



CHESSWOOD
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Communication
Edition 14
Friday 13th December 2019

Upcoming key dates for the diary (please see diary for extensive list):

Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December:
Carol Concerts St Georges Church

Thursday 19th December: Year 5 meeting for
Bristol 2020

Friday 20th December: Last day of term

Monday 6th January: Start of term

1. Friends of Chesswood – Christmas Fayre – All
2. Latest Correspondence – All – Information
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1. Friends of Chesswood – Christmas Fayre – All

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Thank you so much!



What will the funds raised be spent on?

For a while, we have been seeking to improve the outdoor environment at Chesswood. We have plenty of ideas and projects ready to go – the funds raised by the Friends of Chesswood are enabling us to get started. The first project we are keen to see completed during the Spring Term is to develop the environment area on the lower playground. Currently, it is unusable, but it is a great space which will be developed to vastly improve children's learning and enjoyment.

The Current Status



Our plans include –

Creating a pond area with decking platform for pond-dipping



Wildlife Areas



Bird Hide/ Shaded Play Area/ Outdoor Learning



Once completed, we will be seeking to develop play areas – tunnels, climbing poles, playground markings and more. Your support at events such as the Christmas Fayre really does make a difference. Thank you!

2. Latest Correspondence – All – Information

| Who needed it | Correspondence |
|---------------|---|
| All Parents | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday – Homework• Spring Clubs 2020• Parents Evening 21st and 23rd January• Presentation letter for Year 5 Bristol parents |

3. Clerk to the Governors Required – All

Chesswood Junior School is looking for a Clerk to the Governing Body who will be accountable to the Governing Body, working effectively with the Chair of Governors and with the Head Teacher and other Governors. The Clerk will be responsible for advising the Governing Body on constitutional matters, duties and powers and will work within the broad current legislative framework. S/he will secure the continuity of Governing Body business and observe confidential requirements. Full training will be provided for this 10 hour per month role, paid at £9.74 per hour. Further details will follow on our school website early next week.

4. Free School Meals Criteria – Information

We would like to appeal to families who meet the following criteria to register for free school meals. By registering your child, they do not need to have a free school meal but it does mean they will be entitled to an extra £1300 each year for at least six years to help support their learning and access to school activities:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support Under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to 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

The funding is used in a variety of ways with school to benefit registered children, such as:

- Additional support in school – teaching assistant support in the classroom; counselling services within school; pastoral support available every day
- High need, high support class – the funding also enables us to maintain a very small support class in Y6 which also reduces class sizes in all other classes within the year group. This very valuable arrangement could be extended if all eligible parents registered for FSM
- Tutorial support – there are up to two one-hour sessions available for children registered for FSM to enjoy and benefit from small group teaching sessions with their own class teacher
- Extra music support, i.e. Rocksteady
- Free breakfast club access with IXL club
- School visits: financial support available to ensure children can access day and residential visits

Your child does not have to have a free meal daily but if they would like to, the school will ensure one is available (with prior notice).

Please act now if you believe you would be eligible. If you need any help or have any questions, queries or concerns please contact Mrs Rainford (trainford@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk) within the school office.

5. Important Reminder – Pupil Absence from School – All

We are just sending out a reminder with regard to pupil absence and the ways that this can be reported to the school. We would ask each day that your child is off unwell for a message to be sent to the school via one of the three options detailed below (the exception to a daily message would be if your child is off school for a period of time that the school has already been notified about or holiday arrangements which have been requested in advance from the school).

Studybugs: This is a downloadable app available for smartphones. On here you are able to put the information onto the app for your child's absence and this will come directly through to the school.

Telephone message: By calling the school on the day of your child's absence the option for Absence is on the main answerphone and this records a message for the office to collect.

Email: The school office at office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk – please email the office instead of the pupil's class teacher.

The absence request forms are located on the school website under the heading of Parents and under the sub heading of Attendance in the following location:

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/form/?pid=203&form=19>

Please also ensure to let the school office know if you have changed any of your contact information so that we can keep our records up to date.

