Important Please Note

Half Term – 23rd – 27th October

Deadline date for Year 6 Secondary school applications – 31st October

Year 2 Open Day sessions – 8th November

World Kindness Day (Wear Odd Socks Day)
– 13th November

Year 3 Museum visit – 14th, 16th &17th November

Inset Day – 15th November

Flu Vaccination session – 16th November

Homework

Please Click here for information and guidance

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@chesswood.wconcern: 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.

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 –

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

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 9th October. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3SH, 3CV 99%	4UO 100%	5HM 98%	6JS 99%

Chesswood Calendar 23rd October 2023 – 17th November 2023







Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 rd October	24 th October	25 th October	26 th October	27 th October
Half term	Half term	Half term	Half term	Half term
30 th October	31st October	1 st November	2 nd November	3 rd November
	Deadline date for Year 6 Secondary school applications			
6th November	7 th November	8 th November Year 2 Open Day sessions	9 th November	10 th November
13 th November	14 th November	15 th November	16 th November	17 th November
World Kindness Day (Wear Odd Socks Day)	Year 3 Museum visit	Inset Day	Year 3 Museum visit Flu ∀accination session (All year groups)	Year 3 Museum visit



Important

Christmas Lunch

Bookings will be available after half term.



Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place in school on Tuesday 16th November. Instructions on how to register your child has been sent via MCAS. Please can this be completed by 11am Friday 10th November.

Reading Book Amnesty

We are holding a reading book amnesty in school over the next 3 weeks ahead of the end of term. If you have any Chesswood reading books at home or at the bottom of a school bag that your child is no longer reading, please can these be returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. These can usually be identified by having a white label on the spine of the book which contains a reading level and points. They may also have a white label stating 'Reading for All Mr Gilbert'.

Why is this important?

As you will be aware, we use Accelerated Reader to help support and monitor reading within school – this is particularly useful in identifying books which are the right level of challenge for each child, through their zpd. For children in Years 3 and 4, these are typically between 0.5 and 4.0. We are finding a significant number of children in both year groups need to access books levelled between 0.5 and 2.5. We have made sizeable investment in books of these levels, however, are finding that these books are not routinely being returned to trays in school once they have been issued to or selected by children, meaning they aren't available to support children as hoped. Whilst we will continue to work on systems within school and support children in learning to and remembering to return these, we are asking if you could please carefully check at home in case any additional books can be returned.

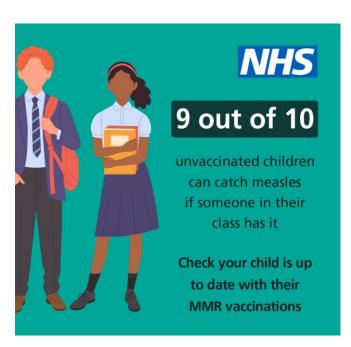
Important

Measles / MMR vaccination

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking education settings to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated.

The <u>Back to school MMR Guidance</u> from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: <u>NHS Vaccine Poster</u> and <u>NHS MMR Poster</u>.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Please click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

Important

Nut Allergies

We have an increasing number of children at school with food allergies and intolerances, including severe nut allergies.

Please could we remind all parents that school premises are NUT FREE and no products containing nuts should be brought into school.

This includes any foods that contain peanuts, nuts, peanut butter, nut butters, or chocolate covered peanuts.

Our kitchens are already nut-free, and staff are aware and have been trained to deal with those who may have adverse reactions to nuts and on epi-pen use.

As a School, we wish to minimise the exposure of these allergens, we therefore request parents to ensure the following:

- children's snacks, any birthday treats, packed lunches and any other food sent in for children to eat are nut-free.
- any cakes, cookies etc. brought in for cake sales are nut-free; additionally, those providing cakes, cookies etc. for sale at School/PTA events are requested to make nut-free products where possible.

Poppy Appeal

Should you wish to donate to the Poppy Appeal this year, there are a number of accessories (traditional poppies, slap band rulers, lanyard poppy clips and wrist bands) available at reception. Donations can be any amount but we suggest a minimum of £1 to support this worthy cause.

New staff

We are pleased to welcome a new member of staff to the School Admin Team

Mrs. Charlie Falkingham has started at Chesswood Junior School on Thursday 19th October and we welcome her to the Chesswood family.



Chesswood Job Opportunity

Would you like to work in a thriving and busy school?

Chesswood Junior School is a large school catering for the needs of over 560 children and over 100 staff – so it is certainly busy.

The Administration Assistant's fundamental task is to take the Attendance lead focus in the school and support the admin office, ensuring that all office processes and communications are carried out to the highest standard, in a timely and sensitive manner.



