

Parent Governor Vacancies





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

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CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL CWS



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Important Please Note

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

World Book Day – 1st March

Teachers Strike – 2nd March

Inset Day - 8th March

Homework

Please <u>Click here</u> 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 concern: concern@chesswood.wsussex.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 –

<u>Chesswood Junior School - Latest</u>

<u>Correspondence</u>

Newsletter from previous academic years may be found at –

<u>Chesswood Junior School - Previous</u> Academic Year Newsletters

You may find all current term correspondence for the whole school –

<u>Chesswood Junior School - Current Academic</u> 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 6th February. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3DH	4CR	5CL	6SJ
97%	97%	99%	99%

Chesswood Calendar 27th February – 31st March 2023



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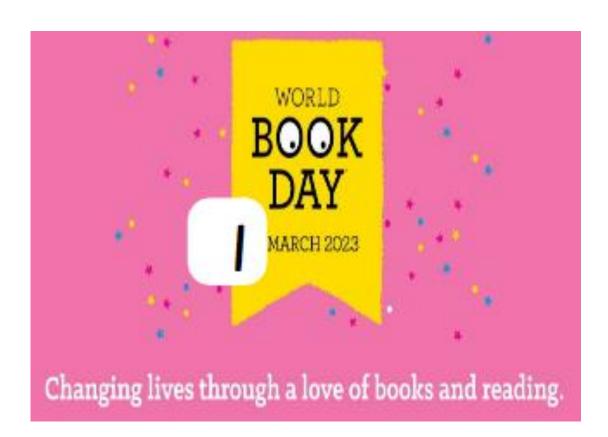
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 th February	28 th February	1 st March	2 nd March	3 rd March
Year 3 – Wakehurst Place Trip		World Book Day	Teachers Strike Day	Year 3 visit to Wakehurst Place
Governors Meeting 6 th March	7 th March	8 th March	9 th March	10 th March
Year 6 Parent evening	Year 6 Parent evening	Inset Day		
13 th March	14 th March	15 th March	16 th March	17 th March
Year 6 Michelham Priory Trip Governors Meeting	Year 6 <u>Michelham</u> Priory Trip	Teachers Strike Day	Teachers Strike Day	Red Nose Day
20 th March	21st March	22 nd March	23 rd March	24 th March
27 th March	28 th March	29 th March	30 th March	31 st March
Governors Meeting		Celebration of Learning		



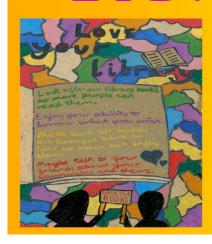
World Book Day

As Thursday 2nd March is a potential strike day, we have decided to celebrate World Book Day at Chesswood on Wednesday 1st March.

Children can dress up as either their favourite or least favourite book characters and it would be great if all children bring a favourite book in to talk about on the day.



Introducing: The Fantastic Chesswood... LOVE YOUR LIBRARY WEEK!!!









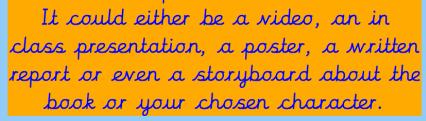


World Book Day - Competition No.1!

For World Book Day we would like you to make a presentation about your favourite book or your favourite character.



You can choose how you would like to present this.







There will be a chance to record videos for this during World Book Day.





Prizes will include book tokens, vouchers and other amazing things!

Please either hand in or email your entries to your class teachers by Monday 13th March.

What is it and when is it happening? It will run for the whole of next week and will include World Book Day which will be next Wednesday 1st March.

















We will also run two competitions, get our amazing Junior Libarians to come and talk to you all, launch some new reading ideas and be looking for lots of examples of us all showing some love to our library!

Competition No.2: Love your Library Week!

For Love Your Library Week we will be running a poster competition!

Can you design a, 'Why we should love our library poster?'



It could include:

Why is our library important?

