

CHESSWOOD

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Weekly Communication Edition 16 Friday 10th January 2020

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

Wednesday 15th January – Celebration of Learning

Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd January – Parents Evening

Friday 24th January – Class Photos

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Who needed it	Correspondence
All Parents	 Wednesday - Homework Celebration of Learning Year 3 trip to Wakehurst Place Year 4 Carroty Wood residential – September 2020

1. Spring Clubs – All – Information

All clubs restart week commencing 13th January, you will have received confirmation of your child's clubs via SchoolsBuddy. Should you have any queries please contact Mrs Rainford at Reception. Please ensure your child is aware of clubs they are attending.

2. Autumn Achievement Report – All – Information

Autumn Achievement Reports were sent home in a sealed envelope with children this week; enclosed was a basic view report and a covering letter explaining how to access your child's more detailed report. Further details can be found on the school portal <u>https://foldr.chesswood.org.uk/home/files</u> Parent's Evening is currently available to book on SchoolsBuddy for either the evening of 21st or 23rd January and you are invited to view your child's books at the Celebration of Learning event on 15th January.

3. 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.

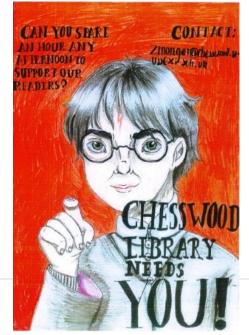
4. Volunteer Readers Needed – All

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 <u>zmonger@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</u> and you will be able to start in a couple of weeks once the DBS

check is complete.



5. Book Amnesty & Donations, 6th – 17th January – All

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. Sports News – All – Information

Swimming Gala Times:

Calling all strong swimmers – we are looking to select our gala teams for the upcoming school's gala in February and need the following information if your child is interested in being considered for the team. Year 3 & 4 pupils – 25 meter times for (one or all of the following strokes):

Front CrawlBreaststrokeBack stroke

Year 5 & 6 pupils – 50 meter times for (one or all of the following strokes):
Front CrawlBreaststrokeBack StrokeButterflyPlease could all times be completed on the forms below:
Lower School:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHSVOhcODPsVVTsPWOBFG-KOWsFZhL57zwZNIglkTO-bL7eA/viewform

Upper School: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHSVOhcODPsVVTsPWOBFG-</u> KOWsFZhL57zwZNIgIkTO-bL7eA/viewform

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 15th January – New Age Kurling 9.30-11.00 – The Vale Tuesday 21st – Y5 Netball League (Worthing College) Wednesday 22nd – Paralympic Festival (St Andrews) Thursday 23rd – Y5/6 Basketball Tournament (St Andrews) Tuesday 28th – Y6 Netball Tournament (tbc)

7. External Events – All – Information

