CHESSWOOD
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Communication Roundup
Friday 8th October 2021

Key Dates:
Year 4 Weald and Downland Trip – Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th October
Harvest Festival – Wednesday 13th October
Year 6 Healthy Child Programme – Thursday 14th October
Treat Week – From Monday 18th October
Parents Evening – Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st October
Inset Day – Wednesday 17th November

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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 Accademic 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 4th October. Well done!!			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3LB 86.7%	4MC 87.2%	5EM 87.6%	6PO 90.0%

3. Black History Month – ALL – Information

We have started our series of assemblies to celebrate Black History Month. As a very diverse school (36 languages spoken) it has long been the case that we always seek to promote what brings us together and embrace differences within the school community i.e. what makes us stand out and be proud of. Overwhelmingly, our own family history and heritage is central to who we are and how we can positively stand out. Black History Month, is a focus to shine a spotlight on the enormous positive contribution that has been made by people with African, African British, Afro Caribbean and African American heritage.

IMPORTANT INDIVIDUALS

GUIDE	LINK
MARCUS RASHFORD Watch the video by clicking the image opposite or this LINK. At the start of 2020, Marcus Rashford was a Manchester United and England footballer. He ended it as an internationally recognised social justice campaigner on child food poverty. His work for the provision of free school meals in **England during holidays** and other support to low-income families prompted major changes in government policy.	
LILIAN BADER Watch the video by click the image opposite or this LINK. TEST yourself 1. What year was Lilian Bader born? 2. What Caribbean country was Lilian's father from? 3. Where did Lilian first work? 4. What actions did Lilian take to leave a legacy? For more activities visit: https://theblackcurriculum.com/downloads	

We started our assemblies on Wednesday of this week listening to a wide range of music genres with African heritage – our play list may be found at:
https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7lx9Bh1aF2jo54J4ad7EBe?si=e7baa11f7ad04f6e
We have also added to our Black History Month Website which can be found at:
https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Black+History+Month&pid=1127&action=saved
If you have inspiring content to contribute to our Black History Month web page please share it with us using the online form and we will try to build it into the school web site.
Online Form: https://forms.office.com/r/nVADBd9BRq

Please do take a look with your family at the inspiring and engaging content, including the Spotify music playlist; BBC Newsround content; Important individuals – including Marcus Rashford; Olympic Sports videos from Euro Sport and a wide range of other individual stories – including Mary Seacole, Lilian Bader (a focus in the upper school assembly) and many more.

4. Published Author – ALL – Information

A year 6 pupil has had a short story published, after winning a competition run by Rampion Wind Farm. 'When Zephyr Saved the World' was written by Cerys Guyan, and is featured in the book 'The Amazing Adventures of Zephyr', a collection of stories focusing on the environment, written by the brilliant and creative children of Sussex.

5. Herstmonceux Trip – Year 5 - Pictures

On Tuesday year 5 went on a trip to Herstmonceux Observatory and Science Centre. The children got to have a go at the hands on science exhibitions, play in the discovery park, have a go at controlling robot arms, have a look around an observatory and watch a show about space!

6. Supporting Children's Health and Medical Needs – ALL – Important

If your child is appearing unwell and you are unsure of whether to send them to school, please click on the link below for advice from the NHS.

- Is my child too ill for school - https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

If your child requires an Asthma inhaler to be stored at school, you will need to complete an Asthma Information Form and a Parental Agreement form, which can be found by clicking on the link below. Please complete BOTH of the forms at the bottom of the web page.

- Asthma Information Form & Parental Agreement form - https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Asthma&pid=225

Your child's inhaler must be in its original packaging (box) complete with pharmacist's label. It must be in date, clean and full.

If your child requires medication that has been prescribed by their GP and is to be taken more than 3 times a day or at specific times, then you will need to complete a Parental Agreement – prescribed medication form. Please click on the link below.

- Parental Agreement – prescribed medication form - https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Prescribed+Medication&pid=1331

If your child requires non-prescribed medication, such as Calpol, the school can only administer the medication for up to 48 hours. After this time, your child will need to have it prescribed by a doctor. A Parental Agreement – non-prescribed form must be completed. Please click on the link below.

- Parental Agreement – non-prescribed medication form - https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Non%2DPrescribed+Medication&pid=1330

For safety reasons, children MUST NOT carry medication on their person. All lotions, creams and medication **MUST** be handed to either their teacher or to reception

7. Harvest Festival - ALL – Information

This year we will be supporting the charity Turning Tides again, with a Hero Against Homelessness day. On Wednesday 13th October we are inviting children to dress up as a hero, whatever that looks like to them, with a monetary or item donation. A representative from Turning Tides will also be visiting during assembly to give a short talk. Monetary donations can be made by following this link, and you can click on the poster for a full list of items to donate.