Chesswood Junior School

Chesswood Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 2AA Tel: 01903 204141

Email: jobs@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk Head Teacher: Andrew Jolley



School Administrator with Attendance Focus

N.O.R: 566: Years 3 to 6

Position: School Administrator with Attendance Focus to commence as soon as possible. Hours: Term Time Only – 12.5 hours per week – Monday to Friday 8.45am-11.15am

Pay scale: Grade 4 Point 5 (Pro-Rata £3,504)

Contract: Temporary position until 31st March 2024 - pending amalgamation

Potential for temporary contract to be extended or permanent contract to be offered

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If you:

- Are confident in working with a wide range of people and are consistently friendly and helpful.
- Are well organized and confidently undertake administrative duties to a consistently high professional standard.
- Would enjoy working within a very busy environment undertaking a wide range of tasks (often at the same time!).
- Are confident to administer first aid to pupils and staff; training will be provided if necessary.

We would love to hear from you!

Please contact Treena Beech, Administration Manager, to arrange a preliminary visit to the school. Please download a job application pack from the 'Employment Opportunities' on the 'School Info' page on our school website and email the application form to jobs@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

- Closing date & short listing: 10am on Monday 30th October
- Interviews from 8.30 a.m. Wednesday 1st November

Chesswood is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The post will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Chesswood Job Opportunity



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SPORTS COACH REQUIRED To start January 2024 Term Time Only Actual Salary: £18,988 per year

We seek to appoint a sports coach to deliver PE to all year groups (years 3 to 6), to run after school clubs and to lead lunchtime sports activities (all under the direction of our PE specialist teacher). The coach will work 30 hours per week (term time only + up to 5 INSET Days), Monday to Friday; start times vary each day depending on PE timetable (08:45 to 11:00) to 4.30pm each day, with a half hour lunch break. Salary is WSCC Grade 7, Points 14-19.

This is initially a temporary contract until 23 July 2024 due to our planned school amalgamation; the post may continue beyond this time - outcomes will be known before July.

The successful candidate will:

- be enthusiastic, caring and well-motivated,
- be suitably qualified for the post of sports coach i.e. have sports coaching qualifications, good basic mathematical skills and be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing in a variety of settings (GCSE Grade C+ or equivalent),
- demonstrate versatility, tact, commitment and the ability to use initiative,
- be patient and able to stay calm.
- be able to work as part of a team, and
- have the ability to maintain confidentiality.

A Disclosure and Barring Service check will be carried out in line with the school's policy towards safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We welcome applications regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or beliefs, disability, nationality, ethnic or national origins.

Further details and an application pack are available on West Sussex School Jobs page or Chesswood Junior School's website. Application forms must be completed; we cannot accept applications without. Please e-mail to jobs@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk. Pre visits to the school are encouraged.

Closing date: Thursday 16 November, 8 am. Interviews: Thursday 23 November, morning. Starting Date: Tuesday 2 January 2024

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PTA Friends of Chesswood

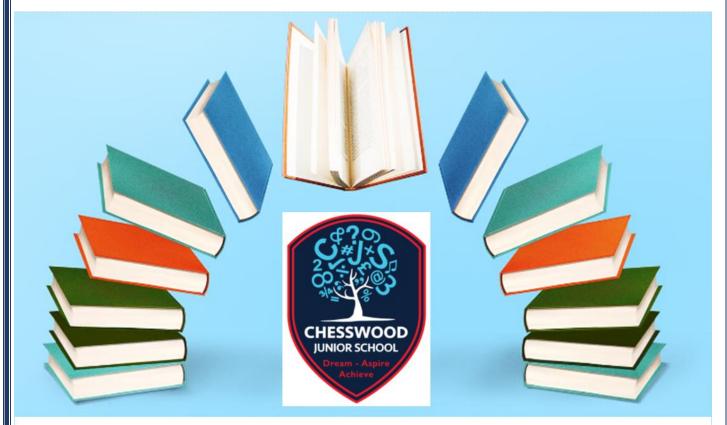


ANY HELP IS MUCH APPRECIATED!

Reading Helpers

We are looking for adults to help with reading in year 3 and 4. Ideally, helpers would be able to come in during the afternoon but any help at any time would be greatly appreciated.

This is a great opportunity to support children with their reading which will be a huge help to their education and enjoyment of reading throughout their life. Please contact Sylwia Switalska if you are interested: sswitalska@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk



Helpers needed for reading in year 3 and 4

Inset Day



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> www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk Tel: Worthing (01903) 204141/2



October 2023

Dear Parents

Inset Day - Wednesday 15th November 2023

We will be holding an INSET day at Chesswood on Wednesday 15th November 2023 and plan to arrange childcare facilities, at school, for families who need it.

