

Letter to the School Community



We are aware that a number of you have written to the school following the announcement at the beginning of the week about the headteacher designate for the new East Worthing Primary School that will open in September 2024.

There have been expressions of support as well as a number who expressed personal concern about the announcement.

Decisions such as these are never easy and are achieved after exercising due diligence and careful consideration and we wanted to provide a bit more information here.

It is worth reflecting that this decision follows a detailed consultation with school leaders and the public to address the significant falling number of primary age pupils in Worthing.

There was a need to remove in excess of 950 primary school spaces. The decision was made, amongst a number of changes at other schools in Worthing, to amalgamate Chesswood Junior School and Lyndhurst Infant School into one through primary school on the Chesswood Road site.

Following that decision in July 2023, West Sussex County Council established a Temporary Governing Body for the new school consisting of Governors from both of the existing schools together with Independent Governors, one of whom assumed the role of Chair of the Temporary Governing Body.

One of the first tasks that the Temporary Governing Body undertook was to determine who the Headteacher would be for the new school. WSCC supported the Temporary Governing Board to appoint a headteacher for the new primary school through an appropriate consultation and selection process.

It follows that when there are two good Headteachers, leading two good schools, one good Headteacher will be successful and be appointed and one good Headteacher will not.

Mrs Diane South was that successful candidate and has been appointed.

This decision in no way reflects upon Mr Andrew Jolley and his leadership of Chesswood Junior School, for which the Chesswood Governing Body and, I'm sure, the wider Chesswood community continue to be extremely grateful.

It should also be recognised that there are a large number of other staff who work at Chesswood supporting the children along with the deputy headteacher Mr Jez Himsworth, who is now leading as Head of School. We are sure you will wish to continue giving them the parental support that typifies the Chesswood community. There are also the staff at Lyndhurst School who are involved in this amalgamation and they too will continue to support the children in their own school community as always.

Following this announcement Chesswood School has supported Mr Andrew Jolley to take a period of absence. I realise that there may be people who will wish to pass on their best wishes and thanks to him, and the Chesswood school office is very happy for you to send those messages to them so they can collate them and forward them on.

Please be assured that everyone at Chesswood and Lyndhurst schools, now and in the future, remain committed to the children within their schools and will continue to work hard on their behalf as we continue the journey of amalgamating Chesswood and Lyndhurst schools into becoming a new through primary school serving the East Worthing community.

There will be further events in the near future when you will hear more about the Primary School and we will seek to consult and communicate with you as plans develop.

Best wishes

Mike Carpenter
Chair of Governors
Chesswood Junior School

Kevin Jenkins Chair of the Temporary Governing Body New East Worthing Primary School



BBQ * TUCK AND TOY STALL * RAFFLE * FIREPIT
BOOKSHOP * REFRESHMENTS * CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND LANTERNS

Important Please Note

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

Year 3 Museum visit – 13th, 14th &16th November

TT Rock Stars – England Rocks Competition-14th, 15th &16th 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: 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.

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 30th October. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3SH 98%	4UO & 4CH 95%	5EV 94%	6NB 98%

Chesswood Calendar 13th November 2023 –8^{tht} December 2023







Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	
,	TT Rock Stars - England	TT Rock Stars - England	Flu Vaccination session	Primary Maths Challenge -
Year 3 Museum visit	Rocks Competition	Rocks Competition	(All year groups)	Selected Y6 Children
	Year 5 Parents Bristol Residential 2024 presentation		TT Rock Stars - England Rocks Competition	BBC Children in Need (Dress in spots)
			Primary Maths Challenge - Selected Y5 Children	
20 th November	21st November	22 nd November	23 rd November	24 th November
Governor's meeting				
27 th November	28 th November	29 th November	30 th November	1 st December
				International Day of
				Persons with Disabilities
4 th December	5 th December	6 th December	7 th December	8 th December
			Rock Steady Assembly	Christmas Lunch
			9:00-10:30am	Christmas Jumper Day Winter Wonderland

Christmas Lunch

Bookings are now available.

Please ensure you book your child meal before **23rd November**.



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.

Dancemania XVI



If you love to dance then Dancemania is for you! What you need to do:

- 1. Create a dance by yourself or in a group.
 - 2. Complete the Application Form.
- Choreograph (create) a dance to music (max. 2mins long) and rehearse and practice on the playground or at home.
 - 4. Your dance needs to be original-your own ideas.
 - 5. You will be dancing in front of over 100 people.
 - 6. Show time is the Monday 11th December 6pm.
- 7. Applications need to be to Mr Quick by Friday 1st December

Jam Jar Request

We would like any clean, empty jam jars to be dropped of at reception from week beginning 6th November to 24th November to be used for our Winter Wonderland on 8th December.





