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# Weekly Communication Roundup Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# **Key Dates:**

**European Day of Languages -**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

**Year 5 Herstmonceux Trip –** 

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Year 6 Healthy Child Programme -

Thursday 14th October

Inset Day – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

November

# 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	

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Year 4	<u>Chesswood Junior School - Year 4</u>
Year 5	<u>Chesswood Junior School - Year 5</u>
Year 6	<u>Chesswood Junior School - Year 6</u>

# 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 20th September. Well done!! Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 3DH 4MC 5CL 6PO

88.7%

90.0%

#### 3. Zoo Lab Visit – Year 3 – Pictures

88.8%

Year 3 enjoyed a visit from Zoo Lab today. They were able to learn about different creatures, whilst also meeting and handling them!

89.2%



# 4. Observatory Visit – Year 5 – Pictures

On Thursday Year 5 pupils were visited by a state-of-the-art pop up planetarium. They watched a short film about the formation of the universe and space exploration, and also a sky tour!



## 5. Football Festival - Year 6 - Information

In our first tournament in over 18 months the boys from Y6 picked up from where they left competitions in Y4 by doing incredibly well. Out of the 4 games played they won 2 and drew 2 scoring 8 goals and only conceding 2. On to the girls next week.



Team: Jamie F, Zach S, Benjamin D, Theo C, Kaspian K, Sid H, Lenny Y, Mason F and Stanley H.

Current standings in our race to Tokyo

## 6. European Day of Languages – ALL – Information

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October we will be celebrating 'European Day of Languages 2021' and its 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary! We are asking that ALL children come into school dressed as the colours of a flag/country – this can be any flag of their choosing, not just a European country! We are also asking that children research a fun or interesting fact, or perhaps a few words in the language of their country, that they can share with their class about why they have come into school as their desired flag. We are asking children to be as colourful and inventive as possible – we really want to celebrate languages, different countries and the incredible diversity we have at Chesswood Junior School! Your child will also partake in a few activities on the day as well as an assembly that week! If you have any questions, please email one of the languages leads:

Miss Wadge - <a href="mailto:ewadge@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk">ewadge@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</a> or more information you can have a look here: <a href="https://edl.ecml.at/">https://edl.ecml.at/</a>
We look forward to seeing all the wonderful flags and creativity on the day!
Many thanks, Miss Wadge and Miss O'Leary, the Languages team.

## 7. Parking Before and After School – ALL – PLEASE READ

We have had several complaints from residents on both Chesswood Road and Ladydell Road, due to parents parking across driveways. Please avoid blocking residents' driveways as they may need access. Please also avoid 3 point turns on Laydell Road, as this can be dangerous with children crossing the narrow road.

At collection and drop off time, please ensure no part of a car you are driving or travelling in stops or parks on the white or yellow zig zag lines. Stopping or parking in the RED ZONES presents a VERY HIGH RISK TO CHILDREN AND IS ILLEGAL.



# 8. Trading and Games Cards – ALL – Information

We are happy to see children are enjoying bringing cards into school to play with and trade with their friends at play times but it is important that the following rules are followed to help make this a positive experience for all.

Please note the following and help your child to follow these rules:

- A maximum of 25 in total of any combination of cards at any time in school
- The child is responsible for them and for looking after them
- They are traded fairly at normal playground rates a fair trade cannot be undone without freewill
  of both children.
- Include other children in games on request and when appropriate

- Trade cards for money at any time, on the way to, at or on the way home from school
- Touch, use or think (!) about the toys during lesson time or in the dining hall
- Bring cards that are very important to them or valuable, if they become lost, stolen or broken. School staff are unlikely to have the capacity to investigate or resolve issues in response to lost or potentially stolen items – they are brought entirely at the child's own risk.

Thank you for your support.

#### 9. Parent Governor Elections – ALL – Information

We are writing to confirm that there are two Parent Governor positions available. Our election page now contains updated information to support all potential nominees prepare and submit their nomination, including an updated letter. Parents may find the online form and the two versions of the hard copy of the nomination form (word and PDF).

Parent governors are people who wish to make a positive contribution to:

- The leadership and direction of the school
- The quality of education of all children on roll now and in the future Could that be you?

If you:

- Are a parent of a child at Chesswood
- Are interested in the bigger picture of school life and children's school experience
- Want to make a positive difference for all children
- Are available for meetings on Mondays from 6:30pm-8:30pm...
- ...we want to hear from you!