6. Christmas Card Competition – All

The Christmas Card Competition has been judged! A big congratulations to Gihansa Bandaranayake in 4SU who was the overall Chesswood winner, and has received 50 house points as well as her design on one of the five school Christmas cards! Further congratulations goes to Ayla Marchant in 3AG, Bella Freeman in 5KM and Herbie Blackburn in 6BP who are our year group winners, and have each received 40 house points. Another big thank you and well done goes to all who entered, who each have earned 20 house points for their wonderful entries.



Ricards Grundmanis
Max Henderson
Ava Yeates
Mehmet Efe Ozer
Eddie Hills
Barnaby Puplett
Summer Castillo
Idahlia Purser
Lola Gregory
Jess Freeman
Faith Beck
Mollie Stuart-Packham
Eduardo Cucco
Chloe Linberry
Oscar Macfarlane
Isla Steele
Cleo Blackburn
Sophie Croucher
Kane Pinder

Ayra Malik
Lucy Wallis
Alice Gledhill
Ethan Da Costa
Emi Landels-Cheeseley
Leah Viner
Delilah Denney
Maegan Panelo
Billie Stanley
Khier Jaboli
Alex Ware
Leia Shlovogt
George Tharby
Elizabeth Groves
Alice Wilson
Emily Mallia
Poppie Mahoney
Melody Andrews
Kit Daly-Kirk

Elliot Cates
Chloe De Guzman
Lottie Edwards
Louie Weaver
Summer Currier
Marnie Denney
Poppy Hills
Phoebe Sprankling
Kacper Lojek
Elisha Lewis-Gibbs
Nastia Malnac
Malwina Dabrowska
Helena Bartosik
Tiannie Abbott
Samantha Anyanwu
Daisy Hopson-Northam
Charlotte Giles
Janica Gorospe

7. Sports News

Dancemania XI:

Over 80 children danced on the stage on Monday evening in front of a very impressed and appreciative audience. We had groups and individuals from across all year groups performing their own choreographed pieces.



Legacy Leaders:

Our Legacy Leaders (Emily, Thomas and Vraj) went to Davison Sports Centre with their fellow leaders to help run a very successful KS1 Multi-skills festival.



Active Advent: It's the festive time of year but also time to keep active so again this year we are running the active advent – 6 simple exercises to complete each day over the advent period.

We would love to see as many pupils taking part as possible – the calendar is attached to the Newsletter this week – all pupils who complete all 24 days will receive 25 House points and if you send in a photo or video in with you doing an activity you will get a bonus 25 House Points.

If putting on twitter use #Activeadvent



Time to Dance Auditions:

If your child would like to audition for 2020 Time to Dance troop, they will need to prepare a piece to show on Monday 16th between 3.15-4.15pm in the gym to the piece of music sent home on SchoolsBuddy during the week.

If you cannot find the music search Sing, Sing, Sing on YouTube.

Out of School Achievements:

Jasper Harrison and Queenie Reid came 2nd in the BDO Streetdance World Championships last weekend in Telford, beating 8 crews for 2nd place.

**Upcoming Events:**

Monday 16th December – Time to Dance Auditions (Year 5 & 6 only) – Gym

8. External Events – All

Brunch With Santa

@ The Park View
Saturday 21st December
From 9:00am



Tickets only
Please book your table online at:
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Live Nativity
Leaving From
St George's Church
St George's Road BN11 2DS
Saturday 14th December
At 3pm
Follow the Star

Returning by 4.15pm for carols in the
stable with seasonal
refreshments

£2.35

Childrens Choice Menu
Thursday 16th January

Choose a main
Beef Burger in a Bun & Chips
Veggie Nuggets & Chips

on the side...
Baked Beans or Salad
Tomato Ketchup

for dessert...
Jammy Jack
(flapjack)

for a drink...
Blackcurrant Squash,
Milk or Water

To enjoy our Census Day Menu, please
order at www.mealselector.co.uk
by Sunday 5th January.
Please take note ordering is for KS2 children only.

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