The details are as follows:

- Wednesday 15th November 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 6th November 2023.
- Numbers will be limited and based on a first come first served basis, for paid only bookings (non-refundable)

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 provided. Where two or more siblings are attending, we will offer a 50% reduction in fees for the second child - please contact finance@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk to arrange this. All bookings must be made no later than 6th November 2023, please.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Jolley

Important Year 6 Transition Information

To all year 6 parents

Please note that you have all been sent an email this week regarding the process around the Secondary Transfer process. Please note that the closing date for all applications is **Tuesday 31st** October 2023. Any applications received after this date will be counted as late applications.

Please refer to recent information sent out via Bromcom for further information.

Education and Skills: Children, Young People and Learning

Pupil Admissions Team Durrington Bridge House, Floor 3 Barrington Road Worthing West Sussex BN12 4SE

Chart Way Horsham West Sussex RH12 1XB

Pupil Admissions Team
County Hall North
West sussex county council

admissions.north@v Tel: 03330 142 903

September 2023

To the Parents of: All Year 6 Pupils in West Sussex schools

Dear Parent

Transfer to Secondary School - September 2024

You have been sent this letter because your child needs to change school at the end of this academic year and it contains information about applying for a secondary school place for September 2024.

If your child has an Education Health Care Plan, or you are resident outside West Sussex, different arrangements apply. Please see overleaf.

This letter contains important information about applying online and the benefits of doing so. We strongly recommend that you keep the letter safe until after you have received confirmation of your child's school place for September 2024. We have also enclosed with this letter a checklist of actions parents need to consider before submitting your preferences, we hope you find it useful. To check the catchment school for your address please go to www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions.

Apply online from Monday 4 September 2023

It is easy and safe to apply for a <u>secondary</u> school place online by logging on to www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Please read the relevant pages on the website before you begin your application. Please be aware that the email address that you provide will be shared with the allocated and preference schools, as parents and schools increasingly communicate electronically.

If you do not have access to the internet, either at home or at work, free internet access to make school applications is available at all West Sussex libraries and Children and Family Centres.

Preparing to make an online application

To make an application using the online system you will need an email address, and to create a password if you do not already have an account on parent portal.

The username will be your email address.

The password must adhere to the following rules, it must be:
• At least 8 characters long

- At least one character UPPERCASE
- At least one character lowercase
- At least one special character (i.e. *! \$ not a number or letter)

The deadline for receipt of all applications is Tuesday 31 October 2023.

If you have to apply using a paper form, please telephone 03330 142 903 to request one. It is your responsibility to ensure the form is received by your local primary school one. It is your responsibility to ensure the form is received by your local primary school or the Pupil Admissions Team by 31° Cotober 2023. If sending to the Pupil Admissions Team, the application should be sent using recorded delivery. Parents should note that schools are closed for half term between 23°d and 27th October and will be unable to take receipt of forms during this period. You may also wish to check if your local school will be closed for an INSET day before or after half term. Any application received after the deadline will be considered as out of time or late and will not be processed until after all on time applications. The Pupil Admissions Team will not acknowledge receipt of paper forms and you must engus you provide a valid e-mail address with your application. forms and you must ensure you provide a valid e-mail address with your application to receive the outcome of your school offer.

You can express up to three preferences for secondary schools. All your preferences will be considered against the oversubscription criteria of your preferred schools. If your child can be offered a place at more than one school listed on the application, they will be offered a place at the higher listed school. Please do not put down the same preference more than once as your child can only be ranked once for each preferred school. Please do not include independent schools, schools where you do not want a place for your child or Elective Home Education as preferences

- Children with Education Health Care Plans: parents should already have been contacted by the Special Educational Needs Assessment Team (SENAT). If you have not, please contact them using the details shown on our website or call the telephone number above.
- . Children resident outside West Sussex: parents are required to complete a transfer application through the local authority responsible for their address, even if the preference is for a school in another local authority's area. If you have any questions, please contact your local authority, or visit their website for information on how to apply.

If you wish your child to be considered for a place at their catchment school, must include this as one of your three preference

We look forward to receiving your online application before the **national closing date** of Tuesday 31 October 2023. The national allocation date is Friday 01 March 2024 and parents who provide a valid e-mail address with their application will be sent an email advising of the school offered to their child on this day.

Pupil Admissions Manager (South)

Pupil Admissions Manager (North)

LindaBubb

Apply online at:



Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024?