Please visit the **Governors page** on our website for more information.

Nominations close on Friday 8th October

# 10. 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

#### 11. Clubs – ALL – Information

A reminder that you will have now received a notification on SchoolsBuddy to confirm what clubs your child will be attending. There should also be a fee showing, that will need to be paid before clubs start on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

# 12. Worthing Cross Country Invites – ALL – Information

Mr Quick is starting to send out invitations for pupils, following class trials, to represent the school at the Cross Country Event on the morning of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October – please check SchoolsBuddy for invites.

Please could you respond to the invite as soon as possible as we need to have full teams to enter the event.

## 13. Parent Helpers – ALL – Information

A **HUGE** thank you to one of our parents, Emma Wenham, who prepared all the pre-loved uniform and ran the sale last Thursday. Over **£580** was raised for the school from the sale. If there are any parents who feel they could help with occasionally sorting pre-loved uniform then please speak to Mrs Rainford in the School Office as we are sure Emma would love some help with this task.

# 14. Sport at Home – ALL – Information

If you would like to share any sports stories with us – please let us know on <u>pe@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</u>

If you would like information about clubs and activities for your child to join visit - <a href="https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Sport+at+Chesswood+And+Where+It+Can+Take+you&pid=88">https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Sport+at+Chesswood+And+Where+It+Can+Take+you&pid=88</a>

# 15. Year 5 Helpers – ALL – Information

Your year-group needs you! We would really love to have some more parent/grandparent helpers coming into Year 5 to help with spelling, reading and mental maths. If you have any free time at all and are ready and willing to give it a go, please let us know. Many thanks and all the best,

The Year 5 Team

# 16. Absence Requests – ALL – Information

Please can all parents be aware that in order to request absence for your child during term time, you must complete the online Request for Absence Form. Under exceptional circumstances pupils may be granted absence from school. Any request for absence must be submitted BEFORE the absence is undertaken unless there is an emergency that would naturally take priority. Under normal circumstances, we would ask for a minimum of five working days' notice being given before the first day of absence. In an emergency, as a minimum, we would request a phone call on 01903 204141 or an email to office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk to inform school of the absence and the reasons for it. We will still require the online form to be completed but understand other matters may need to take precedence, for example: an unexpected serious illness of a family member.

#### 17. Contact Information – ALL – Action

If any of your contact details (e.g. phone number, email address, address) have changed recently, please remember to notify the school either by phone or email. We need to have up to date information so that we are able to contact you in an emergency, and to ensure you receive all relevant communication.

#### 18. Medication – ALL – Action

If your child has an inhaler, epi-pen or any regular medication needed to be taken in school, please make sure these are in school, and have been handed to a member of staff in the office or a teacher. We have forms on our <a href="website">website</a> that need to be filled in, to ensure we have the information needed to be able to administer the medication. If your child needs ad-hoc medication such as anti-biotics these forms will also need to be filled in. If you have any questions please email our medical lead Nikki Soltermann - <a href="mesoltermann@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk">mesoltermann@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</a>

## 19. 2022 Secondary School Admissions – Year 6 – Information

Parents of children currently in Year 6 will need to complete the secondary school online admissions process, at the very latest by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. We have created a page on our website to guide parents through the application process, and that can be visited here.

To ensure you have a reference for all available information we have created two web pages to support parents of Year 6 children

- 1. <u>General Secondary Admissions</u> importantly this includes website links to all secondary schools in the area. It also indicates which schools have special educational needs specialist support centres for children that currently have or are likely to be registered with an Education and Health Care Plan.
- 2. <u>Specific 2021 Secondary Admissions Arrangements</u> this includes the attached letters for your reference and information including a link to the West Sussex website and their leaflets and posters with the key information for all parents.

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.

