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Weekly Communication Roundup Friday 5th November 2021

Key Dates:

Maths Week – Week beginning 8th

November

Pre-loved Uniform Sale –

Tuesday 9th November

Year 2 Open Day – Wednesday

10th November

Inset Day - Wednesday 17th

November

Year 3 Worthing Museum Visit –

Friday 19th November

Dance Mania - Monday 6th

December

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 Chesswood Junior School - Latest Correspondence newsletters for this academic year for reference on our website Newsletter from previous academic years may Chesswood Junior School - Previous Academic Year Newsletters be found at You may find all current term correspondence Chesswood Junior School - Current Accademic Year Correspondence for the whole school Current and previous correspondence for specific year groups Year 3 Chesswood Junior School - Year 3 Year 4 Chesswood Junior School - Year 4 Year 5 Chesswood Junior School - Year 5 Year 6 Chesswood Junior School - Year 6

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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 1st November. Well done!! | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 3KM 96.3% | 4MC 97.8% | 5CL 98.7 | 6NS 96.2 |

3. Maths Week - Prizes to be Won! - All - Information

For Maths Week England we want to make maths exciting and high profile in our school. We will be taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from England from Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7:30AM GMT and 7:30PM GMT on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on a given day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

We will be recognising the top scoring child in each class with a £5 Amazon Gift Voucher - whilst the highest scoring child in each year group will win an additional £5 voucher.

TT Rock Stars is a fun way for children to learn and become more confident with multiplication and division facts. If you have any doubt about which of the games on TT would be best for your child to use during the competition, please check the weekly year group Maths Fluency homework first. If you are still unsure, we would recommend the following, but please do speak with your child's teacher if you want any further clarification:

Year 3 - Garage or Jamming

Year 4 - Garage, Studio or Soundcheck

Years 5 and 6 - Garage, Studio, Festival, Arena or Rockslam.

For more information including details of what each TT Rock Stars game focusses on and updates on winning children please visit our Maths Curriculum Celebration Page by clicking here

4. History Project – All – Information

History research project opportunity: The children have enjoyed a set of assemblies recognising Black British people who have made history as part of Black History Month. We'd like to take the opportunity for the children to explore our local and wider British community of people of colour who are making history right now. Please see the poster below to find out more or click on this link.

History Project

Black History Manth recognised the achievements and history of the Black community. Fallowing an from this event, we want to recognise the history and achievements of people of colour who are making history today within our local and British community.

Option A) What is your heritage? Tell us where your ancestors and relatives are from, what their lives have been like and how they have inspired you or shaped your life?

Option B) Research a British person of colour who you think is making history today? Here are some ideas of people you could cover:



Emma Raducanu (Tennis Champion)



John Boyega (Actor)



Ranj Singh (Dactor)







Malarie Blackman (Author)



Henna Chowdhury (Labour Counsillor in Worthing)

Marcus Rashford (Footballer)

You can create a video interview, make a PowerPoint, write a biography, create a fact page or a poster to tell us about your family history or the person you have chosen to research.

Entries to Mrs. Bourner by the 19th of November nbourner@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

100 Housepoints for taking part and each entry will be celebrated an our Chesswaad History page on the website.

5. New Governors – All – Information

Thank you to those that applied for a position on Parent Governor in response to our recent recruitment campaign, which was very successful.

I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome in 3 new governors to the Chesswood Governing Body, of which I'm sure in the coming weeks we will be able to bring them up to speed with school governance here at Chesswood Junior School.

A warm welcome to the following: Conceicao Roque Philippa Jackson Rachel Baker

Kind Regards, Darren (Chair of Governors)

6. Christmas Card Competition – All – Information

Christmas Card Competition

We have launched our Christmas Card Competition for 2021!
All entries must:

- Be drawn on A4 or A5 paper (landscape)
- Be YOUR own work
- Have your name and class written on the back
- Reflect the magic and meaning of Christmas for children

The rewards will be as follows:

- All entries will receive 10 house points
- An additional 10 points for exceptional quality
- The overall winders will receive 50 house points and have their design on one of the five school Christmas cards

The closing date is 9:00am Monday 29th November and all entries must be given to Miss Rawlings in the school office.

