



Parent Governor Vacancies



Chesswood Junior School needs you!



Our governing body currently has vacancies for 2 parent governors. 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 monthly meetings on Mondays 6:30-8:30p.m.

We want to hear from you – Apply Online Now!

We are particularly interested in increasing the diversity of our governing body and would encourage interest from across our school community, helping us to represent ALL families more effectively.



Please visit <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

To find out more information (School Info > Governing Body > Becoming a Governor - [Election](#))

Email: clerk@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Nominations close 12:00p.m. Monday 6th March 2023



PUPIL PREMIUM

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Could you and your child be ENTITLED to help with costs towards clubs/trips/receive food vouchers/free holiday activity clubs during school holidays and free school meals?

If you meet any of the following criteria, then you could be entitled:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)**

If so, please contact Tracey Rainford, Family Liaison at Reception or email: trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

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5-6.15PM**

**YEARS 5 AND 6
6.30-7.45PM**

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CHESSWOOD ROAD, WORTHING

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TREAT DAY

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY
BREAKTIME and LUNCHTIME

YEARS 3 and 4
Reception

YEARS 5 and 6
Year 6 Area

CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL
CHESSWOOD ROAD, WORTHING





CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL *News*

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Important Please Note

Half Term – 13th – 17th February

School Disco – 22nd February

Year 3 – Wakehurst Place Trip – 27th February
& 3rd March

World Book Day – 2nd March

Inset Day – 8th March

Homework

Please [Click here](#) for information and guidance regarding your child's homework.

Do you have a concern?

We hope you and your child have a great school experience. However, if you hold a concern about an experience at Chesswood Junior School, please share it with us. We always try to provide the best school experience we can for all members of the school community and we are interested to know where we can make improvements, small or large. Please use this email to share a concern: concern@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk We will always respond within 5 working days and often much quicker than that. You may also tag specific individual professionals but we would ask that the concern@ email address is always used to ensure senior leaders are kept well informed of experiences for children and families.

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. Nobody has the time to search for letters they think they might have missed and my experience 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](#)

Assembly information - [click here](#)

Weekly Attendance

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 23rd January. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3PB 99%	4LH 97%	5HM 99%	6RW 98%

Chesswood Calendar 6th February – 10th March 2023





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6th February Children's Mental Health Week (Junior Governors Awareness Day) World Cancer Day (Junior Governors Awareness Day)	7th February Children's Mental Health Week (Junior Governors Awareness Day) Safer Internet Day	8th February Children's Mental Health Week (Junior Governors Awareness Day)	9th February Children's Mental Health Week (Junior Governors Awareness Day)	10th February Children's Mental Health Week (Junior Governors Awareness Day) Treat Day
13th February Half Term	14th February Half Term	15th February Half Term	16th February Half Term	17th February Half Term
20th February International Day of Women and Girls in Science (Junior Governors Awareness Day)	21st February	22nd February School Disco World Thinking Day (Junior Governors Awareness Day)	23rd February	24th February
27th February Year 3 – Wakehurst Place Trip Governors Meeting	28th February	1st March	2nd March World Book Day	3rd March Year 3 visit to Wakehurst Place
6th March	7th March	8th March Inset Day	9th March	10th March



7 ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is absent from school for any reason, (including medical appointments) please report their absent via our online Reporting Sickness Absence form. The absence reporting form can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#) or by visiting the school website:

HOME > PARENTS > ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY > REPORTING SICKNESS ABSENCE

Their absence should be reported by 9.00am each day of their absence.

Your message should clearly state:

- Child's name
- Class
- Reason for absence (if illness please specify the nature of the illness)

If the school does not receive a reason for your child's absence, we will call home to confirm a reason. If we are unable to contact you for confirmation, we will log the absence as unauthorised.

If you repeatedly fail to inform the school, why your child is absent we will follow up as a child missing in education/safeguarding concern.

Labels

Please ensure that any of your children's items (including water bottles and lunch items) are clearly labelled. If they are labelled, we are able to reunite them with their owners.

ABSENCES FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Every effort should be made to avoid making medical and dental appointments during school time. Where this is unavoidable parents should complete a request for absence form, which can be accessed [HERE](#) or via our website:

HOME > PARENTS > ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY > REQUEST FOR AUTHORISED ABSENCE

PLEASE NOTE:

You should only be contacting the school by phone to report an absence if you do not have access to the internet.

We no longer use Studybugs as a platform for reporting absences. The Studybugs email inbox is no longer monitored. Please delete the app off your mobile phones.

Collection from Clubs/interventions

All pupils will be dismissed onto the front playground for collection at 4.15pm. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly and are offsite by 4.25pm – **you must wait on the front playground for your child until their club has finished.** If you are delayed in collecting your child, you must inform the school as soon as possible.