8. Magnetic Beads – ALL – Important

A number of children in school have been bringing in magnetic beads to play with. Following recent reports of the damage these can do if swallowed, we are not allowing children to have access to them in school. The dangers have increased following a TikTok craze where children use them to pretend they have a tongue-piercing. All parents should be aware of the danger of these magnets and take appropriate action to ensure their children are safe.

9. Homework – ALL – Information

Thank you to everyone for persevering with our new homework system and for anyone who fed back their issues so that we can attempt to put them right. The inevitable teething issues were uncovered by the initial use of the new system. Here are a few of the improvements we have made:

Issue	Resolution
• Some parents were not sure how to access the homework for their children. • Some parents were not sure how to support their children. • Some links to homework were not clear enough.	• New website pages to help children (and parents) see a more direct link to their homework - Homework Page Link. Each year group page now has a sub-page for the six different homework areas with added links to the support video and specific support pages. • Worked with homework planners to resolve any issues with clarity of task and links provided.
• Children's messages appeared before/above the most recently set homework, making the current homework hard to find.	• Message function removed so that children's messages do not appear before/above the important homework assignments. • End date placed on homework so that the assignment is removed if not completed.
• Some children found it hard to login to their Microsoft Teams Assignments. • Some children had their accounts locked.	• Computing lessons have shown children how to access their homework. • Teachers and Year Leaders have attempted to resolve issues when informed about them. • Our website has a support video to access Microsoft Teams - Homework Page Link.

	• All parents have been sent hard copies of their child's usernames and passwords and these have been placed in their parent portal on SchoolsBuddy. • Sensitivity has been reduced to incorrect login attempts, especially on multiple devices.
• Some children cannot access homework at home.	• Homework clubs are available from Monday to Thursday - to gain a place at the club, contact your Year Leader.

If your child is still experiencing issues with login, please contact your class teacher who can help them solve this issue (possibly with the help of Mr Miller, our IT Manager!)

For any other homework issue, please feed your experiences directly to me - cyelling@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk - and I will attempt to resolve the issue.

I hope that from now on, homework issues will begin to settle down and routines become established to complete homework each week - our aim is to minimise stress for all and maximise the learning impact for the children. Thank you again for your support with this.

Mr Chris Yelling - Assistant Head

10. Sports News – ALL – Information

A massive well done to our Sports Leaders who on Wednesday afternoon planned and delivered a Multi-skills festival to 70 KS1 children from across Worthing. Our leaders created their own games and activities to test the skills of the Y1 and 2 pupils.
We had lots of amazing feedback from the parents attending as well as the infant teachers too!

11. E Safety – ALL – Information

Please click the poster for more information about keeping children safe online

12. Maintenance Help – ALL – Information

We are looking for help with a few maintenance jobs around the school. This would be paid work for anyone who has experience, if you, or someone you know, would be interested please email Kate Brown for more information – kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

13. Pond and Nature Garden – ALL – Information

Are there are any parents who would be willing to join a working party to help maintain the pond area? Ideally this would be once a month at times to be decided. If you are interested please contact Mr Himsworth on jhimsworth@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

14. 2022 Secondary School Admissions – Year 6 – Information

A reminder to parents who currently have children in year 6, you will need to complete the secondary school online admissions process, at the very latest by **Sunday 31st October 2021**. We have created a page on our website to guide parents through the application process, and that can be visited here.

We wish you every success in securing the school of your choice for your child. To ensure you have the very best chance of securing a school place in the local area – YOU MUST complete the online process **BEFORE SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER**. If you do not submit an application in time it is unlikely that your child will secure a school place within a Worthing school and extremely unlikely that your child will be placed at any of your preferred school. Please, please, please prioritise this process in the interests of your child's learning and happiness in the coming years. The admissions website can be found here.

15. Treat Week – ALL – Information

Half Term Treat Week!

Every day from 18th October

at break, lunchtimes and

after school in Reception

Prices from 20p!

16. Club Cancellations – ALL – Information

Should your child's club ever be cancelled, this will show on your SchoolsBuddy calendar. Please check the calendar on days your child has a club, as if cancelled you will need to collect them at the normal time.

