



CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Weekly Communication Roundup

Friday 26th November 2021

Key Dates:

Dance Mania – Monday 6th
December

**Christmas Jumper Day and
Christmas Dinner** – Wednesday
8th December

Christmas Winter Wonderland
– Wednesday 8th December

Christmas Film Afternoon –
Tuesday 14th 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.	
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	Chesswood Junior School - Previous Academic Year Newsletters
You may find all current term correspondence for the whole school	Chesswood Junior School - Current Academic Year Correspondence
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

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 22nd November. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3KM	4DG	5EM	6RW
96.7%	97.8%	97.9%	100%!

3. Worthing Museum Visit – Year 3 – Information

Our year 3 classes were wowed by our recent visit from Worthing Museum to support our history learning about the Stone Age. Children learnt lots of interesting facts about this period and got the opportunity to participate in a number of fun activities. These included handling artefacts, digging for hidden treasures, looking for clues to the past on maps and photos and creating their own animal rubbings.



4. Junior Governors – All – Information

The Junior Governors have been busy meeting and holding class votes - to see their new website page please click on the link: [Chesswood Junior School - Junior Governing Body](#).

One of the main areas of work has been to decide which awareness days and charities will be supported in school, however, we felt it was important to raise awareness of all the charity days and therefore built a calendar to inform everyone when they are - see the table below for the current half term. You will note the Support Level column which explains if the school are just providing information (a website link is included to find out more), raising awareness (such as dressing up for Children in Need - allowing families to decide whether to support the main charity) or hosting an event or donation (such as the Harvest Festival donations of food). Further information for the rest of the school year is on the web page.

Please note the next Awareness events (in blue): Friday 3rd December = dress up for International Day of Persons with Disabilities and bring a donation (bottle or chocolate) for the Chesswood PTA Winter Wonderland. Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 8th December.

Chesswood Junior School – Awareness Calendar Autumn Term 2 BLUE = action needed		
Date	Event	Support Level
28 Nov-Dec 6 2021	Hanukkah (RE)	Awareness – assembly in school www.bbc.co.uk
Tue 30 Nov 2021	St Andrew's Day	Information – www.bbc.co.uk
Fri 3 Dec 2021	International Day of Persons with Disabilities Chesswood will celebrate this day rather than each individual disability awareness day (Chosen by Junior Governors)	Awareness – dress up day Donation (bottle/chocolate) for PTA Chesswood Winter Wonderland on 8 Dec idpwd.org
Wed 8 Dec 2021	Chesswood Winter Wonderland Evening (PTA) + Christmas Jumper Day + Chartwells Christmas meal	Donation (bottle) for PTA on 3 Dec Wear Christmas jumpers Buy raffle tickets Book Christmas meal if wanted
Fri 10 Dec 2021	Human Rights Day (PSHE links)	Information – www.un.org
Fri 10 Dec 2021	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day	Information – www.savethechildren.org.uk
Tue 14 Dec 2021	Christmas Film Afternoon (Film chosen via Junior Governor class vote)	Event – money raised goes to the PTA
Sat 25 Dec 2021	Christmas Day (RE)	Awareness – assembly in school and carol concert www.bbc.co.uk

The Junior Governors have also conducted a class vote to help give the voice of the children to the PTA. The Christmas film will be chosen via this vote along with ideas for future events, including prizes and gifts for sale and items of food and drink for snack weeks. Results will be shared with classes when calculated.

They are all doing a fantastic job so far!

Mr Yelling

5. TT Rockstars England Rocks Winners – All – Information

TT Rock Stars fever hit Chesswood Junior School the week beginning Monday 8th November. Chesswood were one of 4,110 schools in England to participate in the England Rocks 2021 competition, which ran from Monday to Thursday. We are delighted to confirm that Chesswood finished 628th of all competing schools based on average student score - inside the top 20%! Based on total student score, Chesswood finished a hugely impressive 25th of all competing schools - finishing within the top 1%! Our achievements don't stop there - when we just focus on nearby primary schools, Chesswood finished top out of 554 schools! Absolutely amazing efforts from our Bright Sparks who absolutely went the extra mile!

Our highest scoring class based on average student score and total score was 6RW. They finished in the top 0.5% of the 80,000+ competing classes in England. Each child in our 3 top scoring classes (6RW, 6NS and 6NB) have been awarded a certificate. Congratulations to these classes for achieving such high scores.