7. End of School Arrangements - All - Please Read

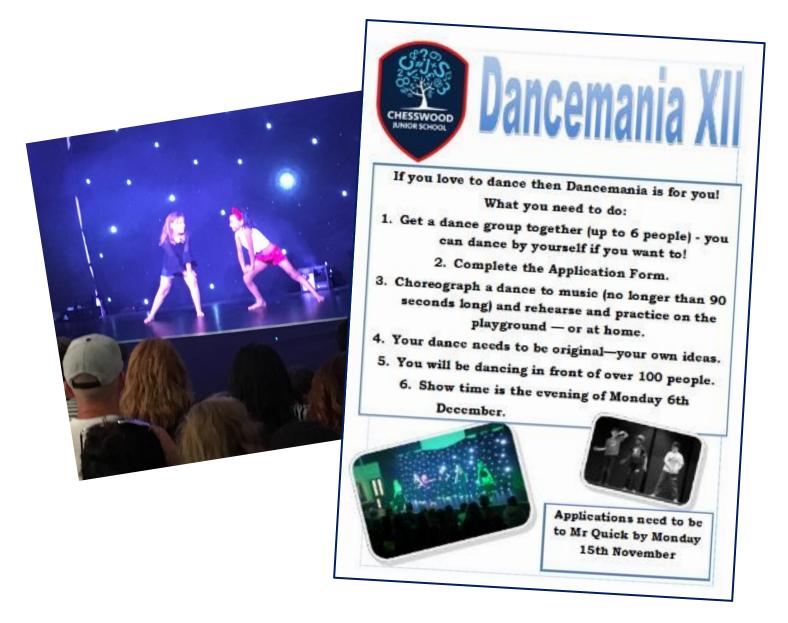
Please ensure your children know they are not to leave school on their own, unless this is their usual arrangement for after school. If they are unsure who is collecting them they should tell their teacher and go to Reception, as we can the call home to confirm who is collecting them.

8. Sports News – All – Information

Dancemania XII

Dancemania is our pupil led and run dance festival where everything is down to the pupils. The concept is for the pupils to use their ACRO skills to create a group, develop a dance and then perform on stage in early December – it's all down to the pupils!

If your child would like to take part, then they need to see Mr Quick for an application form. Show date is Monday 6th December and is held in the gym with all the lights, backdrops and a very supportive audience.



Key Steps Gymnastics Competition

From their gymnastics sessions a group of Y6 boys were selected to take part in the WSSA Virtual Key Steps Gymnastics Competition. Each gymnast had to perform a floor sequence as well as 2 vaults – these were filmed and sent off to be graded by gymnastics judges. This event was for gymnasts who do less than one hour of training a week – most of our team only do gym in lessons!! The results came back over the holidays and I am please to say that the team were victorious!

1st Chesswood - 108.1 2nd West Park -107.2 3rd Goring 107.1 4th English M -105.6





Team: Ollie C, Ben D, Mason F, Jed G, Dylan W, Harry M, Joseph M, James S, Kaspian K and Edward J.

9. Treat Week - All - Information

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Treat Week held before half term! We raised an amazing sum of £545, which will go towards developing our outdoor play areas.

10. Inset Day Childcare - All - Information

As usual, we are offering childcare facilities on our Inset Day on Wednesday 17th November from 7.30am to 3.30pm. Please see the <u>attached letter</u> for more information. If you would like to book a place for your child, please do this via SchoolsBuddy.

11. Festive Menu – All – Information

Please see the below poster for information regarding Christmas Lunch for your child on Wednesday 8th December. Please order online at http://www.mealselector.co.uk between now and no later than 28th November.

If your child already receives Free School Meals, they will automatically receive a Christmas Lunch, but if your child is entitled to free school meals but brings packed lunches from home please contact Mrs Rainford at trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk to request a Christmas Lunch.



12. Pre-loved Uniform Sale – All – Information



13. Bag2School – All – Information

Following the success of the last Bag2School collection, we have arranged another collection for **Thursday 20**th **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.



14. Kit Out the Newsletter – All – Information

Local BBC radio stations across England, and BBC radio stations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are coming together to 'Kit out the Nation'.

In July the Department for Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee published data from Sport England which showed 100,000 fewer children met the recommended level of activity in 2020 than in 2019 and it was 'of significant concern'.

There has been a long standing issue around access to sport and exercise because of the affordability of kit. Also, good condition equipment, that would otherwise go to landfill or simply remain in cupboards, could get an extended life and help a young person get active.

From now until Saturday 16th October we are aiming to get kit and sports equipment to the schools and clubs where a young person can use it.

Please click on the links below to find out how you can get involved:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1RvmVJyvX0PYv2vxG4rRbQS/kit-out-the-nation

https://www.business2schools.com/donate

15. Addams Family - All - Information

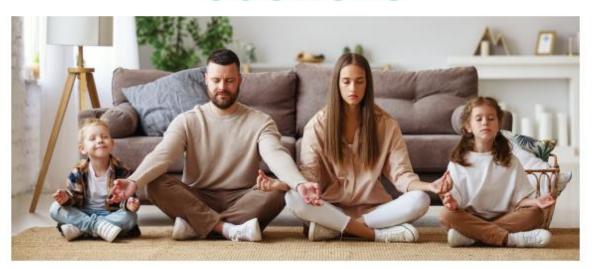
Our talented music teacher Claire Cossins is starring in a production of The Addams Family in December. Please see the below poster for more information and booking details.







FREE FAMILY LEARNING COURSES



MINDFULNESS FOR FAMILIES

(F1404CA21)
Monday 8th November 2021
until Monday 29th November
13:00pm - 14:30pm, Springfield Infant School
and Nursery

EMAIL US AT FAMILYLEARNING@ASPIRESUSSEX.ORG.UK
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