



A huge thanks to all staff who made the Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre such an amazing event. **A special thanks goes to the Friends of Chesswood (PTA)** who gave of their time and talents to support us deliver such a great community event.

Christmas Concerts at St. Georges





CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL *News*



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Important Upcoming Dates

15th December Christmas Choir tour at Sydney Walter Centre
15th December Last day of term
2nd January Spring term starts
2nd January Homework club starts
8th January Y3 Open evening
10th January Celebration of learning
10th January Consultation Day
30th January Bag2School collection
19th February Inset day

***INSET DAY CHANGE OF DATE ***

Monday 19th February (New Date)

Wednesday March 6th (Cancelled)

There will be an INSET day following the February half-term (Monday 19th Feb). This replaces the March 6th INSET. This is to enable Chesswood and Lyndhurst to work together collaboratively on aspects of the new school. If any family has arranged anything for March 6th, absence will be authorised. Staff are excited about beginning the journey of blending together the best of both schools.

Bag2School Collection

Please add to your diary 30th
January 2024



Quick links

All Correspondence:

Latest Correspondence

[Chesswood Junior School - Latest 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](#)

Concern email: to share concerns with leaders please email -

concern@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

Homework:

[Link to all year group homework](#)

Report sickness absence:

[From a phone link](#)

[Desktop link](#)

Request future authorised absence:

[From a phone link](#)

[Desktop link](#)

Is my child too ill guidance

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Staff Contacts

[Website Link](#)

Are you eligible for Pupil Premium?

[Website Link](#)

New Free School Meal Application

[Website Link](#)

Chesswood Calendar 18th December 2023 – 12th January 2024



Chesswood Calendar 18th December – 5th January 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18th December	19th December	20th December	21st December	22nd December
Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays
25th December	26th December	27th December	28th December	29th December
Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays
1st January	2nd January	3rd January	4th January	5th January
Christmas Holidays	Spring term starts Homework club starts			
8th January	9th January	10th January	11th January	12th January
Y3 Open evening		Celebration of learning Consultation Day		



Merry Christmas from the Chesswood Team

It has been an eventful term. Within days of the start, we had a visit from our friends, Ofsted 😊. It turned out to be a really positive experience – if you haven't read the report, please do ([Chesswood Ofsted](#)). The lead inspector understood and recognised the hard work and dedication from the team that has been needed to achieve the great things we set out to do for the children in our community. The first line in the report encapsulates this '*Pupils thrive at this inclusive and nurturing school*'.

This term has also seen Mr Jolley leaving the school. It was a privilege to work with him, as his deputy, for the past 10 years or so. I see him regularly and will pass on all your messages of gratitude and support. Andrew and I often talked about what it takes to make a great school. I have recently had the same conversations with Di South. The answer is always underpinned by the same message – a GREAT TEAM! We have that here at Chesswood – a team of 'heroes' – those members of staff who are very much at the forefront and in the public eye. But also the 'unsung heroes' who work exceptionally hard in the background to make sure we can ensure the children truly do dream, aspire and achieve. The team know it is a privilege to work with, and for, the community we serve – your children fill our hearts with pride on a daily basis. They are the true heroes. They are the heart of the school and always will be, both now and moving forward as a new school over the coming months and years.

It is the exceptional teamwork that has allowed us to deliver what we do on a daily basis, as well as host the incredible events over the last couple of weeks: The Winter Wonderland and the Chesswood Carol Concerts. We hope you were able to attend and enjoy both as much as we did.

We are excited to be working with another great team – the staff at Lyndhurst. I have visited the school on a number of occasions, and I know we will learn lots from their expertise, especially with the younger children – as will they from the strengths we have here at Chesswood. It will be the best of both schools. The opportunities that will be available when we are one school are very exciting. Staff have met and begun to discuss these; there is a lot of positivity across the team. It will be this collective team that seeks to build the best that the children in our community deserve – it will never be about one person.

There is change, and this can be difficult. What we need, as a team, is the positive support from the whole community as we move forward. We will be seeking more involvement and views from parents in the coming weeks. There will be compromise and undoubtedly disagreements along the way, but we are all committed to creating a school that we all can be proud of. The amazing children we serve deserve that.

From the WHOLE TEAM, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Jez Himsworth



New Clubs and Events



STEM Club – Spring Term

Starting 10th January

For booking details, please contact Ali Khan

steminnovation@outlook.com

Children's yoga & wellbeing sessions (4-12yrs)

Sessions include group games, individual & paired yoga, mindful craft & sensory activity, musical instruments & storytelling

Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm 4th Jan-8th Feb 2024
St Michael's Church Hall, South Street, Lancing BN15 8AJ
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Links to clubs and events in the community – click the image for the link






Clubs in the Community

				
Homefield Park Football Club	Wickers Gymnastics	Construction Club	Worthing Harriers Athletics (Y6)	Worthing Rugby Club
				
South Coast Skateboard	Musical Theatre Classes	Worthing Table Tennis Club	West Sussex Music	South Coast Academy

Christmas Clubs and Events

					
STEM Holiday Club	AbsoluteSport Christmas Camps	Christmas Drama and Dance	West Sussex Music	Next Step Football Fun Days	Christmas at St George's
					
Elite Coaching Football Camp	Goodwood Family Forest Fun Days	W-Sussex Young People's Service	Worthing FC Football Camps	Dynamos Cricket Camp for Girls	Guild Care

Community Support

				
Toy Box – Pre-Loved Toys	Building Resilience in Young Minds	Community House Wanna Cook?	UK Harvest – Food Hub	Early Help Service