Christmas Card Competition

We have launched our Christmas Card Competition for 2023!
All entries must:

- Be drawn on A4 or A5 paper (landscape)
- Be YOUR own work
- . Have your name and class written on the back
- · Reflect the magic and meaning of Christmas for children

The rewards will be as follows:

- All entries will receive 10 house points
- An additional 10 points for exceptional quality
- The Year group winners will receive 50 house points and have their design on one of the five school Christmas cards

The closing date is 9:00 am on Friday 1st December and all entries must be given to Miss Switalska in the school office.

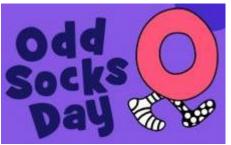
World Kindness Day - Monday 13 November 2023

Our Junior Governors have chosen World Kindness Day as one of their awareness days for this academic year - this links perfectly with our BRIGHT SPARKS code.

For more information click HERE

This day is also the start of Anti-Bullying Week (For more information click <u>HERE</u>) linked to our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, which links perfectly with World Kindness - so we invite all children (and adults) to join **Odd Socks Day** and **wear odd socks to school** - encouraging everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us unique!







Student teacher welcome

Welcome to the following trainee teachers from the University of Sussex.



Mr Andy Teng - 5EV



Miss Ameerah Na'aim - 5CR



Miss Charlotte O'Luanaigh



Miss Hannah Chiverton - 6CL

Junior Governors - 'Get up to pick up'

As part of their environment theme, Junior Governors arranged a day to consider our impact on the environment. We started with litter picking and tidying the school but considered the impact of looking after our wider community as well. Despite the impact of the weather on our playtimes, Junior Governors managed to host the 'Bin it to win it' competition - Kielder House collected the most litter and won the inaugural trophy - a special mention to Amber, who worked especially hard to drive the team to victory.







BBC Children in Need - Friday 17 November

The Junior Governors have chosen this charity as one of their awareness days for this term.

Children are invited to dress in spots for the day.

We do not require any donations but hope that you will support the charity directly: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

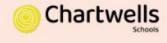
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TT Rock Star- England Rocks Competition







14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER 2023

7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON! 💥



WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!



TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS

TT Rock Stars - England Rocks Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school and to celebrate Maths Week, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England.

The competition runs from 07:30 GMT **Tuesday 14th November 2023** to 19:30 GMT **Thursday 16th November 2023**.

It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any gamemode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point.

The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)).

Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

Whilst children can play any game as part of the competition, we would recommend they focus on the games which are suggested as part of their regular homework – as these are the most beneficial game for each child.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player.

In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023.

Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

We will be recognising the top scoring child in each class with a £5 Amazon Gift Voucher - whilst the highest scoring child in each year group will win an additional £5 voucher.

TT Rock Stars is a fun way for children to learn and become more confident with multiplication and division facts. If you have any doubt about which of the games on TT would be best for your child to use during the competition, please check the weekly year group Maths Fluency homework first. If you are still unsure, we would recommend the following, but please do speak with your child's teacher if you want any further clarification:

Year 3 - Garage or Jamming Year 4 - Garage, Jamming or Studio Years 5 and 6 - Garage, Studio, Festival, Arena or Rock Slam.

To help make sure children's progress is tracked accurately, please ensure children are using the latest version of the Times Tables Rock Stars. In order to do this please visit play.ttrockstars.com/reset to load the latest version in their device's browser or check in the app store for the device that the app they are using is the latest version. Thank you for your support. Good luck everyone!

Chesswood Job Opportunity

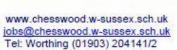


CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Home of Bright Sparks

Chesswood Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 2AA

Head Teacher: Mr Andrew Jolley





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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Chesswood Job Opportunity



Chesswood Junior School

Chesswood Road Worthing BN11 2AA Tel: 01903 204141

Email: jobs@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk



Teaching Assistant Required

N.O.R: 605: Years 3 to 6

Position: Teaching Assistant to commence as soon as possible

Hours: We are looking for TAs to support our vulnerable learners for either 17.5 hours a week (8.45 –12.15

daily) or 27.5 hours each week. (8.45 - 3.15 with a 1 hour unpaid lunch) - term time only. Pay scale: Grade 3 Point 3, term time only £5,359 pro rata'd salary (17.5 hours per week post)
Grade 3 Point 3, term time only £8,421 pro rata'd salary (27.5 hours per week post)

Contract: Temporary until the end of July 2024

Would you like to join a good school? Working with super staff, cheerful children, a creative curriculum, a helpful head, good governors, fantastic facilities and great grounds – now's your chance!

