



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

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Last day of term**

1. Latest Correspondence – All – Information
2. Independent School Travel – All – Information
3. School Production JUMANJI Help Required – All – Information
4. Film Afternoon – All – Information
5. World Down Syndrome Day – All – Information
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7. 'Take The Dive' Skydive for Turning Tides Charity – All – Information
8. Easter Egg Competition – All – Information
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10. External Events – All – Information

## **1. Latest Correspondence – All – Information**

Who needed it	Correspondence
All Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday – Homework</li><li>• Jumanji Production – Help Required</li><li>• Corona Virus Update</li></ul>

## **2. Independent School Travel – All – Information**

We are sometimes asked when is it appropriate for a child to travel to school independently. We have set out some guidance that we think will be helpful to parents when faced with this tough dilemma – keeping your child safe whilst supporting increased independence (it is a tough one!)

The point at which a child may be ready to travel to school independently varies significantly and rests as much on maturity and character as it does on age. The actual journey that needs to be made by a child is also a key factor in the decision e.g. travelling from home on Chesswood Road with no road crossing compared to travelling from further afield. Ultimately, it is a parent decision. However, this guidance is set out to support parents in what is often a very difficult decision. The decision will rest on child's ability to:

- Manage known and arising risks sensibly
- Avoid creating risks for themselves or others

Although competing demands in busy lives can add pressure to making this type of decision, not to mention 'pester power' from children who strive for independence, this decision needs to be made on the level of risk rather than convenience.

We would recommend all parents thinking of working towards some form of independent travel e.g. dropping off away from the school gate to travelling home independently; read the guidance at: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Independent+School+Travel&pid=316>

### 3. School Production JUMANJI Help Required – All – Information

There will be a meeting next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March with Claire Cossins for anyone who is able to help make, paint, create props, costumes etc for the school production of Jumanji. The meeting shouldn't take too long – so please pop along to the music room at 3:30pm to 4:00pm. If you are able to help but are unavailable to come along to the meeting, please email [ccossins@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:ccossins@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk)

Once again your help is much appreciated.

### 4. Film Afternoon – All – Information

The film afternoon on 27<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed for the timebeing. We anticipate this will be rebooked before the end of term, and so will be holding onto any payments already made by parents for the event; once it has been rebooked, those who have already paid will be issued a ticket and those who have not yet paid will have the chance to book a place. If this causes any significant issues for any families, please let the school know and we can refund any payments. Thank you for your understanding.

### 5. World Down Syndrome Day – All – Information

World Down Syndrome Day is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, and is a global awareness event. We are celebrating this in school on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** by wearing our Odd Socks! Please see the below poster for more information:



Every year World Down Syndrome Day\* is celebrated on 21 March.

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**We are going to celebrate this again in school on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** by wearing our Odd Socks.**

This year's global theme is **'We Decide'**: *All people with Down syndrome should have full participation in decision making about matters relating to or affecting their lives – Down Syndrome International*



This year, Edward Richey, who has Down Syndrome, will be doing something slightly different. He will be writing a presentation to share with assemblies on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. This assembly will be about celebrating differences. This date is actually during **Autism Awareness Week**, so we will be celebrating all of our uniqueness, including those with certain differences such as Down Syndrome or Autism, among others. He will be joined by a number of other of our wonderful pupils from across the school.

We will share more about this event closer to the time.

**How can you support Edward and help spread the word about Down Syndrome?**

**By wearing **#LotsOfSocks!**** Not just any socks...wear brightly coloured, mis-matched socks.



**Anyone who comes into Chesswood School on Friday 20th March wearing odd socks will receive 10 House Points.**

## 6. Mayor's Swim Marathon – All – Information

Worthing Borough Council are holding a Charity Swim Marathon on 21<sup>st</sup> March from 4pm to 8pm, raising money for the NSPCC Speak Out project, West Sussex Mind for Families and Care for Veterans. To enrol, please visit <https://worthingmayorscharityswim.wordpress.com/2018/12/03/the-journey-begins/>

## 7. 'Take The Dive' Skydive for Turning Tides Charity – All – Information

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Turning Tides are holding a fundraiser challenging people to 'Take the Dive' and perform a skydive to raise money and end local homelessness. Turning Tides is Chesswood's core charity, and we invite parents to contact the charity directly if they would like to take part in this thrilling opportunity, whilst also raising much needed funds for the most disadvantaged people locally. Please see the poster below for further information and contact details for the charity.

**TAKE THE DIVE! TO END LOCAL HOMELESSNESS**

**SKY DIVE**  
**SATURDAY 25TH APRIL**  
**NETHERAVON WILTSHIRE**

REGISTRATION FEE  
**£50**

MINIMUM SPONSORSHIP  
**£400**

**ABBI IS WAITING FOR YOUR CALL!**  
**01903 680740 EXT 262**  
**ABBI.LAST@TURNING-TIDES.ORG.UK**

TURNINGTIDES  
ENDING LOCAL HOMELESSNESS

[WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/CAMPAIGN/2020SKYDIVE](http://WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/CAMPAIGN/2020SKYDIVE)

CHARITY REG NO: 102783

This could be you!