Apply online!

Deadline: Tuesday 31 October 2023



West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2024?

- Do you think, for whatever reason, you
- may struggle with the
- Admissions process?

Secondary School

Online applications open:

Monday 04 September 2023.

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is: Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior) Online applications open: Monday 02 October 2023. Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:

Monday 15 January 2024.

For more information on the admissions process www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555 Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk www. westsussexsendias.org



Admissions - key dates

Monday 4 September 2023

Information on how to apply online will be sent to all parents of children living in West Sussex whose child attends a West Sussex state-funded school.

Online applications open. You must provide an email address to apply.

Schools will have their prospectuses available and will have arranged open

Tuesday 31 October 2023

National closing date for secondary transfer applications.

You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.

Friday 1 March 2024

Applicants will be notified which school their child is offered by e-mail, where an e-mail address is supplied.

Apply online at: westsussex.gov.uk/ admissions

Making an online application

To make an application using the online system you will need:

Your password must adhere to the following rules. It must:

- have at least one character that is UPPERCASE;
- have at least one character that is lowercase;
- have at least one special character (such as: *! \$); and

To apply for a school place please visit westsussex.gov.uk/admissions or call 03330 142 903.



Transferring to Secondary School

Deadline:

Tuesday 31 October 2023



- **West Sussex Matters**
- @WSCCNews
- wsccvideo



Upcoming School Open Days

Lyndhurst Infant School



Open Day & Evening Sessions for Parents/Carers of Children starting school in September 2024

Thursday 5th October at 4:30pm

Wednesday 11th October at 4:30pm

Thursday 2nd November at 9:30am & 11:00am

Tuesday 7th November at 9:30am & 11:00am

Tuesday 21st November at 9:30am & 11:00am

Please be aware that Lyndhurst Infant and Chesswood Junior schools are merging at the end of this academic year. The initial tours will be held at Lyndhurst with a follow-up tour of Chesswood Junior School (the site of the "new" primary school) being held at a later date in December. You will be able to sign-up to these sessions at your visits to Lyndhurst.

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 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. **

Upcoming Trips and Events

Year 3 Visit by Worthing Museum Outreach – 14th, 16th & 17th November 2023



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September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 3 Visit by Zoolab – 29th September 2023

We are delighted to welcome Zoolab to Chesswood on Friday 29th September 2023 to provide our children with an exciting learning opportunity where they will learn that:

- Some animals have skeletons and some don't
- Some animals have internal skeletons and exoskeletons
- All animals have muscles which enable them to move.

Zoolab will bring a selection of relevant animals into Chesswood which the children will observe and have the opportunity to handle if they would like to. Through this, our science topic will come to life and provide a real life context to further enhance their learning.

Year 3 Visit by Worthing Museum Outreach - 14th, 16th & 17th November 2023

As part of our 'Stones and Bones' topic we have arranged a visit from Worthing Museum who will run a workshop with the children. The workshop will help the children to understand how we know what happened in the past with a particular focus on archaeology and they will develop a better understanding of The Stone Age. Each class will have the opportunity to participate in a set of activities, which include handling artefacts, an archaeological dig and map work.

The total cost of the visits to the school is £10.00 per pupil (these will show as two separate trips on MCAS but can be paid for at the same time). We are asking parents/carers to make a voluntary contribution of £10.00 to cover our expenses and ensure that the visit can proceed. If you are not able to provide the donation of the full amount please contact our Finance Team on finance@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Payments may be made online via MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) or by cash or cheque. If paying by cash or cheque please complete the attached slip and return it with your payment to the school office. If paying online you do not need to return the form. Please ensure all payments reach us by Friday 22nd September 2023.

Yours sincerely

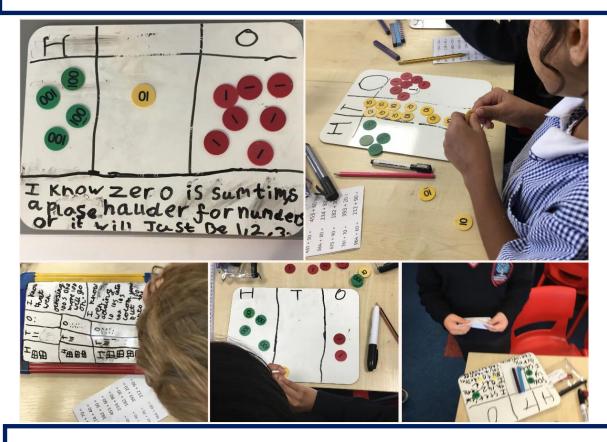
Chris Yelling Assistant Head

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This week at Chesswood



This week at Chesswood



EAL Lunch Club



Sports News

Worthing Schools Cross Country Championships

It was perfect running conditions last Saturday morning for the annual cross country event on the South Downs with around 60 of our pupils taking part.