17. Friends of Chesswood AGM – All – Information

Unfortunately, due to unforseen circumstances, we have had to postpone our Friends of Chesswood AGM **Friday, 15th October at 9am.** Everyone is welcome. Come and have a cuppa & danish in the Staff Room after drop off and see what Friends of Chesswood do. We will be planning our events for next half term, so if you are able, please come and join us. If you would like to be involved in some way but are unable to come next week, please contact the school office to let them know. We can always use extra help at events, with preparation for events or sourcing sponsorship/raffle prizes etc. We look forward to seeing those of you who are able next Friday.

18. Walking Bus – All – Information

We are looking for parent volunteers who already walk their younger children from Lyndhurst or Springfield Infant Schools to Chesswood to pick up older siblings at the end of a school day to accompany a member of our school staff who walks Infant School children to our Chesswood After School Club thereby creating a Walking Bus. You would just need to meet our member of staff in the Infant School playground and then accompany them to our Chesswood gates, so 10 mins maximum. It wouldn't need to be every day – at present we have larger numbers of children on Wednesdays (both) and Thursdays (Springfield). If you are able to help or would like to know more please contact Kate Brown by phone or on kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

19. Fundraising – ALL – Information

Whenever you buy anything online you could be raising FREE donations for **Friends of Chesswood School** with easyfundraising - – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.
All you need to do is:

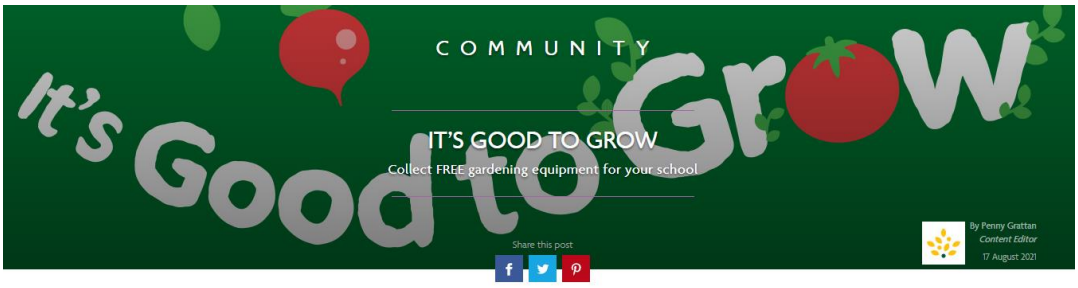
1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofchesswoodschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Friends of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

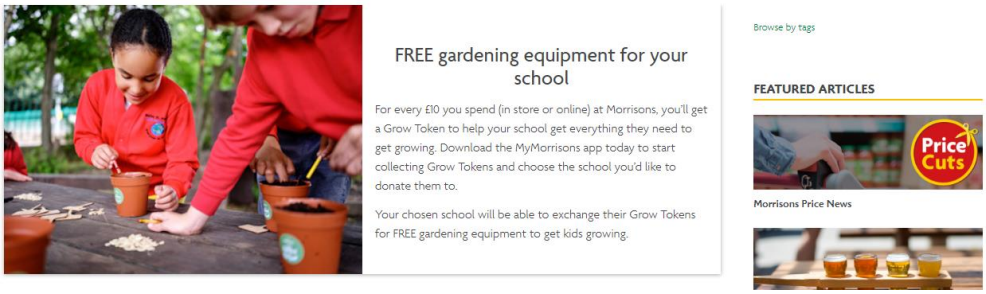
In addition to this you can also support Chesswood every time you shop with Amazon. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Friends of Chesswood at NO COST TO YOU. On your first visit to www.smile.amazon.co.uk select Friends of Chesswood as your chosen charity. You can use your existing Amazon account but where you see a product is marked "eligible for smile.amazon.co.uk donation" then ensure that you change to the smile.amazon.co.uk page before completing the purchase.

If you have any questions please contact either Kate Brown – kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk or the school office.

Win a £500 donation for Friends of Chesswood School when you enter #easyfundraising's Big Donations Giveaway. For a FREE entry, all you have to do is visit the competition page and click any of the listed retailers. Plus, you can earn EXTRA entries when you shop with any of them too. Enter now

20. It's Good to Grow – All – Information





If you shop at Morrisons please consider downloading the My Morrisons app and collecting the Grow Tokens. Through these we will be able to get some equipment for our gardening club!