## 8. Easter Egg Competition – All – Information

SJM Electrical, a local company, are running an Easter Egg Competition until 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Children have the chance to design their own Easter Egg, and can collect a form from Reception if they do not already have one. Completed designs need to be dropped into the SJM box in Reception, and a representative from the company will be in to judge the winners! There will be one winner per year group.

## 9. Sports News – All – Information

### Year 3 Netball Skills Festival:

9 Year 3 pupils went to The Orchards to take part in a netball skills festival. The players worked on different areas of match play, passing skills and also gave a full 7-a-side match a go.

**Squad:** Lucy, Willow, Sophie, Jason, Katerina, Cleo, Jess, Grace and Erin

### Southern Area Basketball Tournament:



On the INSET day on Wednesday the team gave up their time to play in the Southern Area finals at The Littlehampton Academy against teams from Lancing to Littlehampton.

The team started very well with dominant wins over Holmbush Primary, White Meadows and St Margarets without conceding a point. Next was a tough match against TAB, followed by another strong win against Steyning. Buckingham Park beat

us by 2 points before another win against Eastbrook Primary.

The team won the competition overall meaning they advance to the Sussex finals in a few weeks time.

Seb was voted the 'Team Player' of the tournament for our team and George won MVP (Most Valuable Player) of the whole tournament.

**Team:** Maryam, Harry, Seb, George, Danny (captain) and Hope.



### Upcoming Events:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Football Tournament (Orchards)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Netball (2 teams – Worthing College) and Y5 Football Tournaments (West Park)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Y5 Football and Y6 Football (2 teams) Tournaments (West Park)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Netball (2 teams) (Worthing College) & Y3 Football (Orchards)

### Sports Club Cancellations:

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Upper School Netball and Girls Football**

### Year 5 Bikeability:

Y5 have their Bikeability training coming up in April – if you would like your child to take part in this (Y5 only) please complete the form below and return to Mr Quick.



## Parent/Guardian Information and Consent Form

### Please read carefully before signing.

To the Road Safety Officer

I consent to (name of child) ..... Date of Birth .....

Taking part in a Bikeability Scheme at (name of school) .....

Part or all of which will take place on the public highway.

- I undertake to ensure that the cycle is in a roadworthy condition each day.
- I understand that the cycle is taken on to school premises at my risk.
- Each day I will ensure that my child wears a correctly fitted cycle helmet which is in good condition and conforms to British Safety Standards.



Signed ..... Parent/Guardian

Date .....

### Year 5 Swimming:

As part of their PE curriculum Y5 will be going to Splashpoint Leisure Centre for swimming lessons starting **straight after the Easter holidays**.

Parents will receive further information on SchoolsBuddy regarding this – we are looking for volunteers to help walking the children to and from the pool – if you are able to help please contact your class teacher.

Monday afternoons 5CR and 5AL will be swimming.

Friday mornings 5EV, 5KM and 5NY will be swimming.

## 10. External Events – All – Information

**Easter Holiday Club**

**St George's Church**  
**St George's Road**  
**BN11 2DS**

**Saturday**  
**11th April**  
**10am-1pm**

For children of primary school age  
 No charge, donations appreciated.  
**Booking Essential!**

Crafts...Games...Story...Songs  
 Food...Loads of Fun!!!

For your booking form contact  
 Kathryn on 07594608590  
 or visit  
[www.stgeorgesworthing.org.uk](http://www.stgeorgesworthing.org.uk)

**aspens**  
 Care • Support • Empower

Each session is for 30 minutes. Please book an appointment in advance.

**Family Support Sessions**  
 offering professional and personalised advice for parents/carers and relatives who live with ASC and ADHD\*

Location: Heron's Dale School, Hawkins Crescent, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 6TN

9am – 11am	
Monday 11th	May 2020
Monday 8th	June 2020
Monday 13th	July 2020
Monday 14th	September 2020
Monday 12th	October 2020
Monday 9th	November 2020
Monday 14th	December 2020

Behaviour Specialist – Cathryn Tinker  
 Email: [familysupport@aspens.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@aspens.org.uk) or call 01243 214120

Additional Information: There is parking on the school site, additional parking can be found in nearby residential roads.

\*A formal diagnosis is not required for these appointments  
 These clinics are specifically for parents, carers and relatives, the appointments are not suitable for a child or young person to attend.

**ADUR**  
 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CENTRE

**Ages 8 – 13**

**School holiday clubs at the Adur Centre**  
 6-9 April & 14-17 April: 08:30 - 17:15  
 £38 Early Bird Rate (until 20 March) £42 full price

Find out more and book your adventure  
 0333 340 7100  
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