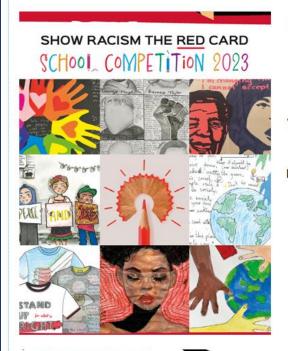
Why is it important that we look after our library?

How could we take more care of our library?

Please hand your entries in to your class teachers by Monday 13th March.

Prizes will include book tokens, vouchers and other amazing things and winners will also be put up on display around our library!

Show Racism the Red Card – School Competition



The PSHE team has registered Chesswood in the Show Racism the Red Card school competition 2023 and are inviting entries from all of our children.

Please see the categories below and encourage your child to take part.

Deadline: Friday 3rd March.

Winning entries from each category will be entered into the national competition. All entries will be celebrated on our PSHE webpage on the school website!

Please hand in your entries to Mrs R-W (Year 6) or email her at:

grwright@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk



All Ages & Abilities Multimedia

All Ages T Shirt Design

Category

RULES

- Artwork must not exceed A3 size (297 x 420mm)
- Film entries must not exceed
 6 minutes & must be playable
 in Windows Media Player
- Group entries are permitted but limited to a maximum number of 6 young people per group
- Please do not send more than one entry, per category, per school



Year 1-4 Artwork & Creative Writing

Year 5-6 Artwork

Year 5-6 Creative Writing

Eat Them To Defeat Them

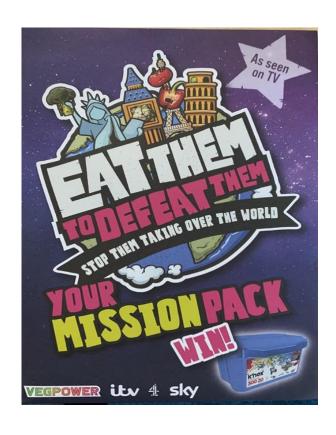
Eat Them To Defeat Them is back!

We would like to celebrate your child's healthy eating habits so have a look at the pack they bring home and try one of the following:

- Complete the veggie chart and bring into school/send us a picture
- Create a new healthy, veggie-based recipe and email it to us
- Cook a veggie-based dish, film it and send the video via email

Please email any of the above to grwright@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk. The deadline for all entries is Friday 24th March 2023. We will celebrate our healthy eaters on our website, in our newsletters and on our social media pages.

Get beeting! Peas don't delay! You have bean warned!



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

This email is a reminder of the school's policy on the administration of prescribed and non-prescribed medication to pupils, based on guidance and regulations issued by Dept of Health.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PUPILS, CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER CARRY MEDICATION (INCLUDING THROAT SWEETS) ON THEIR PERSON OR IN THEIR SCHOOL BAGS. ALL MEDICATION MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Prescribed medication

In most circumstances, medication (e.g. antibiotics) prescribed three times a day can be taken at home

- before school,
- after school
- before bedtime.

However, if your child is required to take prescribed medication four times a day or at set times (such as prior to a meal), clear written instructions must be provided, and the medicine must be kept in a properly labelled container.

The label must be clear and free from alterations or defacement and must show:

- The name of the medication
- > The name of the student
- > The dosage
- Specific directions for the medication (not simply "as directed" or "as required")
- The name of the dispensing pharmacist/doctor
- The expiry date and the date of issue

A parental agreement form for administering prescribed medication must be completed prior to the medication being administered. The form can be found on our website:

HOME > PASTORAL > MEDICAL INTERVENTION > PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

Non-prescribed medication

The use of non-prescribed medication is generally discouraged but we recognise that very occasionally pain relief may be required.

Only the following medication will be administered if symptoms develop in school:

- Paracetamol
- Antihistamine
- Travel sickness (only administered on the return journey of a school trip)

If your child regularly suffers from acute pain such as migraine, you may authorise and supply appropriate painkillers complying with the details as above for 'Prescribed Medication' with a note from your GP or health adviser. Please be advised that all expired medication will be discarded.

