



CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL *News*



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Important Upcoming Dates

15th April Amalgamation Closure Day
16th April Homework club starts
19th April Swimming Assessments 5CR, 5AL & 5ML
22nd April Extracurricular clubs start
23rd April Year 4 Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve trip 4LB & CH
23rd April St George's Day - Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies can wear uniforms
25th April Year 4 Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve trip 4PB & 4UO
1st May Celebration of learning

Staff changes

Becky Poupard has sadly left her role as a teaching assistant to take on a new role in a nursery. Her kindness, patience and diligence will be missed by all staff and children at Chesswood. We wish her lots of success in her new role.



We are delighted to welcome Sheena Bryant to the Chesswood team. She is already familiar with Chesswood as she has been working with us for some time in a voluntary capacity. Sheena will now work as a TA in Year 3.



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 1st April 2024 – 26th April 2024



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st April	2nd April	3rd April	4th April	5th April
Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays
8th April	9th April	10th April	11th April	12th April
Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays
15th April	16th April	17th April	18th April	19th April
Amalgamation Closure Day	Homework club starts			Swimming Assessments 5CR, 5AL & 5ML
22nd April	23rd April	24th April	25th April	26th April
Earth Day	Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve trip – 4LB & 4CH St Georges Day – Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies can wear uniforms Tri-Golf Competition	Girls Cricket Festival	Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve trip – 4PB & 4UO	



Important Information

Amalgamation Closure Day

As communicated in the recent Homefield Primary newsletters, West Sussex have granted both schools (Lyndhurst and Chesswood) an extra closure day.

This will be on Monday **15th April 2024**. This day will allow the entire staff from Lyndhurst and Chesswood to work together.

This means that school and Wraparound care will be closed for children on this day.

Year 4 Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve trip 23rd & 25th April 2024

Year 4 pupils' will be going on the school trip to Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve on 23rd and 25th April.

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Is your child entitled?

With the constant rise of the cost of living, is your household income less than £16190.

If so, your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium/Free School meals.

With opportunities to receive two free extracurricular clubs per term along with food vouchers per half term as well as the option of a school meal if required.

If unsure, please contact Tracey Rainford in confidence at trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk to complete a short online form with an instant decision of eligibility or click [HERE](#) to complete the form.

Medication in school

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

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



Are you an ex Lyndhurst School pupil or member of staff?

If so, please join us for tea & biscuits to say "Farewell to Lyndhurst"

**On Sunday 23rd June 2024
9.30am to 12pm
Lyndhurst Infant School
179a Lyndhurst Road
Worthing BN11 2DG**

This week at Chesswood

Friends of Chesswood

School Neon Disco

We were thrilled to be able to hold a school disco again last night and the children had a fantastic time. The DJ was great and there were some amazing dance moves. 😊 **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all parent helpers and staff who helped both on the evening and also in the days leading up to the event – there is always a lot to organise behind the scenes and we couldn't run these events without your help.



Out of School Achievements

Luke has just completed Aquaschool level 7 Honours by swimming 1km in 20 mins!

We are very proud of him!! We hope he will now join Rookies lifeguarding club.



Online Safety

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formally delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, check out tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- HARMFUL MISINFORMATION**
Clickbait tends to prey on fear and loss with the truth, often for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for young internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with false news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, actual material could contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is often a hazard for young people, who could be upset, distressed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.
- HIDDEN MALWARE**
While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn commission, additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.
- PRIVACY PROBLEMS**
Some clickbait leads to sites which could cause a child to misinterpret their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and personal details. For example, in exchange for accessing additional content or adding items to a wishlist or cart, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.
- A DRAINING DISTRACTION**
Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling endlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. The dopamine rush that social and seeking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.
- IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR**
Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might see a negative change in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, can encourage eating disorders and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – which has a detrimental, long-term impact on their physical and mental health. Inappropriate image posts can cause embarrassing young people feeling inhibited, teased or ostracised.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- START A CONVERSATION**
The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they are engaging with. Encourage them to think critically about the content they are viewing. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on a child's online activity to ensure they're not being targeted by clickbait headlines.
- PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING**
Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and to 'go to the source' to find out more will help them to become wiser online – and for less likely to be drawn in by clickbait headlines. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.
- SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS**
There are certain common elements to clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as emotional hooks, such as 'If You Don't Know This, You're Not Ready for This'. Combining several of these tactics to keep users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.
- TAKE CONTROL**
Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have filters that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

Meet Our Expert
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HAF at Worthing Theatres and Museum



HAF
Worthing Theatres and Museum

AGES 7 TO 11

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th & Friday 12th April 2024

We're delighted to be delivering free workshops and activities in Worthing this Easter as part of West Sussex County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme.

9th and 10th April - Our superhero story session transforms perspectives on storytelling. Craft superheroes, refuel with lunch, and enjoy an action-packed *Kung Fu Panda 4* screening.

11th April - Dive into a day of exploration with our dance and movement workshop where children learn expressive dance routines and craft imaginative masks to compliment the performance.

12th April - Join us for an exciting day of drama: explore, create, and perform in our play in a day - including a variety of activities such as spoken word, tongue twisters and recording your own creations.

For more info, scan the QR code or visit wtm.uk/haf



WTM Worthing Theatres and Museum  wtm.uk/haf

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Last week was Neurodiversity Celebration Week so all teachers shared this powerpoint with their classes. Here is the link if you would like to explore this further with your child at home.

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/powerpoint-presentations>



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)	Wannado Street Dance	West Sussex Music
					
South Coast Skateboard	Musical Theatre Classes	Worthing Table Tennis Club	Wild Cats – Girls Football	West Sussex Music	Junior Cricket Camps
					
Worthing Rugby Club	EHS Violin Lessons	South Coast Academy	STEM: At Chesswood	Worthing Music Centre/Drum	DPD Coaching
					
NTC - Nautical Training Corps					

Community Support

				
Toy Box – Pre-Loved Toys	Building Resilience in Young Minds	Community House Wanna Cook?	UK Harvest – Food Hub	Early Help Service
				
Turning Tides (Summer Wish List 2024)	As You Are Centre (Peer Support Group)	Sussex Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service	Nautical Training Corps	



Community Events

					
Active8 For Kids	Easter Eggstravaganza	Skateboarding for asylum seekers and refugees	Easter Events at St Georges Church	Spring Wonderland Market	Chiddingstone Castle
					
Goodwood Family Day Out - March	HAF – Music sessions	Gigs 4 Kidz event - Easter Monday - 1st April	SpongeBob Musical	Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for children	

Easter Holiday Clubs

				
Curtain Call Academy	Premier Holiday Camps	Pied Piper Activities	Easter Drama	Dance Club
				
Easter Football Camps at Worthing Football Club	Wannado – Easter dance day	The Outdoors Project – Lancing Prep	The Outdoors Project – Goring Primary School	The Outdoors Project – ST Nics Primary School
				
Easter Fun Day	Intensive swimming lessons	SportsCool Brighton	St. Georges Easter Holiday Club 3 rd April	Easter Ultimate Frisbee Club

Year 5 Open Days

				
Steyning Grammar School Taster Day	Christ's Hospital – Year 7 Open Morning			