Congratulations to our 23 winners - one per class - for being the highest scorer in their class after the conclusion of the competition. Each class winner has won a £5 Amazon Voucher. A special shout out for the top scoring child in each year group - Yahia Megudich 3DH, Alvin Kautkinas 4MH, Eilin Kautkinaite 5EM and Gustavs Grundmanis 6NB, who received an additional £5 voucher. The top 3 scoring children for each class have received a certificate. For more details including a breakdown of the top 3 in each class and photos of our winners, please visit the Maths Curriculum Celebration page on our website by visiting HOME > LEARNING > CURRICULUM > MATHS > MATHS CURRICULUM CELEBRATION or by [clicking this link](#). Well done to all children for taking part - thank you for your support with this competition. Roll on the next competition!



6. Club Information – All – IMPORTANT

All extracurricular clubs will be finishing next week on 3rd December. Please ensure your child is aware and collected at 3.15pm.

7. Parking on Chesswood Road – All – IMPORTANT

We have had several complaints from residents Chesswood Road due to parents parking across driveways. Please avoid blocking residents' driveways as they may need access. If you do *have to* park over a driveway please stay with your car so that you can move it should you need to.

8. Winter Wonderland Help – All – Information

Our Winter Wonderland is on **Wednesday 8th December** and we are asking if you are able to offer any help, either leading up to our Christmas Event, setting up on the afternoon or help run a stall, we would love to hear from you.

The following help is required :

Friday 3rd December – Tombola Sorting from 8.30am

Wednesday 8th December

- Help preparing popcorn and candyfloss during the day from 9am.
- Setting up of Marquees and equipment from 1.15pm.
- Cover required during the event on stalls, some to include Tombola, Christmas Stall, Refreshments, Candy Floss, and Popcorn.

We are also asking if anyone is able to donate any straw bales for seating around the firepit.

If you are able to assist with any of the above, please ring or email Tracey Rainford on trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

We do really appreciate any help you can give as these events are unable to run without you.

Thank you for your support and kind donations already received.



9. Christmas Tree Appeal – All – Information

With our Christmas Winter Wonderland event coming up on 8th December, we are kindly asking if anyone is able to donate a real Christmas tree (7ft+) to Chesswood? It will be placed outside school for the festive period and provide Christmas cheer to everyone! If anyone is able to help, please contact office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk



10. 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 winners 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.

11. Festive Jar Project – All – Information

Please come and collect a glass jar from Reception for your children to decorate at home. Each jar will be full of crafting materials to turn the jar into a beautiful unique creation. Once completed please bring back to school for Friday 3rd December, these will be displayed at our Christmas fair, and then returned to children after. These are for the children to design as they choose, but we have included some ideas below - we can't wait to see them all!



12. Christmas Carol Concerts – All – Information

It is with great regret that we will have to cancel the annual Christmas Carol Concerts (Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 December) for another year. The latest advice from West Sussex County Council advises schools to carefully consider large indoor events in the lead up to Christmas because of the high levels of COVID-19 within our community. Although this is always a highlight of the school year for our whole community, we cannot guarantee that COVID-19 will not be spread when bringing everyone together in this event. Our number one priority is always the safety of the community, so we will look forward to getting back to the concerts in 2022.

13. Sporting News – All – Information



Y3/4 Football Festival

First time representing the school for football these boys loved their experience on Tuesday afternoon. A combination of players from Y3 and 4 worked well together to secure 3 out of 5 wins in their matches. Lots of hard work and determination from all.

Team: Yahia, Heath, Bertie, Leon, Mohammad, Toby, Freddie and Thomas.

Southern Area Basketball Finals

We were lucky enough to be able to take 2 teams to the finals (these were the best teams from schools from Littlehampton to Shoreham up to Steyning) who had previously won their local competitions.

Our **Blue Team** (Eva-Betsy, Ria, Elliot, Aki and Henry) started their pool matches with 3 wins out of 3 putting them on top of Group B – they beat Shoreham Beach (6-4), Georgian Gardens (6-2) and Ashington (6-0) to be top of the pile.



The **Red Team** (Hayden, Kaspian, Gabriel, Sophia and Ella) had 4 games in their pool they beat Riverbeach (26-0), St Peters (6-2), English Martyrs (22-4) and St Margarets (22-2) to top Group A.