Year 3 - The first race went extremely well for the Y3 girls – Iris finished 6th with Binta (8th) and Aubrey (9th) close on her tail. Holly (26th), Matilda (43rd), Athena-Rose (69th), Elinor (74th) and Simrah (90th) completed the team – overall the team finished in 2nd place.

Not to be outdone all of the boys finished in the top 40 runners – Caleb (11th), Rudy (16th), Chester (25th), Nicusor (26th), Fox (29th), David (34th) and George (36th) gave the team a 3rd place finish.





Year 4 - Our girls placed well with Esther (18) and Bronte (19th) finishing together with Anina (36th), Maya (37th) and Sofia (40th) just behind then, Laura (51st) and Eva (62nd) completed the team.

In the Boys race we achieved our only medal of the day with **Myles** finishing a magnificent 3rd place. Elliot was 18th, then Tristan (36th), Louie (38th), Zach (46th), Rory (48th), Arthur (60th) and Sebastian (62nd).







Sports News

Year 5 – Poppy lead the way in 25th position for the girls with teammates Leia (45th), Elsa (46th), Erika (49th) coming in together followed by Tashea (56th) and Dinuthi (86th).

Boys Mason finished in 9th position and Dieter 20th, Patrick (33rd), Oscar (47th), Eli (58th), Hrishaan (64th) and Sonny (66th).





Year 6 – If the Y5 course was challenging this was tough but it didn't stop Lydia finishing 4th overall continuing her great performances from last year. Rachel (28th), Thedini (53rd), Amy (61st), Hridishtitha (84th), Rivah (85th) and Eliza competed the team.

For the boys Emlyn was 22nd, Buddy 32nd, Toby W (46th), Oscar (53rd) Bertie (55th), Levi (65th) and Charlie all ran well to complete the 2km course.







Sports News/Upcoming Events

Y5 & 6 Football Matches with TAB

Year 5 and 6 A teams played some friendly games against TAB Year 5 and 6 A teams. Good quality of football shown by all.

Year 5 won against tab year 5 2-1 and narrowly lost to both year 6 teams by one goal but play some creative football.

Year 6 won against both year 5 team and draw against tab year 6, who's goalkeeper was outstanding against our attack.





Sports News/Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday 31st October Upper School Football Festival with TAB
- Wednesday 1st Nov Basketball Finals
 The Angmering School
- Thursday 2nd Y5/6 Gymnastics Competition – Davison High
- Tuesday 7th Y3/4 Girls Football Festival (2 teams) – St Andrews High
- Tuesday 14th Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament – St Andrews
- Wednesday 15th (INSET Day) –
 Rearranged Y3/4 Football tournament –
 St Andrews

Opportunity for parents and carers



Opportunity for parents and carers



Parenting your child in anxious times – a five-week course for parents and carers of primary children.

Dear parent/carer,

We are contacting you from Thought-Full, the West Sussex Mental Health Support Team in Schools, to offer you the opportunity to attend our parent support group focussing on supporting children with fears and worries.

The sessions are suitable for any parents who would like some guidance and ideas about how best to support their child's emotional wellbeing but would be particularly suitable for those whose children experience fears and worries.

The five sessions will take place at school and will be led by mental health professionals who are experienced in supporting children and families with emotional wellbeing and mental health.

Thursday 22nd February @ 9am

Thursday 29th February @ 9am

Thursday 7th March @ 9am

Thursday 14th March @ 9am

Thursday 21st March @ 9am

The five sessions will consist of:

- 1. Understanding anxiety an introduction to the biological function of anxiety.
- Supporting your child with anxiety and worries: 1 this session explores what keeps anxiety going and the strategies you can use to support your child.
- Supporting your child with anxiety and worries: 2 further discussion of approaches to support an anxious child including our use of language and the PACE approach (playfulness, acceptance, <u>curjosity</u> and empathy).
- An introduction to emotion coaching a step by step approach to helping your child to learn about emotions and how to deal with them.
- Encouraging resilience exploring how we can support anxious children to build their resilience and grow into adults who can cope with life's ups and downs.

The sessions will be informal with plenty of opportunity for discussion, asking questions, and sharing your ideas and experiences with other parents. There may be different strategies you would like to try out at home after the sessions, but there is no set https://www.nomework.com/butten-sessions, but the result is not sessions and sessions are not sessions.