The school will not administer nonprescription medication:

- For more than 48 hours and no more than twice per term, with at least a two week break between requests. The school will advise parents to seek advice from their GP if symptoms persist for longer.
- As a preventative, i.e. in case the pupil develops symptoms during the school day
- That is sucked, i.e. lozenges and throat sweets
- If the pupil is taking other prescribed or non-prescribed medication. Only one non-prescribed medication will be administered

A parental agreement form for administering non-prescribed medication must be completed prior to the medication being administered. The form can be found on our website:

HOME > PASTORAL > MEDICAL INTERVENTION > NON-PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

Please make sure that your emergency contact number is up-to-date via the My Child at School app and that you are contactable, in case we need to discuss collection of your child.

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 <u>HERE</u> 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.

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.

History Competition

Local historian Chris Hare needs your help!

The Friends of the South Downs are producing a photo book celebrating 'A Year in the Life of the South Downs.'

They would like children from local schools to write about one of the photos they have taken.

You could create a piece of creative writing, describe the photo, complete a research project- whatever you would like.

Your piece of writing may be chosen to feature in the book along with the photo!

The link of photos to choose from is: https://southdownsforall.org.uk/gallery/

If you would like to enter please email and Miss Bagnall Miss Laybourn by the Easter holidays claybourn@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk lbagnall@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Aim Group – Free Online Course

We have a range of fully funded (Free) CACHE accredited qualifications available to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing careers.

Please see below information on structure, criteria and how to express interest:

Course Information/Structure:

- Online E Learning Platform.
- Have a full 6-8 weeks to complete the course
- Assigned your own login details, can log in and out when you please
- Assigned your own tutor who will support you throughout and mark your work
- No Exams or Essays. All Q&A based.
- Gain a Level 2 awarded certificate upon completion (GCSE Grade C equivalent)

Minimum Requirements:

- Aged 19 or above
- Not currently on a Government funded course (inc apprenticeships)
- Has been in EU/UK for the past 3 years

Subjects Available:

- **Understanding Autism**
- **Neuroscience In The Early Years** (0-7)
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health**
- **Distressed Behaviour In Children**
- **Adverse Childhood Experiences**
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties**



If you wish to find out more, please complete the following link and ill be able to give you a call and talk you through how it works:

https://theaimgroup.co.uk/bookingform/0014J00000tX16N

If you would like a phone call regarding this Free Online Course, please contact me on the following details:

joe.rigg@theaimgroup.co.uk - 0203 900 3091 Ext 225

Inset Day childcare

We will be arranging childcare facilities at Chesswood for families who need it on the Inset Day on Wednesday 8th March 2023. We will be sending out information regarding this and how to book after half term.



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February 2023

Dear Parents

Inset Day - Wednesday 8th March 2023

We will be holding an INSET day at Chesswood on Wednesday 8th March 2023 and plan to arrange childcare facilities, at school, for families who need it.

The details are as follows

- Wednesday 8th March 2023 7:30am to 3:30pm to include breakfast
- A range of activities will be provided throughout the day, such as art and craft, board and card games, sports, nature documentaries and general play.

 Children will need a packed lunch and a fruit snack. Breakfast will be supplied between 7:30am
- 8:15am.
 The cost for the day will be £25.00 per child to be paid in full by Monday 27th February 2023. . Numbers will be limited and based on a first come first served basis, for paid only bookings (non-
- The children will be cared for throughout the day by members of our school support staff, all of whom are suitably qualified, DBS checked and hold first aid qualifications. Should your children have any

allergies or medical conditions, please indicate on the form included. Should you wish your child to attend, please book online via MCAS (in Trips and Events) or on the slip

orloady you was your clink to active, please both or mine vita Who S (in I mys and LeVents) or to the say provided. Where two or more siblings are attending, we will offer a 50% reduction in fees for the second child - please contact <u>finance@chesswood.w.sussex.sch.uk</u> to arrange this. All bookings must be made no later than 27th February 2023, please.

Yours sincerely

Godrey July

Andrew Jolley

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Friends of Chesswood

School Disco

We were thrilled to be able to hold a school disco again this week and the children had a fantastic time. The DJ was great and there were some amazing dance moves. (3)

HUGE THANK YOU to all parent helpers and staff who helped both on the evening and also in the days leading up to the event – there is always a lot to organise behind the scenes and we couldn't run these events without your help. We raised just over £2,000 from the evening.