Updating Personal Information

Please inform the school office of any changes i.e. address/contact numbers/email address – in writing or alternatively change details on MCAS.

Is your child on the SEND Register?



Have your say on West Sussex policy that directly affects your child!

You are invited to a parent meeting to share your views and be involved in the development of the West Sussex SEND strategy. This will be held in school on **Thursday 9th February at 9am** – there will be coffee/tea and pastries!



Please see the message below from Max McDonald-Taylor who will chair this meeting. If you are able to let us know if you can attend, that would be helpful to gain a view on numbers. Please contact the office or email vradcliffe@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Ness Radcliffe (SENDCo)

Message from Maxine McDonald-Taylor:

West Sussex really want to hear your views on SEND provision. I'm an independent consultant, commissioned by West Sussex to help them genuinely coproduce their SEND strategy. It's hugely important that the experiences of parents/carers of children and young people with SEND influence strategies and policies in West Sussex. Your views are key in this process and I would really appreciate the opportunity to hear them.

I'm working with a number of schools in the Worthing area. I will pull together common themes into a report for West Sussex, but rest assured views will remain anonymous.

Thanks in advance and, if you're able to attend, I really look forward to meeting you.

ALL PARENTS – PLEASE READ – IMPORTANT INFORMATION – ENERGY DRINKS

We are just reminding parents that children should only be drinking water whilst in school.

We are seeking to support children's health and well-being and need parents help to do this.

We would ask that drinking bottles are sent in that are appropriate and wherever possible not branded.

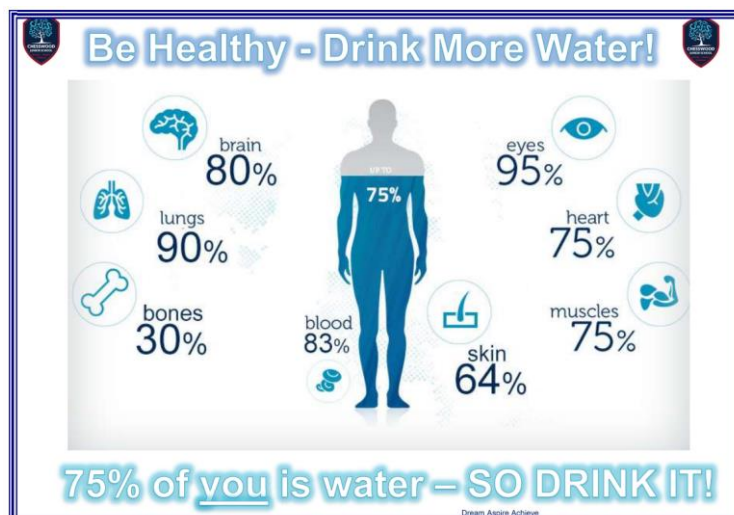
We are particularly concerned by drinking bottles advertising or previously used to contain energy drinks that are spectacularly bad for children's health and well-being.

If a child has an energy drink bottle, we will remove it and ensure that the child has access to water from another container at lunch or during the day.

If this should be required, we will, in all instances, contact parents requesting that they take steps to prevent this happening again.

Please also ensure that your child's name is on their bottle so that it can be re-united with them if it was to go missing.

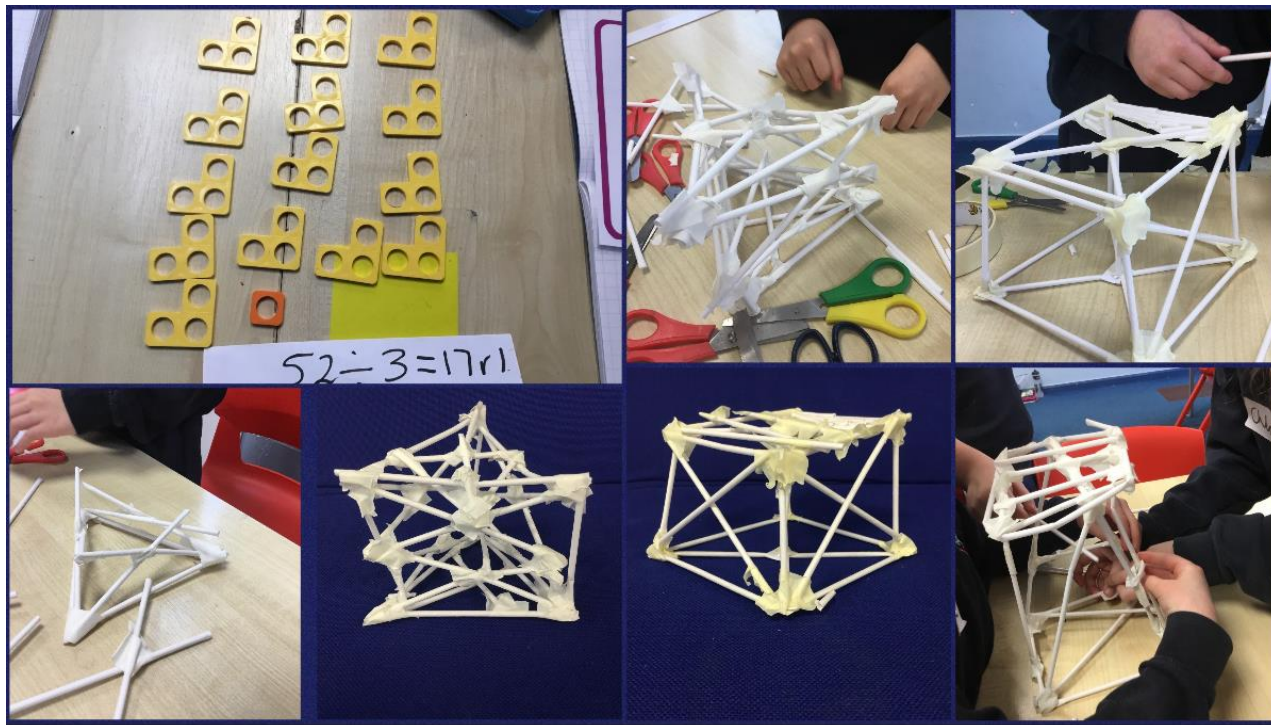
We thank you for your help in this matter.



