wow! We are so thankful to our wonderful Chesswood community for their donations this week. Did you know that The Worthing Food Foundation feed around 100 families a week so it is brilliant that we could deliver your kind donations on Tuesday. We will continue to take donations on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week, so this might be a great opportunity for you to sort through your lockdown tins to make room for all those mince pies. May the force be with you!!



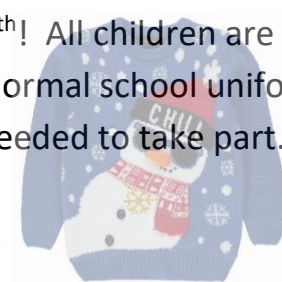
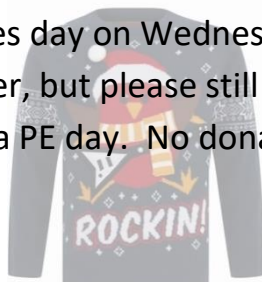
6. Christmas Display – All – Information

The children (and staff) are loving the Christmas display at the front of the school. Such lovely comments have been heard from the children, it's been a good way to finish the term.



7. Christmas Jumper/Accessories Day – All – Information

It is Christmas jumper/accessories day on Wednesday 16th! All children are welcome to wear a festive jumper, but please still wear normal school uniform shirt/trousers, and PE kits if it is a PE day. No donation needed to take part.



8. 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

9. Free School Meals – Please Read

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, you would have received an email from Schoolvouchers.com. If this has not been received, please contact Mrs Rainford at trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk as soon as possible. For those children and families who are not eligible for FSM, you will be able to access support for food and essentials via the WSCC Community Hub. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week, and will be operational throughout the Christmas Holiday period. More information can be found on the council website <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/support-continues-to-be-available-for-west-sussex-families-in-need/>

10. Sports News – Virtual Indoor Athletics Results

All the classes have been working hard on trying to beat their personal best scores in the Indoor Athletics Pentathlon over this half term. The pupils had to compete in 5 different events to get the best score they possibly could in speed bounce, vertical jump, standing long jump, chest push and the shuttle run. Each week they took on roles such as official/judge, scorer, performer and coach to help each other improve. Once all the scores were in the classes were given an average score to make it an even playing field.
Class Results:

Position	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1 st	3DH	4CR	5HH	6RW
2 nd	3PB	4DG	5JH	6MH
3 rd	3ML	4EV	5KM	6BP
4 th	3LB	4OM	5AY	6SJ
5 th	3HG	4JD	5AL	6EW
6 th			5EM	6EP



House Results (Year Group and Whole School):

Position	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
1 st	Sherwood	Epping	Kielder	Sherwood	Kielder
2 nd	Kielder	Ashdown	Ashdown	Kielder	Ashdown
3 rd	Epping	Sherwood	Epping	Epping	Sherwood
4 th	Ashdown	Kielder	Sherwood	Ashdown	Epping

This was also an individual competition and the following pupils were top performing girl and boy in each year group.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Girl	Robyn T -171	Freya C - 181	Ayla F – 251	Matilda C – 268
Boy	Calvin S - 131	Jacob O - 220	Gabriel R - 253	Sonny S - 264

The following children managed to achieve one of the top 3 awards for their pentathlon efforts:

Gold: Matilda C , Sonny S, Harry M, Sophie A, Hope N (Y6); Gabriel R, Ayla F, Eva-Betsy (Y5)

Silver: Charlie P, Tommy W, Philip E, Frankie C, Buddy L, Sam C, Jess H, Bella F (Y6); Kaspian K, Elliot C, Ella M, Scarlett S, Sophia H, Elizabeth G (Y5).

Bronze:

Year 6	Alex V-D	Sienna F-T	Leo M	Leo P	Alfie M	Elliot S
Willow F	Tilly H	Nastia M	Billy R	Summer C	Halle W	Finley E
Elsa C	Lewis W	Daisy F	Andrei B	Cariad P	Annabel W	Arthur H
Grace S	Khemjira K	Jasper H	Coey G	Luke V	Finlay S	Arturo B
Marcell M	Kleona M	Leen A	Josh W	James C	Hazel R	Nathan N
Rares O						
Year 5	Theo C	Sasha L	Sophia G	Gustavs G	Jed G	Aki D
Ben D	Alex W	Jacob H	Josh B	Lochlan G	Mia P	Lenny Y
Isaac N	Ellis C	Landon K	James S	Mason F	Joe J	Zach S
Emily M	Harrison R	Leland S	Logan I	Arthur C	Sid H	Adam B-R
Gabey M	Ofelia c	Zachary G	Caoimhe S	Louis T	Megan R	
Year 4	Jacob O	Benjamin C	Louis C	Harry P	Laurentiu L	Frankie H
Richards G	Riley M	Bara I	Jason R	Freya C	Jake S	Barnaby P
Ayla M						
Year 3	Robyn T	Maya B				

11. Free Winter Coat Shop – All – Information

The Uniform Centre is offering free winter coats for children. The Council have lent the Les Aldren Foundation a premises to store the coats and uniform; parents are welcome to come along during opening hours to choose coats for your children.