#### 20. Friends of Chesswood – All – Information

For those of you who are new to the school, the Friends of Chesswood (a registered charity) is our PTA group which organises school events such as Fayres, Discos, Film Afternoons etc whilst also raising additional funding to enhance the children's learning at Chesswood. Projects we have recently funded have been the Pond & Wildlife Area and the playground markings. We are now looking to help fund some other outdoor equipment such as a climbing wall and adventure trail with our upcoming events. We will be holding our AGM followed by an Autumn Disco planning meeting on **Thursday 7**<sup>th</sup> **October 2021 at 2pm** in the Staff Room and would love to see all those who are interested and are

able to come. You do not need to be able to attend meetings (although we are always grateful to those who do and can help with the planning), help is needed at the school events as well as in various different ways with planning and preparation up to the event itself. If you would like further information please contact Kate Brown — kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

## 21. 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.

### 22. Hot School Meals – ALL – Information

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals and isn't already registered, please follow this <u>link</u>. A copy of the menu offered at school can be found on the next page. If your child doesn't already have hot school meals, you can order a trial lunch for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October from the menu below. Orders can be made on the <u>Meal Selector Website</u>



# 23. 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:

- Go to <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofchesswoodschool/?utm\_campaign=raise-more</u> 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 <a href="www.smile.amazon.co.uk">www.smile.amazon.co.uk</a> 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 – <u>kbrown@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</u> 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. <a href="Enter now">Enter now</a>



#### 24. 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!

#### 25. Chelsea Football Club – ALL – Information

Chelsea FC Foundation are holding a girls taster session, and an opportunity to join our Lancing Girls Development Centre and weekly training programme. This will be held on Tuesday  $5^{th}$  October, with a 5.00pm Registration, 5.15pm Start, and 6.30pm Finish. It will be held at Sir Robert Woodard Academy, Lancing, BN15 9QZ. 4G surface, ages 7-16 years. Please use the below link to book on:

#### Chelsea FC Foundation | Soccer Schools (chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

Players to wear any training kit they wish too, with clothing being correct for the right weather and plenty of fluids for the session.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Presley Geal on Presley.geal@chelseafc.com

# 26. Chartwells Vacancy – ALL – Information



# 27. Lyndhurst Open Events – ALL – Information

#### Lyndhurst Infant School



#### Open Day & Evening Sessions for

#### Parents/Carers of Children starting school

in September 2022

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am

Tuesday 12th October at 11:30am

Thursday 14th October 2021 at 5:30pm

Wednesday 1st December at 10:00am

Places at each session are limited, so please only book 1 session.

Please contact the school office if you would like to book onto one of these sessions:

Tel: 01903 235390

Email: office@lyndhurst-school.co.uk

Open days will include a tour of the whole school and an opportunity to meet the Head Teacher.

Open evenings will also involve a tour of the school, but there will be no children 'at work'. The tour will be divided into two groups, one led by the Head Teacher and one by the Deputy Head Teacher.

\*\* These are information sessions for parents/carers only. Please book a session at a time that you can attend without children.

# 28. Open Events at Bohunt – Year 6 – Information

Click to see full sized flyer.



# 29. Open Events at Davisons - Year 6 - Information

Click to see full sized flyer



We are delighted to be able to invite you to our forthcoming open events for admissions in September 2022

Please come along and have a look at our school, the preferred date for families of your primary school to attend the Open Morning is Tuesday 28th September and there is no need to book.

Please see the link below to our e-prospectus for more information:

https://www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk/admissions/prospectus/

We are very much looking forward to meeting you.

Davison CE High School for Girls

## 30. Open Events at Durrington High School – Year 6 – Information

Click to see full letter

#### Open Events at Durrington High School

At Durrington High School 'team' is at the heart of everything we do. By working together we make certain our students are offered the very best education. Our team of dedicated expert teachers and support staff, combined with our exceptional facilities, ensure that our students leave us as happy and confident individuals with the qualifications and skills that will equip them for a very bright future.

We are delighted to be able to invite you to our successful, happy and vibrant school this October. We are very much looking forward to our Open Evening which takes place on Thursday 7th October from 6.00pm -8.00pm. This gives us the much-relished opportunity to showcase our school, our fantastic facilities, our expert and passionate staff, and of course, our wonderful students.

You can also book an open morning tour when you can see our school at work. Again, this is a week in which we take great pride and we would love to welcome you to our school from Monday 11th - Friday 15th October, 9.00am -10.00am. You will need to book here.

As a school we are committed to finding new ways to be more sustainable and, with this in mind, this year we have launched a new, <u>interactive online prospectus</u>. This, combined with our <u>virtual visit</u>, gives you and your child a fantastic opportunity to find out more about joining #TeamDurrington before meeting us in person.

Choosing a secondary school is a key decision for your family and our range of open events and materials are designed to fully support you in this process. If you need any more information please don't hesitate to contact us on <a href="mailto:admin@durring.com">admin@durring.com</a> or 01903 277457.

We look forward to meeting you and your child.