We are seeking an enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to join our team and provide good academic and pastoral support to our most vulnerable children.

The role will be varied and may include both class work and 1:1 work with children with complex needs if required – to be confirmed at interview stage.

We have a high level of need at Chesswood so being able to work using a relational approach with the children is essential.

If you are:

- Highly motivated and committed to providing vulnerable children with a high standard of additional support
- Patient, caring and kind, and able to help vulnerable children understand how to communicate with peers effectively.
- Confident in your ability to successfully lead learning with individuals and small groups of children, under the direction of the class teacher.
- Ready for a positive challenge that will require you to be resilient, imaginative and creative we would love to hear from you!

Please state on your application if you are interested in the 17.5 hrs contract or the 27.5 hrs contract.

A copy of the job profile, application form and safer recruitment form can be found on our school website: Or please contact Mrs Treena Beech on tbeech@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk by email as above for further details. Applications will only be accepted on the correct application form.

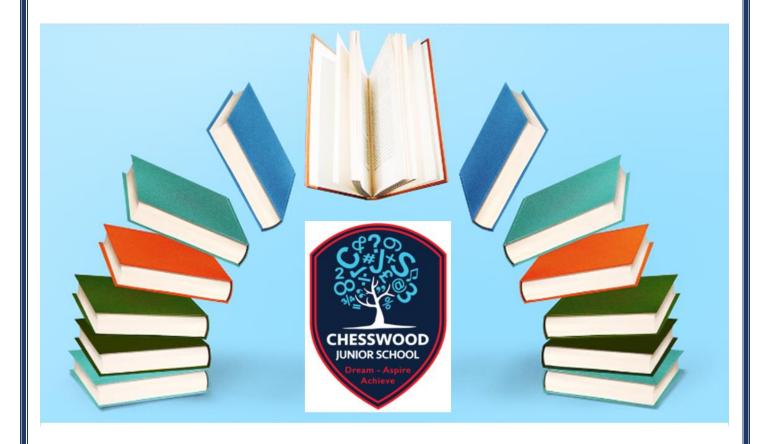
- Closing date 9am Wednesday 22nd November
- Interviews on Tuesday 28th November

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, health check and satisfactory references.

Reading Helpers

We are looking for adults to help with reading in year 5 and 6. 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.



Inset Day



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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

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 – 13th, 14th & 16th 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 – 13th, 14th & 16th 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.wsussex.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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November 2023

Year 6 Bristol & Bath Residential Visit -21st-25th October 2024

You may be aware, in Year 6 there is a residential visit to Bristol and Bath. The children spend five days away in the Bristol area and it is always an incredible success. The pictures below give some insight into the opportunities for learning, enjoyment, and the breadth of experiences throughout the



To enable us to arrange the trip, we will need to know by Tuesday 28th November 2023 whether your child would like to join the trip. The minimum number of children we will be able to accommodate on the visit with the current arrangements will be 80 and a maximum of 93 children.

The children will be staying at the Youth Hostel in Bristol and amongst other things will be visiting Stonehenge, Aerospace Bristol, SS Great Britain, Roman Baths, Science Museum, as well as Indoor Climbing, Sailing and a meal at a local buffet restaurant.

We are holding a Presentation for parents to give you details of the proposed trip and answer any questions you may have. The date for the presentation is Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 3,30pm in the new school hall and we look forward to seeing you there.

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The full presentation about the trip can be found on our website: Chesswood Junior School - Year 5 Parents > Latest Correspondence > Current Academic Year Correspondence > Year 5)

The full cost of the visit is expected to be £375-£400 (the final cost is dependent upon the number of children taking part), but this will be confirmed once numbers are known

You can be assured that we seek to secure best value at all times but there may be increases on costs incurred on this year's visit or we may seek to make improvements that incur higher costs. The trip is priced at cost and the school does not make a profit.

A deposit of £50 must be made by Tuesday 28th November 2023, 3pm to secure your child's interest. The deposit can be made via MCAS in the 'Trips & Events' section.

If you would like your child to attend the trip but would be unable to make payment on MCAS by the deadline for any reason, please contact finance@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk_and we will try and work with you to find a solution.

Please see below the payment schedule for the trip.