The shop is at; 52 Ann Street, BN11 1NX (behind Wilkinson's).

The opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3pm – 4:30pm and Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.

Further details can be found at <https://lesaldrenfoundation.org.uk/uniform-centre/>

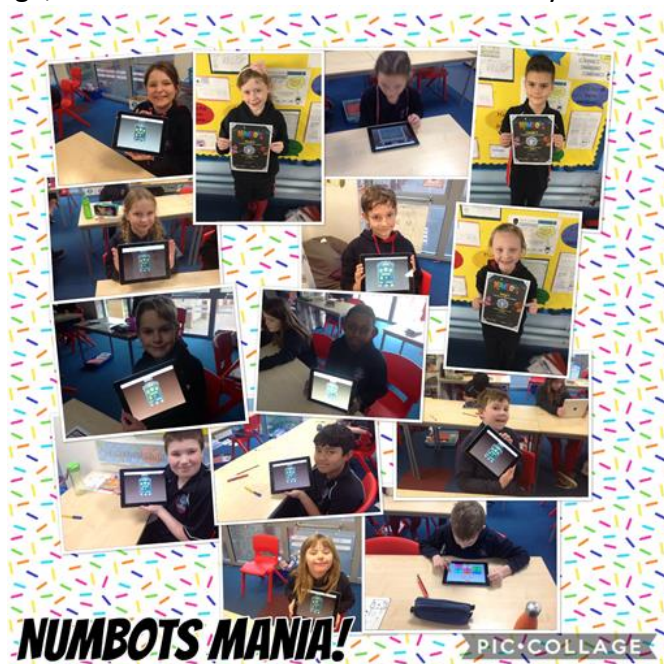
12. Pre-Loved Uniform – All – Information

Order uniform for the New Year!

Don't forget that we have a stock of pre-loved uniform, including jumpers, cardigans, shirts, trousers and PE uniform that can be purchased at lower rates from the school. To order uniform, please visit <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform%2C+PE+and+Equipment&pid=174> and complete the form; a member of staff will then check stock for you and contact you to confirm your order and arrange payment and collection. Please note we accept cash and contactless card payments, but we cannot accept payment via SchoolsBuddy currently.