21. Half Term Clubs – ALL – Information

The Outdoors Project
OFSTED REGISTERED
OCTOBER 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS
GORING CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & LANCING PREP, WORTHING
"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"
Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.
WILD THING THE OUTDOORS PROJECT
"AMONG US" SPY CAMP
Based on a popular video game where all our wannabe spies and spaceship survivors hone their skills in deception, mystery and intrigue. We'll be making charcoal fingerprint detectors, testing stealth skills and repairing our stranded spaceship whilst trying to discover the imposter AMONG US!!
CREEPY CAMPFIRE COOKOUT & DAY OF THE DEAD CIRCUS OF HORRORS
Taking inspiration from Latin American culture join us for a day of toasting churros on the campfire, sugar skull making and Circus skills, trying our hands at Poi, Staff, Diablos, Spinning Plates, Hula Hoops and more! Plus a Fire Poi & Fire Eating Show by Mook Skywalker and Ghoulish games!
HALLOWEEN SNOT MAKING & ZOMBIE BODY PART SCAVENGER HUNT
Not as scary as it sounds! We'll be embarking on a Zombie fun filled day of snotty slime, edible blood & scab making. A Zombie body part scavenger hunt & plenty of games and in the outdoors.
HARRY POTTER WIZARD WANDS, QUIDDITCH & POTIONS CLASS
In this session we draw our inspiration from the Harry Potter book series.Have fun whittling your very own woodland wand, brew potions and play the game of Quidditch! Which house are you? Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff or Ravenclaw.
NERF WINTER WASTELAND
All things Nerf. Join us for an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging, playing tactical and team Nerf games in our winter wasteland – defend the vault, swamp rescue and other NERF action - be at the ready! (Due to more competitive nature of this day, age 6+ is recommended)
"MY SON HAD SO MUCH FUN. HE WANTS TO GO BACK FOR MORE TOMORROW!"
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT OUTDOOR AMBASSADOR THE OUTDOORS PROJECT
"RECOMMENDED FOR ALL FREE-RANGE FANS!"
For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
BIRTHDAY PARTIES - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS -WEEKEND CLUBS

The Outdoors Project
OCTOBER 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS
Shoreham and Worthing
CLUBS RUN AT 3 LOCATIONS: LPW = LANCING PREP, WORTHING
GCE = GORING CE PRIMARY SCHOOL // STN = ST NICOLAS AND ST MARY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
18
LPW - CIRCUS OF HORRORS
19
LPW - NERF WINTER WASTELAND
20
LPW - AMONG US SPY CAMP
21
LPW - HARRY POTTER
22
LPW - HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS
25
LPW - BUSHCRAFT
GCE- CIRCUS OF HORRORS
STN- HARRY POTTER
26
LPW - HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS
GCE - NERF WINTER WASTELAND
STN- CIRCUS OF HORRORS
27
LPW - AMONG US SPY CAMP
GCE - HARRY POTTER
ST - NERF WINTER WASTELAND
28
LPW - NERF WINTER WASTELAND
GCE - AMONG US SPY CAMP
STN- HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS
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LPW - HARRY POTTER
GCE - HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS
STN- AMONG US SPY CAMP
To book and for more info on activities and how the holiday clubs run www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

The Childcare Club

Thomas a Becket INFANT School
Bellview Road, Worthing, BN13 1JB
Ofsted: EY283996 TEL: 07833 632264

October half term is Pumpkin Week

Monday 25th October to Friday 29TH October 2021

Children aged 3 yrs to 11 years from any school welcome

We are a Playwork based setting allowing all children to have a choice in what they do, while they are in our company. Every day we provide a wide and varied range of resources, equipment and activities for them to choose from and actively encourage them to make new friends and participate in any planned activities. The daily timetables are clearly displayed in the setting each day, but we are flexible in our planning; as our aim is that the children have non-stop **FUN all day, every day**. Therefore, we may change/adjust plans to suit their needs and their play ideas. Older children have their own supervised dedicated area (YR4+) whilst younger Pre School children will have their own keyworker.

Autumnal Cooking
Clay modelling
Outdoor activities
Arts and crafts
Forest School
Fun Experiments
Fun and games
Crazy Competitions

Check our website for full details of our Terms and Conditions and for all club information
www.thechildcareclubworthing.co.uk

Useful Information

- Please send your child with a packed lunch and a light nut free snack, if they are attending all day, with an ice-pack inside.
- Please do not send fizzy drinks or sweets in with your child. We provide toast in the afternoon and drinks during session times if needed
- Please do not allow your child to bring a mobile phone or money with them.
- Any handheld devices bought in to the club are brought at the owner's risk and should be clearly named.
- The club will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.
- We have set times for use of devices.
- Photos or Videos are not permitted to be taken by children during their sessions.

Click on poster to be taken to booking form.