If you would be interested in attending the course, please contact Sally Harvey for details of how to secure your place.

sharvey@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Best wishes

Lorraine Osmend – Mental Health Advisory Teacher.

What do other parents say about the course?

"That it really opens your eyes to what can cause it and the things that surround anxiety."

"Open, honest, straightforward communication. Good practical advice – friendly, knowledgeable trainers."

"Attend! It was so useful & informative."

"Informative and learnt a lot about how to use various techniques to help children"

"Very worthwhile"

Tax-Free Childcare Information

Promoting Tax Free Childcare to parents

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for accredited holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. This enables parents and carers to access childcare during the school holidays, also saving them money. It is estimated that there are 1.3 million working families who are eligible for TFC in the UK however only a small percentage are making use of the scheme. Around 75% of families are losing out on this support.

TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. You can signpost families to Childcare Choices so they can see if they are eligible. You can find out more about the scheme by visiting www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare.

Many parents don't realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds which could be used for holiday clubs or out of school care. As the new term commences, it is a good opportunity to remind families of these schemes so they can plan for the upcoming half terms and holidays.

Please check out Childcare Choices and their catalogue of <u>guidance and promotional</u> <u>resources</u>, so that you can display in your school to promote this scheme.

Useful links and additional information:

- Tax Free Childcare can help towards the cost of children's summer holiday activities |
 GOV.UK
- Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with
 Costs | GOV.UK
- Get Tax-Free Childcare: step by step GOV.UK
- www.westsussex.gov.uk/FIS to help parents search for childcare.

PTA Friends of Chesswood

FRIENDS OF CHESSWOOD SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the AGM, it was great to have some new members join us. We went through our finances for the last school year (please see the information below) and appointed a new committee for the following year. We would like to introduce.



Chairperson



KATE BROWN Treasurer



HANNAH CARTER Secretary

We also have a wider team who come to planning meetings, organise our pre-loved uniform and help plan and run our various events. Everyone is welcome to join us - so do please come along and see what we do. Our next planning meeting for the Christmas Fayre is Friday 3rd November after morning drop -off (pre-school children are welcome to join us). If you would like to be involved in some way but can't make the meetings then please do contact us we would love to hear from you.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in whatever way last year and we look forward to some exciting events in the year to

PTA Friends of Chesswood





What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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Meet Our Expert



Safety

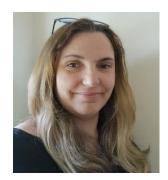








Early Help and Thought-Full Introduction



We all know life has its ups and downs and isn't always easy, at times being a parent can be challenging, trying to help and understand our children can be difficult and confusing. Early help recognises the important role schools play in supporting families and each school has a link worker to help provide support and advice for children and families when needed. By working together, we are stronger and often there is a lot of support in the community which people may not be aware of. In my role I can offer help with a whole array of worries and difficulties which you may have for yourself, child or for your family and can help

connect you to the right support at the right time. This maybe through direct work with me or by offering guidance, Information, advice, signposting and crisis support. Areas of support we cover are - Anxiety around school, feelings and emotions, mental health, SEN and support with ASD. Parenting support with - finances – cost of living crisis, routines and boundaries, behaviour, anger, attachment as well as being able to offer short intervention work with children, young people and parent/carers. Please contact the pastoral team in your school if you would like to contact me or come along for a chat at my next drop-in at Chesswood on November 8th at 2:15pm-3:00pm.



Hello, I'm Agnes – I am one of the Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHP) with Thought-full (Mental health Support Teams in scholols). I will be based at Chesswood every Wednesday. Our service offers 6-10 1-hour one to one sessions, where we support young people with mild to moderate wellbeing/mental health difficulties. Typically, I will be able to deliver one to one sessions with a maximum of three children over a 6-10 week period. The Team are aware of the waitlist currently at the school, and hopefully either myself or another EMHP will be contacting parents of children who are waiting for support soon.



Hi, I'm Jo Kambalami. I've been working in school on Mondays since January. My job title is 'Trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner' with the Thought-Full Team, the Mental Health Support Team for West Sussex.It's normal for children to feel a level of anxiety and overcome different fears at different ages. Sometimes, though, they can get stuck in a pattern of avoiding their fears and/or their anxious feelings impact on their everyday life. In this case, many children can be helped by weekly interventions based on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). It's been developed for mild to moderate mental health difficulties, which includes anxiety and low mood. If CBT isn't appropriate for your child, our Team

can advise on better alternatives. You can find more information on our Thought-Full website and on our YouTube channel.



Information-Participation-Support-Training

The West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) is a charity for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities(SEND).