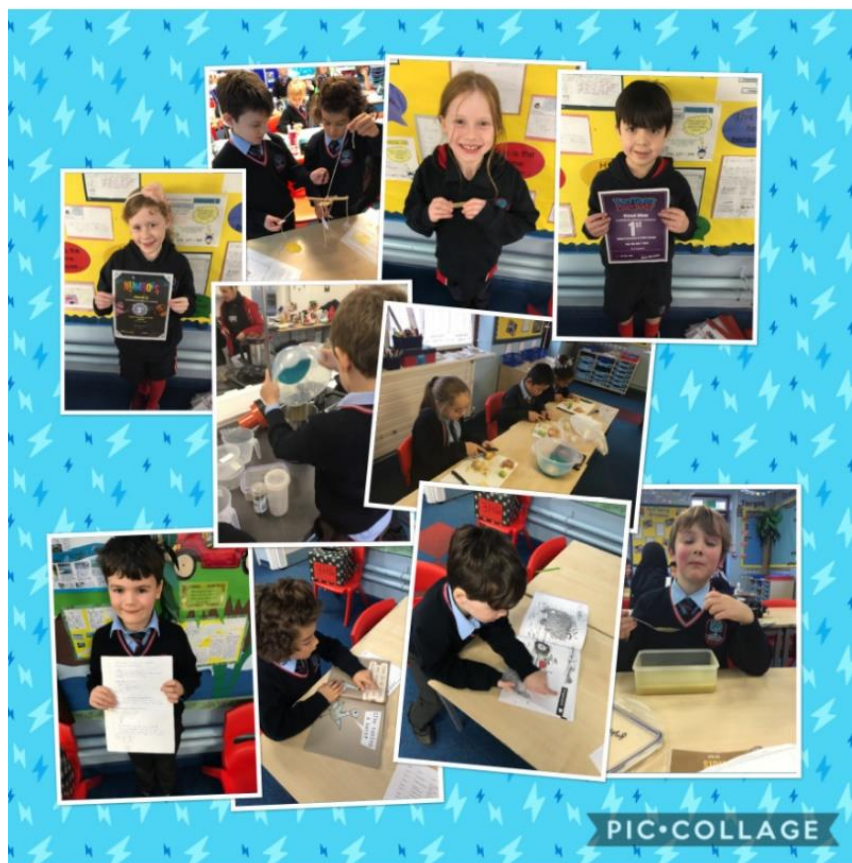
13. Numbot Mania – All – Information

Numbots Mania has taken over Chesswood Junior School! A number of children at Chesswood have started to use Numbots to help support them with their Maths. Numbots is an app/website that focusses on place value knowledge, addition and subtraction. It's made by the same people as TT Rock Stars. Not all children will need to use this, so please check with your child's teacher if you're not sure whether your child should be using it - each child that should be using it would know about it from school as they would have been shown how to log on and use it to help them by their teacher. As with TT Rock Stars, children can earn certificates and badges for their progress on Numbots. Mr Gilbert can't wait to start handing out Numbots badges. Good luck Bright Sparks!



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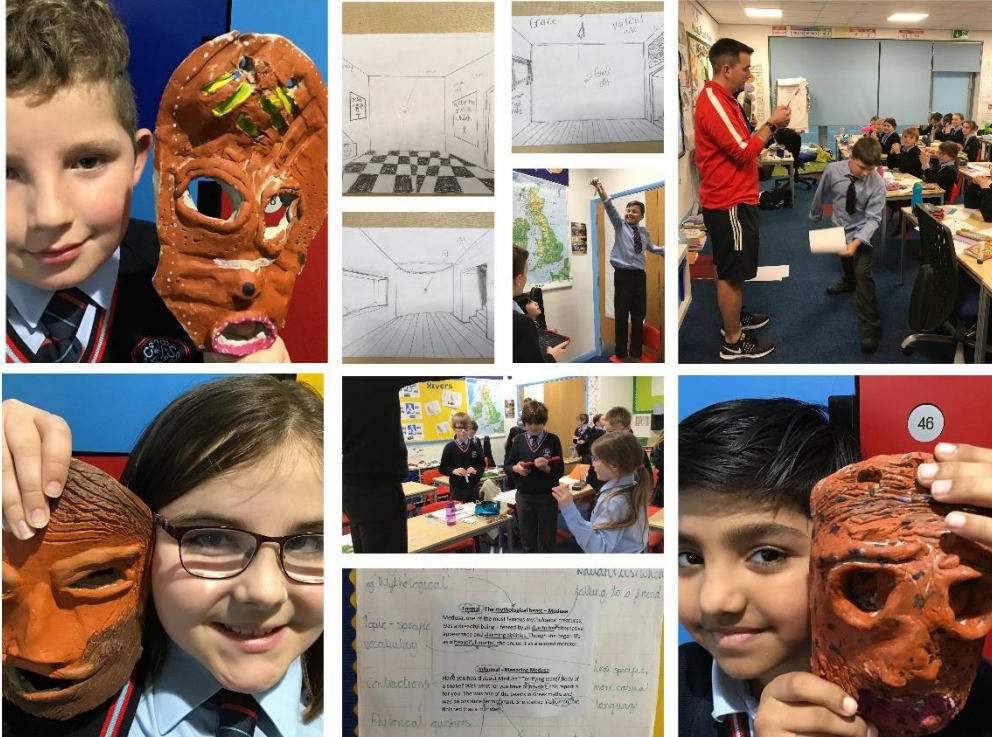
Year 3:



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6





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100 HOUSEPOINTS

Chesswood History Christmas Activity

Connecting families through local history

Lots of families and friends will not see each other this Christmas but we have a lovely activity to help you stay in contact whilst also sharing your memories of where you grew up.

With your family's permission, call up a relative or family friend. It would be great to compare your childhood with someone else who lived Locally. But even if they grew up in another county, you could compare your experiences.



Here are some conversation ideas for comparisons:

What was your school building like?

What were your favourite places to visit?

What was your favourite park like?

Did you spend time on the Downs or seafront—what activities did you do?

What is different about where you shop or go to eat?

With their permission, you could record your video call, record the phone call using another phone and loudspeaker, make notes and create a presentation comparing your lives—you could even film your own documentary. You can choose how to present.

We can't wait to find out what you have discovered!

Submit your entries to Mrs Bournier in person or by email to



For information on local history and other activities visit the
South Downs Project website:

<https://southdownsgenerations.org.uk/>





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Chesswood History Christmas Activity

What local history will you discover?

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Take a journey over the Sussex Downs or visit historical villages such as Slindon. Can you discover an interesting building, landmark or monument? Take a photograph to prove your discovery, and then complete one of the following tasks:

- 1) Write a factual account of what you think the building is, how it was made and how it came to be at that location?
- 2) Write an imaginary story about the building - as fantastical and as surreal as you like! Can you bring some Christmas magic to it?

Submit your entries to Mrs Bournier in person or by email to
nbournier@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Deadline is Friday 8th of January



For information on local history and suggestions of places of interest to visit the South Downs Project website:

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