28th November 2023 Payment dates £50.00 refundable only if trip is cancelled

28th January 2024 28th February £60.00 28th March £60.00 28th April 28th May £60.00

28th June full payment must be made by this date

We are also looking for some additional parent helpers for this trip to help things run smoothly. If you have experience of taking children on residential trips or help run a Cub or Brownie Group or similar, we would be especially keen to hear from you. Parent helpers are not required to pay for themselves to assist on the trip, but their child's place will still be chargeable. Please contact finance@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk to show your interest.

You will receive an email confirming if the trip will be going ahead and that your child has secured a place after Tuesday $28^{\rm th}$ November.

Yours sincerely

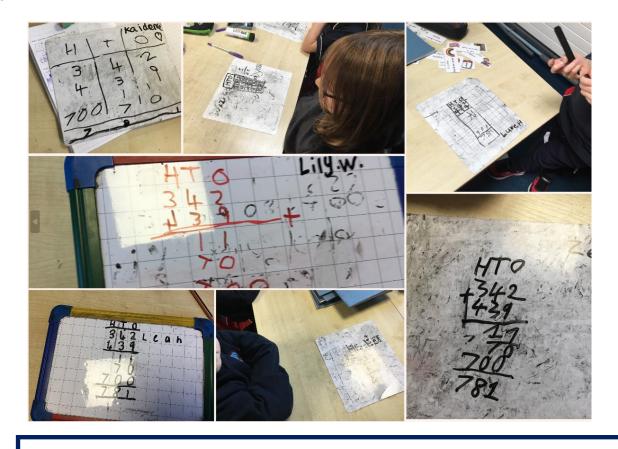
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Chris Yelling

Assistant Headteacher

This week at Chesswood





EAL Lunch Club



Sports News and Upcoming Events

Y5/6 Rise Gymnastics Competition

Again, one of the only schools to enter 2 teams into an event the gymnasts all had to individually perform a floor routine and complete a vault. Each element was individually scored and then a team total was given.

Gymnasts: Toby, Mason, Ezgi, Orla, Jess, Maisie, Elizabeth, Rachel, Buddy, Thedini, Fin, Theo, Maja, Ana, Amelia, Iris and Elsa.



Y3/4 Girls Football Festival

13 teams took part in the festival at St Andrews, both our Red and Blue teams were up for the challenge of the matches.

In the 5 games the Blue team played they managed 4 wins and a draw with Pearl scoring 5 goals and Aubrey and Andi also getting in on the scoring action.

In the games for the Red team they battled hard, played well as a team and all enjoyed themselves trying out different positions on the pitch.

Pearl was voted Coaches player for the Blues and Jess for the Red team.

Blue Team: Holly, Pearl, Aubrey, Dixie, Laura, Andi, Nala, Alice

Red Team: Amber, Eva, Mila, Jess, Bella, Libby, Grace, Jaidee.





Upcoming Events:

- Monday 13th Y5/6 Benchball Competition at Chesswood – MCAS sign up
- Tuesday 14th Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament – St Andrews
- Wednesday 15th (INSET Day)

 Rearranged Y3/4 Football
 tournament St Andrews
- Tuesday 21st Y5/6 Football Tournament – St Andrews
- Wednesday 22nd Y4
 Dodgeball Festival Durrington
 High
- Thursday 30th Y3/4
 Basketball The Angmering School

Out of School Achievements

Well done to Laura who won a gold medal for her combined Floor & Vault routine at the Meapa Gymnastics competition!



Congratulations to Phoebe for receiving the Blue Peter Badge! Well done!



At National Online Safety, we believe in ompowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to held an information-research on bourt online safety with their children, should they feel

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MICROTRANSACTIONS

additional content such as new levels. Alpopular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalize gambling and can foster addictive behaviours—especially among younger players.

GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

Microtransactions have been criticised for promoting gambling-adjacent behaviour in children. Research has also suggested that exposure to the loot box system dould affect the likelihood of a young person suffering gambling harms later in life children who purchased or used loot boxes in the last 12 months were found to be more likely to have gambled during the same period, as well.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Microtransactions (and loot boxes especially) could food to young people displaying compulsive behaviours. Loot boxes are designed to be addictive, and the sought-ofter prizes they contain are dispensed at random. This means that young gamers might not get what they want straight away, causing them to spend more money as well as additional time gaming.

PAYING TO WIN

In many popular games (the FFA series being a notable example), microtransactions make it for easier to succeed – which is a concern because children can often find it difficult to keep track of their spending. One a child aterts making in game purchases, they may continue buying to keep up with their triends and other players – sometimes without recognising the mounting real-world cost.

