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Weekly Communication Edition 15 Friday 20th December 2019

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

Monday 6th January - Back to school

Wednesday 15th January – Celebration of Learning

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 23rd
January – Parents Evening

1. Carol Concerts - All - Information

We would once again like to thank all staff, parents and all the children for making the Carol Concerts such a successful enjoyable occasion. There was so much in the concert, that demonstrates the impact of the drive we have had, not least building confidence in children, being inclusive and promoting a strong sense of community. We have had such positive response from parents and the local community, please see a selection of photos from our Carol Concerts below.



2. Latest Correspondence – All - Information

Who needed it	Correspondence
All Parents	Wednesday - HomeworkSpring Club Letter

3. Spring Clubs - All - Information

Spring Clubs are now available for Signup via SchoolsBuddy, please ensure you apply for your child's club before Tuesday 7th January more information can be found at https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Extracurricular+Clubs&pid=194

4. Volunteer Readers Needed - All

Can you spare a regular hour, one day a week, in the afternoon?

We are looking for volunteer readers to come and support readers throughout the school. You will be given a small group of children that you will support weekly, on a one-to-one basis, to help them develop their fluency and understanding of books/ no experience is necessary and you will be given some training so you are confident with what you are doing. Any friends of our school community are welcome; granddads and grandmas, parents, aunts and uncles, big brothers and sisters, neighbours ... You would all be welcomed and we hope you would find it rewarding too.

If you are interested please come into the office and sign up or contact Ms Monger by email at zmonger@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk and you will be able to start in a couple of weeks once the DBS check is complete.

5. Book amnesty and donations week 6th -10th January

We are looking to increase the stock of books in our library but before we do, we need to get a good picture of what our current stock looks like. Could you please help your child have a look at home to see if there are any Chesswood books they have forgotten to return to school. Reassure them that, even if it is a giant bag of them, we will just be delighted to have them returned!

We would also greatly appreciate any reading books in good condition that your child has outgrown and we will add them to our library for our children to enjoy.

6. 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

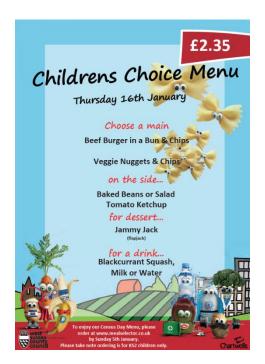
The funding is used in a variety of ways with school to benefit registered children, such as:

 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.

7. External Events – All – Information







We wish you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas Break and look forward to seeing you all in 2020