We support parent carers by providing information, support and training that equips them in their lifelong caring role and empowers them to participate in shaping services for their child or young person.

Become a West Sussex Parent Carer Forum member, it's FREE!

Only our members can access our popular events. By signing up you will automatically receive booking forms for events as soon as they are released. You will also receive key updates/information, important surveys and our regular newsletter.

Becoming a member is easy, simply click on the blue 'sign-up' button at the top of our website and complete the short form. You can unsubscribe at any time.



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Autism and Social Communication Advisory Team

Exploring Autism for Parents and Carers

A new and updated programme offering up to date thinking and links to research-based evidence for parent carers of autistic children

and young people.



Sessions to explore Autism and strategies to support acceptance, empowerment, and relationships in family life.

Are you a parent/carer of a child or young person, aged 8-16 years, who is autistic or on the social communication pathway and have not attended this course before?

This NEW programme has been redeveloped to ensure that it is current and up to date. The course is an excellent source of information for those new to Autism or for those requiring a little more in-depth knowledge. Parent carers and the facilitators will learn and collaborate together. The programme is free of charge to families of children in West Sussex maintained schools and academies, at this time.

Course aims:

- to give a broad and balanced and positive view of how autism and social communication difficulties may impact on the child/young person's life and that of the <u>family</u>
- to explore key practical strategies that can support autistic children
- to provide a forum for families to share their experiences and expertise together

Course outline:

The six recorded sessions will be focused on both theoretical and practical aspects of autism and the resulting strengths and challenges. There will be opportunities to participate in discussions and ask questions in group sessions on a weekly basis, that will be delivered via an online platform. We ask that parents attend each of these weekly online discussion groups.



<u>In order for</u> participants to fully benefit from this course we ask that they attend **all** sessions.

Topics covered by session:

Session 1: Autism Acceptance

Develop understanding of autism, discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis and identify how autism can affect families.

Session 2: Communication

Develop understanding of communication difficulties and strategies to improve communication and interaction skills for the autistic child/young person.

Session 3: Sensory Needs

Consider how sensory information and experiences may be processed differently by those who are autistic, share strategies to help with sensory differences.

Session 4: Anxiety

Improve understanding of the signs of distress that autistic young people may display and consider approaches to support self-regulation.

Session 5: Social Thinking and Masking

Explore the differences autistic young people may have with socialising and developing relationships. Look at ways to develop social thinking, explore the idea and impact of masking.

Session 6: Adolescence and Independence

Consider ways to encourage independence and manage adolescence challenges including puberty, sensory <u>impact</u> and social differences.

Dates: TBC

The programme is delivered over six weeks. The six recorded sessions can be watched during the week when convenient; each session is followed by a one-hour online Q&A and discussion group.

For further details please contact:

Email: carina.reid@westsussex.gov.uk

Tel: 0330 222 7125

Please note there are a limited number of places on this course.

Young Carers

A Young Carer is a young person under the age of 18 whose life is **affected** by the care needs of another person, who may have any disability or long-term illness. This could be anybody with a physical or learning disability, mental health problem, someone who misuses drugs or alcohol, or is elderly and frail.

The person they care for is usually someone they live with and could be a parent, sibling, grandparent or other relative.

If you think that your child could be considered a Young Carer please

contact by email pastoral@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk or call 01903 204141 and ask for the pastoral team.



Sharon Main is the key contact for Young Carers at Chesswood.





Young Carers

What help is available?

Help and support is provided by our Young Carers Family Service. They may provide:

- a whole family assessment, looking at the strengths, challenges and areas for support for each person in your family
- activities during school holidays for 8-11 year olds
- a weekly Young Carers' group during school term for 11-16 year olds, held in: Crawley, Worthing, Bognor Regis and Chichester
- a place at the annual Young Carers Festival for 14-16 year olds
- someone to talk to about your caring role
- support to talk to key people at school and maybe to your friends
- help to understand the illness or disability which the person you are helping to look after may have
- a volunteer mentor to spend time with you once a week for up to 6 months who can set personal goals and provide encouragement and motivation.



West Sussex Mind, Families in Mind: Support in Adur, Arun and Worthing

Families in Mind is a service aimed to support parents who have young children (0-4 years old) and need help with their mental health and well-being.

We have various events going or in the local area including:

Weekly play and chat groups, walks/meet ups in local parks and the Enjoy your Baby course.