10 Wider curriculum learning

This is what has been happening this week at school.

Year 3



Year 4





What's on @ 

the community house
25 Dominion Road, Worthing, BN14 8JZ

Worthing Homes

Daily Food Provision

Community House offers a daily pop-up foodbank on the front drive from 9:30am.

Surplus fresh food is donated by local supermarkets and is available for anyone to take. All we ask is that you take just what you need. Once it's gone - it's gone.

#workingtogetherforthegreatergood




Games Afternoon

Every Friday 1pm-4pm

Worried about putting your heating on? Why not pop over to Community House and join us for an afternoon of board games in a warm cosy environment. Tea and coffee provided.

All welcome!



GAMES AFTERNOON

Community house is happy to offer a safe and warm space for our community members this winter. So come into the warm, play some games and enjoy a warm drink too!

Every Friday
Starting
Friday, October 18
1pm-4pm
at Community House

For more information visit us on our website www.worthinghomes.org.uk

Sports News

Southern Area Cross Country Finals



Lydia and Emlyn from Y5 went to represent Chesswood at the Area Cross Country Finals at Windlesham House School last Friday – they had qualified for this at the Worthing Cross Country Finals.

Both had to run just under 2km across the rolling school grounds, Lydia managed to finish in a magnificent 10th place and Emlyn 19th place. This means they both qualify for the Sussex finals later this year!

Y3/4 Football – Southern Area Qualifier Competition

2 teams went to the competition at St Andrews on Tuesday to see if they could qualify for the next round. The Red team found things tough going (a lot of the team was made up of Y3s competing against Y4) and unfortunately lost all their games (two games with the last kick of the match), Elliot's free-kick goal was highlight and they finished 9th overall.

The Blue did a little better with some excellent passing and shooting managed 2 draws and a win from their matches putting them third in their group. They went on to the 5/6th playoff and beat the Orchards in that to finish 5th overall.



Red Team: Jasper, Oscar, Alessio, Patrick, Matias, Gabriel, Zach, Myles and Elliot.

Blue Team: Victor, Yahia, Freddie, Eli, Thomas, Dylan, Lucas and Rocco.

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday 7th Feb – Y3/4 Netball Matchplay Festival (2 teams) – Worthing College

As with all our events we do need specific numbers to take part so if your child has been invited and they are unable to attend please email pe@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk to inform Mr Quick so he can invite another pupil.

Safer Internet Day

At Chesswood Junior School, we are celebrating Safer Internet Day. We hope you will join us in discussing how to stay safe online and listening to the experiences of our community when using the internet.

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February

This year, it will take place on Tuesday, 7 February 2023.



#SID2023

WHERE?

In 2022, Safer Internet Day was celebrated in over 180 countries and territories worldwide!

Together, we're celebrating the 20th edition this year.



WHAT?

Millions of people come "Together for a better internet". They do so through a range of events and activities organised by SID supporters of all backgrounds – school assemblies, new educational resources, press conferences, industry and policy actions, and much more!