TREAT DAY

We held a Treat Day before half term and sold virtually every item! We raised just under £500 from this.

BAG2SCHOOL CLOTHING COLLECTION

Our recent collection raised £100.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Our PTA team do a great job in sorting through our pre-loved uniform and holding uniform sales. Our latest sale raised an amazing £378. In addition to the uniform sales, pre-loved uniform is always available by contacting the school office.

We are currently fundraising to develop our outdoor areas – we hope to be able to give you more information regarding these plans very shortly 😺

Sports News

Football Festival

A chance to give all those who regularly attend football club but who have not yet played for the school teams was given to 29 players on Tuesday. The Laurels Primary school came to Chesswood to give all players the opportunity to represent their school in fun football festival. Each team played 2 games and we were not looking for results but for the players to show teamwork, determination, passion and self-belief (the School Games Values) and each player certainly did!





Gymnastics Workshop

A fantastic afternoon of gymnastics fun!! Eight students from year 3 and 4 took part in a Gymnastics Workshop at Orchards Junior School. They had the opportunity to practice lots of different skills and gymnastics elements. In the end, they had to choose 7 elements they felt the most confident with and create their own routines!!!









Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday 1st March Y6 Netball
 WSSA Tournament Durrington High
- Tuesday 7th Y5 Netball tournament
 Worthing High
- Thursday 9th Y3/4 Indoor Athletics Competition – St Andrews

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.

Staff Changes

Miss Spence left us at half term for a new teaching position nearer her new home. We wish to thank her for her amazing work with the year 6 children, especially 6NS and her work on the PSHE team, notably the development of an Anti-Bullying Ambassador team. We also wish her well in her new job and hope that our paths cross again in the future.



Mrs O'Leary has moved from part-time teaching in 6PO to full-time teaching in 6NS. This is fantastic for the continuity of high-quality teaching that 6NS will receive and lovely that they know her already from the year group.



We also welcome back Mrs Gemma Arkinstall to take over the part-time teaching of 6PO - she previously worked at Chesswood for many years and thankfully we managed to twist her arm to teach for us once more. Again, this gives fantastic continuity for the children with such an experienced Chesswood teacher joining Mrs Peace to bridge the gap until the end of the school year.



Mrs Pavi Rupasinghe will sadly be leaving us, with her last day being Friday 3rd March.

Mrs Rupasinghe (known to the children as Mrs Pavi) has been a valued member of the Chesswood team since September 2020.

In this time, she has worked as a class TA, supporting a number of children, predominantly in Year 3.

Whilst we are sad to lose Pavi, we are delighted that she has managed to secure a finance-related post, where she also has a range of expertise.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Pavi every happiness and success in the future and thank her for the commitment to our children, families and community during her time with us.



Wider curriculum learning

This is what has been happening this week at school.

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6





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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Friday, 10 February 2023

Are you exhausting?

Dear Parent.

I writing after being contacted by a family this week regarding the harm caused by idling engines immediately outside of a school (although it applies everywhere). It is a habit that most drivers have but it is on that can be easily changed with benefits for all

- 1. Protecting children's health
- 2. Saving money
- 3. Helping the environment

We have created a web page to help the school community easily find out more in formation. In addition, we have created a few posters that will be on our noticeboards at school entrances. In addition, we will be encouraging children through our assembly programme to help parent drivers adopt good habits by switching off their engines within 20 seconds to get the maximum benefit for all.

I hope you will feel able to protect your and other children's health, enjoy saving a bit of money and help protect the environment a little. Please try to support this campaign wherever you can.



Find out more: https://www.chesswood.w- sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Switch+off+Your+engine&pid=1739

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Jolley



Chesswood Junior School

















Daily Food Provision

Worthing Homes Community House in Dominion Road offers a daily pop-up foodbank from 9.30am. Surplus fresh food is donated by local supermarkets and is available, please click the below link for more information.

https://www.chesswood.wsussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Worthing+Food+Suppor t&pid=1520&action=saved