Our service is completely free of charge and is open to all members of the community. we know now narro it can be to get out of the house and get some support when you're feeling low, anxious or overwhelmed - we can help you with this by providing:

- A safe and non-judgmental space to share your situation and difficulties and get suppor
- Trained staff, many of whom have lived experience of mental health (and are also parents)
- Venues across the area which are easy to access by foot, car or public transport.
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- Learning new strategies to help improve how they feel
- Meeting new people whilst trying some different
- Get some routine into their week

To contact us for support: Call our Help Point Monday to Friday, 10am until 4pm on 0300 303 5652

or email helppoint@westsussexmind.org

West Sussex Mind

Touchbase - therapy practice information





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)

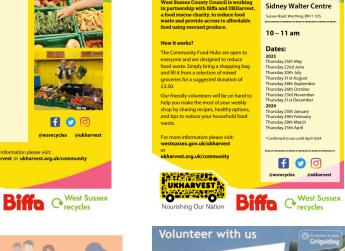
If so, please contact Tracey Rainford, Family Liaison at Reception or email: trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Local Community Support Information





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Food Hubs





Do something incredible. Join us and change a child's life Take the first step today, call

01903 259900

Time out Fostering is committed to safeguarding young people











Community Events











orth Festival Literary Week brings family events to this year's
West Sussex Literary Festival line-up



Joseph Coelho - Poetry Prompt

11:00am, Saturday 28 October at Leconfield Hall, Petworth

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2022-2024 Joseph Coelho to the Feetival, his Sunday morning
interactive session being fully family-ceimated and roc himmer
and supwards. A 100% must for awyone who has taken part in the
feetival's in-school poetry sessions or feently years.

Click for tickets. - Adults £8 / 18 & under £3



2-200pm, Saturday 28 October at Leconticel Hall, Petworth How many planets in our solar system would fit between Earth and the Moon? How many cups of not does your body make in a day? And how many people are frying up in the view that the very momen? All of these questions and more will be answered during this first and ur host is Andrew Pettis, editor of What on Earth Magazine, the UK's magazine. Click for tickets. - Adults 68 / 18 6 under 65



Lucy Reynolds - We are Family (Children's event)
10:30am, Thursday 2 November at Leconfield Hall, Petworth
There are billions of creatures on this earth, but there is only one YOU!
Join children's author, Lucy Reynolds, for a fun, interactive workshop

Joint Cinieres 3 autors, Lucy Reysious, for a fur, interactive workin celebrating the many ways young grow up on this wild, wonderful planet. Perfect for ages 4+ but all very welcome. <u>Click for tickets</u> - Adults £6 / 18 & under £5

www.petworthfestival.org.uk Tel: 01798 344576





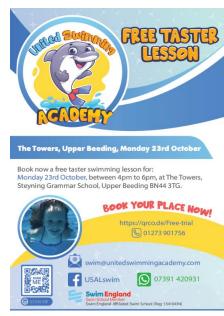


External Clubs Information

Please note STEM Club start next week beginning 11th September. If you haven't yet booked your child's space, please contact Ali Khan on 07951287236



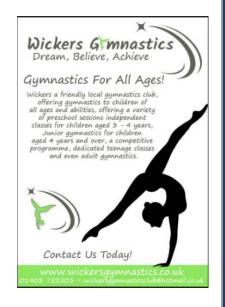






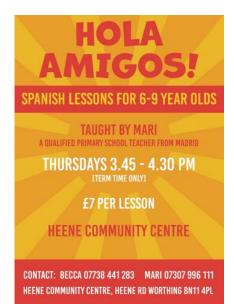


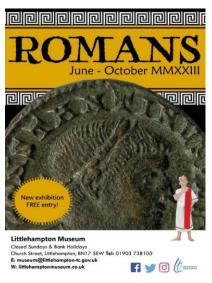


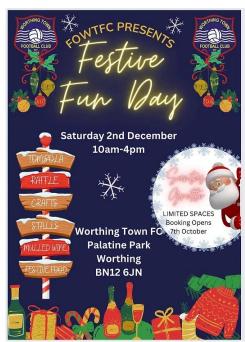


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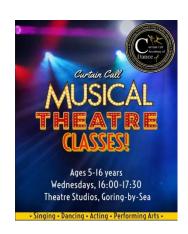








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Premier









Homefield Park Football Club

Homefield Park Football Club

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Friendly local community club

For further enquiries please Call Chris on 07496522718





Set in central Worthing this club offers enthusiastic and aspiring young footballers between the ages of 6-14 the perfect environment to develop their technical and tactical understanding of playing the game hosted and delivered by a fully qualified and reputable coach.

Sessions are priced at £5 per session cash accepted only. Options to pay for multiple sessions in advance across each month is available should parents wish to.

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