Both teams qualified for the semi finals the Blue team faced St Peters and the Red's played Shoreham Beach. The Red team continued their high scoring winning 16-6) but the Blue team narrowly missed out to St Peters by the odd basket – they went to play Shoreham Beach in the 3rd/4th place playoff winning that to secure 3rd place. The Red team faced St Peters again who gave them their closest match in the group stages in the final – however this time they found their scoring touch comfortably winning 14-2 to become **Southern Area Champions!** This is

the second time in a row the school have won this title.

Gabriel was also named player of the tournament by the Organisers! With Sophia (Red Team) and Eva-Betsy (Blue) winning awards for Players of their Teams.

During the tournament 248 points were scored by all team with Chesswood Red scoring 106 of them and the Blue Team around 30 points so Chesswood teams made up over half of the points scored.

I would like to say a massive thank you to **James Brame** (our School Basketball Coach) for all the hard work and player development he does with all the clubs he runs at school. All of the players from our school team have attended his clubs – this has helped the school maintain their high standard of basketball over the last few years. If your child is interested in playing basketball James runs clubs every night at Chesswood (Monday Y4, Tuesday Y3, Wednesday Y6, Thursday Girls, Friday Y5) – look out for them when the clubs re-open in January.



The logo for Worthing United Youth is a circular emblem. It features a blue and white striped shield in the center, with a soccer ball in the middle. The shield is flanked by two red stars. The words "WORTHING" and "UNITED YOUTH" are written in a circular border around the shield. The years "19" and "88" are also present on the left and right sides of the shield respectively.

Worthing United Youth are looking for new players for their U10s (Year 5) Teams.

If your son or daughter is interested, please contact Neil Sparks for more details:

07876 774630

sparksneil@yahoo.co.uk

14. 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.



15. 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.



16. Festive Menu – All – Information

Please see the 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.



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Wednesday 8th December

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DESSERTS
Chocolate Dipped Shortbread
Choice of Fruit
Milk, Water or Fruit Squash

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.

Alternatively, you can order now until the 28th November at www.mealselector.co.uk or contact 73041@compass-group.co.uk for help and information.

17. 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. [Click here for more information.](#)



18. E-Safety – All -Information

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

18 CENSORED

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

W&A!*

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be "the next big thing" will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase "TikTok coins", which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 18s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Click: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.





National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

SOURCES: TikTok.com

19. Holiday Clubs – All – Information



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Worthing and Shoreham

CLUBS RUN AT 2 LOCATIONS:
LCP = LANCING COLLEGE PREP, WORTHING STN = ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHOREHAM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13 LCP - WINTER CAMPFIRE COOKOUT 	14 LCP - MEGA GAMES & S'MORES 	15 LCP - BAD SANTA NERF BATTLES	16 LCP - CHRISTMAS WOODLAND CRAFTS 	17 LCP - MINECRAFT VS WILDCRAFT 
20 LCP - WINTER CAMPFIRE COOKOUT STN - BAD SANTA NERF BATTLES	21 LCP - BAD SANTA NERF BATTLES STN - WINTER CAMPFIRE COOKOUT 	22 LCP - CHRISTMAS WOODLAND CRAFTS STN - MINECRAFT VS WILDCRAFT 	23 	24 

To book and for more info on activities and how the holiday clubs run www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/west-sussex



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS

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WINTER CAMPFIRE COOKOUT
 Gather round the campfire for some winter treats! Create your own drop pancake, master the art of brewing pine needle tea and hone your fire lighting bushcraft skills.

BAD SANTA NERF BATTLES
 There's an imposter dressed as Santa and he's out to steal Christmas! Better load up and save our stockings! Join us for an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging, playing tactical and team Nerf games [Due to more competitive nature of this day, age 6+ is recommended]

CHRISTMAS WOODLAND CRAFTS
 Christmas is round the corner! Today we'll be crafting woodland lanterns to light our winter way, candy cane hunting for our favourite treats and making leaf wax dipping bunting for your Christmas Tree. Lots of outdoors fun & crafts!

MINECRAFT VS WILDCRAFT
 Minecraft Survivor challenge. Collect your elements, build and maintain your village, earn reward pixels and protect your land and villagers. Watch out for the Creeper!





For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
 BIRTHDAY PARTIES - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - PARENT TODDLER GROUP - FRANCHISE - WEEKEND CLUBS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES CLUB

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