XCLUSIVE DATA COLLECTION To allow a young person to complete microtransactions

complete microtransactions, many app and game developers collect personal data such as their name, address, email, geolocation information, photos, payment details and so on, Even if this data remains secure (which is by no means guaranteed), there's always the chance that it will be used — and possibly sold on to third parties — for marketing purposes.

AFFECTING DAILY

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can affect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's spending patterns. This could lead to your child not only handing over more money but also adjusting their daily routine to match the games schedule — potentially impacting more important elements of their day, such as homework and family time.

SATELLITE SPENDING

If you've linked a payment method like a debit card or a PayPal account to your chief's game or app, it's wise to keep a close eye on their microtransactions to ensure they aren't racking up a arge bill. Letting a chief have access to your card (if they're still too young to have their awn) or other means of payment could also lead to them spending beyond the apps and somes they normally use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's important to have a serviceable idea of whether the games your child plays use the laot box system (even if it goes by a different name) or include the option of buying items, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help your child understand that this costs actual money, and that they shouldn't feet pressured into making amy purchases.

CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

It may help to explain to your child that many microtrangactions involve an element of chance: they could pay maney and still not get what they want in return. Emphasise that - while not usually costing much individually - these in-app and in-game purchases can soon add up. Talk to your child about how spending their money in a game or an account they have less that up in the real less that

(GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE

investing in on in-game currency gift card
can be a useful way of helping your child get to
grips with budgeting, if you buy, say, a £10 Y-bucks
fortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes them to
spend it. When they come to you asking for more, you
could make it the starting point for a conversation
about how quickly that money went and how they
could earn their next gift card.

STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend — or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from tuying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

If you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, it's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour, irritability, a lock of concentration and prioritising recreational screen time ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.

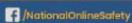
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Opportunity for parents and carers



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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>curiosity</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"

PTA Friends of Chesswood

Friends of Chesswood Christmas Winter Wonderland

Friday 8th December 2023

5pm-7.30pm





Dear Parent/Carer

As our Christmas Winter Wonderland event is drawing near we thought it would be helpful to send out important dates for your diary.

Christmas Raffle

We will be holding our usual Raffle - from Monday 13th November you will be able to purchase Raffle tickets via MCAS under School Shop, Event Tickets The first prize will be an iPad, 2nd prize a Hamper and 3rd prize £50 cash plus many more prizes.



Tombola Donations

Please can we kindly ask for donations for our Tombolas as per the year groups below in return for the children to come in non-uniform in recognition of International Day of Persons of Disabilities as chosen by our Junior Governors. Please can the items be brought to Reception on Friday 1st

Years 3 and 4 - donations for Bottle Tombola (alcohol will need to be brought in by the parent to Reception please)

Years 5 and 6 - donations for Chocolate Tombola (bars, packets or bo--- of chocolate Tombola (bars, packets or bo---- of chocolate Tombola (bars, packets or bars)) (NO NUTS)

On Friday 8th December there will also be a Christmas Jumper or Acci Chartwell's Christmas Lunch day

Santa's Grotto Tickets

We are selling Santa's Grotto tickets for £3.50 from Monday Please note they will NOT be available for sale on the night and via your MCAS app under School Shop, Event Tickets. The time slots ie 5-5.30pm, 5.30-8pm to ease congestion.

You will not receive a ticket for your time slot, please bring y to the Grotto at your designated time to show your booking.

Tickets will be limited so please buy early!

We do appreciate any help you can give as these Thank you for your support and kind donations.

Kind regards

Friends of Chesswood PTA





Helpers Wanted

Santa's

If you can offer any help, either leading up to our Christmas event, setting up or run a stall, we would love to hear from you. Please email office@chesswood.w-

Local Community Support Information





















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Community Events











BOGNOR REGIS - RAP & LYRIC WRITING

18-20 DECEMBER

CRAWLEY - DJ & MUSIC PRODUCTION

21-22 DECEMBER
LITTLEHAMPTON - RAP & LYRIC PRODUCTION

WORTHING - ROCK & POP BAND

AGES 8 - 16YRS
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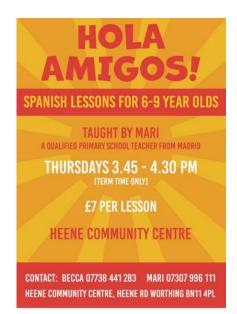


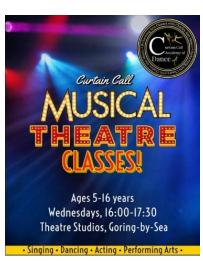


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Homefield Park Football Club

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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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