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Weekly Communication Roundup Friday 10th December Christmas Holiday Break – Last day Friday 17th December, returning on Tuesday 4th January

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.

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You may find the current and all previous newsletters for this academic year for reference on our website	Chesswood Junior School - Latest Correspondence		
Newsletter from previous academic years may be found at	<u>Chesswood Junior School - Previous Academic Year Newsletters</u>		
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Year 3	<u>Chesswood Junior School - Year 3</u>		
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2. Weekly Attendance - All - Information

Bright Sparks – Turn up, Turn up on Time, Turn up Ready for Action! The following classes have won the year group attendance trophies for Week beginning 6th December. Well done!! Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3PB	4MP	5ML	6PO
98.6%	93.2%	97.0%	95.7%

3. Winter Wonderland - All - Pictures

A very big thank you for all the support we received with our Winter Wonderland on Wednesday! So many of you gave up your time to either help with the event, with the preparation before, or by coming along to the event to support the school. We hope everyone who was able to attend had as much fun as we all did, it was lovely to see so many of you there!



4. Homework and Homework Clubs – All – Information

Thursday 9th December was the final homework club (Year Leader invite) and Friday 10th December the final homework support club (Mrs Haddick's group) for this term.

To recognise that some children will not be able to complete full homework in these weeks, the homework released on Friday 10th and Friday 17th December will consist of the MUST reading tasks (that everyone can do at home) and the CHOICE homework tasks (that children can access if they wish, covering all areas of the curriculum). For those parents who wish to maintain the consistency of the homework tasks, further IXL and TT Rockstars/Numbots study is part of CHOICE homework as well as revisiting spellings already learned. I hope that this increased choice will give everyone a very merry Christmas.

For more information on homework, visit our website (Learning > Home Learning > Homework) or use this <u>LINK</u>

The homework club and homework support club will restart on Monday 10th January. Merry Christmas,

Mr Yelling

5. Festive Jar Project - All - Information

Thank you to all the children who decorated a glass jar for our Winter Wonderland – they all looked amazing! The jars are now ready for you to collect from Reception before the end of term.



6. Sewing Club – All – Pictures

Sewing club had fun making some Christmas gonks in their last sewing lesson this year!



7. Sporting News – All – Information

Y6 Southern Area Football Champions!



Another week, another tournament win for the Y6 team – this time it was against the top schools in the Southern Area of West Sussex. In the group stages the team won 3 out of 4 matches drawing the other, which put them top of their group. In the semi-finals they played St Margaret's winning 2-0. The final was against St Nick's & St Mary's who we drew with in the group stages – at full time the

scores were tied at 1-1, so the game went to penalties. It was a tense atmosphere as the shootout began – both teams scoring all 3 allocated pens, so it went to the rest of the players to have their go – all scored, so on to the goalkeepers – both scored, so the players had to go through again – first 3 again from both teams scored, then in a breakthrough the St Nick's player hit their penalty over the bar. The next taker was Benjamin (Mr Quick couldn't watch) – he hit the ball hard and straight down the middle – the keeper moved and the ball was in the back of the net! Chesswood were Southern Area Champions for the first time!!!!

Next they go to the Sussex finals against the top teams from the 8 other areas of East and West Sussex! Good luck boys!!

Team: Jamie, Zach, Sid, Theo, Benjamin, Mason, Stanley and Lenny.

Indoor Athletics Trials

A great afternoon on Tuesday saw 40 athletes from Y5 & 6 take part in trials for the tournaments after Christmas.

Lots of running, jumping and throwing showing fantastic technique was shown by all.

Out of School Achievements - Gymnastics

There have been some fantastic achievements in Gymnastics out of school recently – Maya from Y4 won a bronze medal competing on the floor and vault at the South East of England Gymnastics competition in Guildford.

Sophia and Ploy from Y6 were at the Southbourne Gymnastics Competition – Ploy finished 5th overall and Sophia finished first overall.



Out of School Achievements - Swimming

This week Ellis Cousins achieved his 1000 metre swimming badge, and passed Swim England Honours! He has also now completed swimming lessons at Splash Point – well done Ellis!



8. Bag2School - All - Information

Following the success of the last Bag2School collection, we have arranged another collection for **Thursday 20th January 2022**. So if you are having a tidy up over the Christmas break please remember to put aside any clothing, shoes, bags, household linen & bedding, towels etc. for our collection. Please follow this link to see the full list - https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect. All funds raised will be put towards developing our outdoor environment.



9. Asda Green Token Scheme – All – information

Friends of Chesswood School have been selected for the Asda Green Token Scheme for December! Due to Covid-19 they have currently stopped voting in store with the green tokens and voting is taking place online instead. So please vote for Friends of Chesswood School through Asda Green Tokens Page and select the Ferring store. All funds received will be put towards our Outdoor Play Equipment Project.



10. Free Online Parenting Resources - All - Information

Parenting Smart is a free online resource offering practical advice and tips for parents and carers of primary age children. Featuring short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to friendship difficulties, to anxiety and secondary school transitions. <u>Click here for more information</u>.



11. Holiday Clubs - All - Information