Training

Spring Term 2023
(1st half-term)

Reaching Families offer a range of free training courses and workshops to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in West Sussex



Training Courses and Workshops

January

Making Sense of Masking	Tuesday 10th	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - Self-care and managing stress	Tuesday 10th	7.30pm
Understanding ADHD	Wednesday 11th	7.30pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Tuesday 17th	10.30am
Making Sense of SEN Support at School	Thursday 19th	10.30am
Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence	Tuesday 24th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Disability Living Allowance	Thursday 26th	10.30am
Understanding Autism	Monday 30th	7.30pm

February

Making Sense of Challenging Behaviour (age 2-11 years)	Thursday 2nd	10.30am
Making Sense of Wellbeing - How to manage your anxiety	Tuesday 7th	7.30pm
Introduction to Makaton	Wednesday 8th	7.30pm
Making Sense of Adult Life - Supporting Adolescents	Thursday 9th	7.30pm

Making Sense of it All Foundation Course

An introduction to SEND and the key issues parents and carers will encounter as their children grow and develop.

Dates: 25th January (Part 1) & 1st February (Part 2)

Wednesdays 10am to 11.15pm

All training will be delivered via Zoom



SCAN ME

All our workshops are free of charge, for more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

<https://reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com>



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FEBRUARY 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"

LANCING COLLEGE PREP




THIS CLUB IS CONSISTENTLY ROLLING

MON 13 FEB
COOKING ON A STICK
Seated around the campfire, we'll be embarking on practicing our whittling skills to make chopsticks, making roasts and then the fun of creating deer heads for our four-legged friends.

TUE 14 FEB
PERCY JACKSON & THE LIGHTNING THIEF
Join Percy Jackson the son of Poseidon & battle with the Gods. Choose your sponsor: Poseidon, Zeus or Hades, then create your medallion in preparation for this epic battle of capture the flag on Half Blood Camp Hill & gain the quest of horses in the Minotaur maze if you dare.

WED 15 FEB
SURVIVAL TRIBAL CASTAWAYS
A day of tribal survival skills, where you craft & carve your very own spear to take home. Get your hands dirty with tribal clay impression tile making, then to the forest with other forest painting & treasure hunt building.

THU 16 FEB
FAIRY DOORS & TREE SPIRITS
Become a nature wizard for the day - crafting fairy doors to our mystical woodland friends & moulding clay woodland tree spirits in a creature who protects the woodland. We'll also be serving up some dinner offerings, creating mythical symmetry art for our winged friends.

FRI 17 FEB
NERFAGEDDON
Nerf action! We'll provide a range of Nerf guns & play Nerf games from base invasion to team gameplay to zombie dodging! Good fun for Nerf enthusiasts. Filled with adventure games which break up the Nerf rounds.





For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

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THE ART HOUSE HOLIDAY CLUB IS BACK! AT HEENE CHURCH ROOMS

ART CLUB FEBRUARY HALF-TERM FOR KIDS 6+

£18 PER CHILD
10AM-1PM

MONDAY 13/02 - ART GAMES
TUESDAY 14/02 - PAPER & COLLAGE
WEDNESDAY 15/02 - INFLUENTIAL BLACK ARTISTS
THURSDAY 16/02 - FRIDA KAHLO AND DIEGO RIVERA

WWW.ARTHOUSEWORTHING.CO.UK
FOR MORE INFO
KIDS MUST BRING A DRINK & A LUNCH

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Matilda

The Musical

Performing Arts Workshop

Wednesday 15th February '23
Thursday 16th February '23
Friday 17th February '23

Children aged 6-12 years - 8.30-12.30 - £20 per child
Theatre Studios, 2A The Drive, Worthing, BN11 5LL

ROALD DAHL
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

curtaincallacademy@outlook.com

07852411301
[curtaincallworthing](https://www.curtaincallworthing.co.uk)

Here to help

Advice and practical support with the cost of living

West Sussex County Council

westsussex.gov.uk/CostofLiving

Find us on
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How to get help

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save money or manage your finances, we're here to help.

- 1. Our libraries offer a warm welcome**
Friendly staff welcome everyone to our libraries across West Sussex and are on hand to help with books and information about money management, finding work or saving money. Library members can also get online for free.
- 2. Our cost of living webpages**
Go to westsussex.gov.uk/CostofLiving for more information about available support for finances, food, transport, energy, employment, wellbeing and more.
- 3. Our Community Hub**
If you're struggling with fuel costs or food bills, contact our Community Hub for information, advice and support.

Visit our website to see if you are eligible for help from the Household Support Fund and apply online westsussex.gov.uk/CostofLiving

or Call 0330 222 7980

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FEBRUARY 2023

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FRIDAY 10TH

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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

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*Lady of Son Senior School BN11 4BL		All Multi Activities courses plus West Park & Son - Performing Arts West Park - Gymnastics 8.30-4pm £24.95 Use online code W620 for 20% off expires 31.02.23	

*Worthing Leisure Centre, BN12 4ET Multi Activities
www.southdownleisure.co.uk

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