



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Chesswood after what we hope was a great summer holiday! We would like to extend a particular welcome to all our new families who have just joined the school.

We are sending this communication home paper copy, to ensure everyone receives it. Following this week, the communication will be sent home via email only, unless you do not have internet access – in this case, please contact Miss Taylor on reception and let her know that you will need a paper copy weekly. The communication is also uploaded to the Latest Correspondence section of the school website every week (<http://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Latest+Correspondence&pid=34>), together with the school diary (<http://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Termly+Diary&pid=189>). Please could we ask parents to ensure that you read the communication, together with the school diary, to ensure you are up to speed with the many events at school.

We send email communication every Friday afternoon. If you do not receive an email on Friday, something has gone wrong! If this happens, please contact Mrs Edwards on communication@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk to ensure it is resolved quickly and you are kept fully informed of all the good things happening at school. As of Friday 16th September, the weekly communication will be send from this email address, and NOT tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Term Dates 2016 - 17

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	INSET Days
Monday 5 th September to Friday 16 th December	Tuesday 3 rd January to Friday 7 th April	Monday 24 th April to Tuesday 25 th July	Monday 5 th September Wednesday 12 th October (this was changed from 5 th October due to London Residential visit) Wednesday 23 rd November Wednesday 15 th March Wednesday 12 th July
Half Term: 24 th October to 28 th October (back to school on Monday 31 st October)	Half Term: 20 th February to Friday 24 th February (back to school on Monday 27 th February)	Half Term: 29 th May to 2 nd June (back to school on Monday 5 th June) Bank Holidays: Monday 1 st May	

We would like to respectfully remind parents that the school will not authorise absence requests during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. These requests will be considered by the headteacher on a case by case basis.

At Chesswood we firmly believe that for all pupils to gain the greatest possible benefit from their education, both academically and social, regular school attendance is of vital importance. Attendance must remain at 96% as a minimum. Attendance below 96% increases the risk of children failing to meet reading, writing and maths expectations for their age. Non-attendance at school, even for short periods, can impact on academic achievement. Any absence also disrupts teaching and learning for others in the class as important work missed by an absent child will have to be addressed. Regular attendance is also important for setting an expectation for future patterns of behaviour as they become part of the working world. To this end, we will do all we can to encourage parents/carers to ensure that the children in their care achieve maximum possible attendance and that any problems that prevent full attendance are identified and acted on promptly.

Meet the Teacher Sessions: We would like to invite teachers to meet their child's class teacher next week. The sessions run from 3.30pm for approximately 30 minutes.

Year 3 - Monday, 12th September
Year 4 - Tuesday, 13th September
Year 5 - Thursday 15th September
Year 6 - Friday 16th September

Meet the Teacher sessions are a short presentation from teachers sharing information about the curriculum, homework and any other points they feel parents should be aware of. If you would like to attend, please proceed to your child's classroom once you have picked your child up from the playground.

After School Clubs: All children should have taken home the after school club letter and list this week. The deadline for applications is Monday at 3pm. The letter and list is enclosed with the communication, just in case you did not receive it. Please follow the relevant link to apply for clubs. If you do not have internet access at home, you are more than welcome to pop in to school on Monday morning to use a computer in the ICT Suite. Clubs are **NOT** allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Pupil Photographs, Monday, 12th September: The children will be having their photographs taken on Monday by Fraser Portraits. Please could you ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform.

Non Uniform Day, Friday 16th September: Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes on Friday, 16th September in return for a £1 donation. The money raised is to be donated to Chestnut Tree House.



Events, trips and online payments: This year Chesswood is launching a brand new online system for managing events. You will also be able to use this system to pay online for activity's and trips. Over the next week, you will receive a welcome email asking you to register online, you will also start receiving messages and notifications about events at Chesswood.

If you do not receive this email by Friday 16th September, please email bmiller@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk and we can check your details. Once registered you can download the Schools Buddy app from the Apple Store and connect it to your account. An Android app will be released in the near future.

We require all parents to register with Schools Buddy as once it has launched, we will no longer accept cash payments at school. Parents who do not have internet access at home are welcome to come in to school and use a computer in the ICT suite to register and make any payments in the future.

We will be holding an information session for parents on the new system, the date for this will be in next week's communication.

Hot School Meals: We would like to remind parents that hot school meals must be ordered at least two weeks in advance via Chartwells - <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/>. We are unable to provide a hot meal for children if they have not been pre-ordered.

If your child has food allergies and are having hot meals, please note that these allergies need to be discussed directly with Chartwells, in case a special diet plan is needed. This cannot be organised via the school. Contact Chartwells on 01243 836130 or email westsussex@chartwells.co.uk.

If you have any queries regarding the communication, please do not hesitate to contact the communications team on communication@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Kind regards.

Chesswood Communications Team



Dear

Year 4/5/6 – Open Netball Session

Your daughter has been selected by the Head of PE at their school to attend an open Netball session at on Friday 16th September 4pm -5.30pm at The Glynn Owen Centre Worthing High School South Farm Road Worthing BN14 7AR

The purpose of the session is to identify new members for the recently formed ANG netball club which runs on a Saturday morning 9.30- 10.30 at The Angmering School.

If you would like to come along to the session please complete the attached parental consent form and bring it along with you on the day. Thank you.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact either;

Nikki Gatland at ngatlandnetball@gmail.com or Ali Groves agroveswssa@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th September

Kind Regards

Ali Groves / Nikki Gatland



Open Netball Training Consent Form



School: _____

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

E mail address: _____

Tel number: _____

Emergency contact number: _____

Arrangements for collection at the end of the session:

Any known medical condition or medication:

(NB if your child suffers from asthma please ensure that they bring their inhaler to the sessions)

Please indicate if you give us permission to carry out any emergency medical attention if required (tick appropriate box)

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian

Date: _____



Coffee, Cake



Info & Networking

19th October 10.30am – 1.00pm

Worthing Rugby Club,
Roundstone Lane, Nr Littlehampton, BN16 4AX

LAROMA THERAPIES will be providing FREE taster Back and Shoulder massages as well as Indian Head massages during the event.

A chance to meet and chat with the following organisations too:

- * West Sussex Parent Carer Forum
- * Carers Health Team
- * Benefits Advisor
- * West Sussex Local Offer Team
- * SEND IAS
- * Ingfield Manor School for Parents
- * Carers Support West Sussex
- * Amaze- Compass Card
- * Reaching Families
- * Specialist Dental Nurse
- * Children & Family Centres
- * Family Fund
- * Farm Buddies

Find support, pick up information, and talk to the above organisations whilst enjoying coffee and cake and meeting other parents.



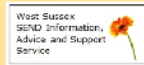
This is a **free** event where children are welcome.
Travel costs can be reimbursed for parent carers.

Informal updates from WSCC & WSPCF with an opportunity for you to share news and raise concerns.

Free Parking available

For more information please contact office@wspcf.org.uk or call 01903 726188

Next event 9th November – Jubilee Centre, East Grinstead



parents
FOR AUTISM



Monday 12th September 2016
Maybridge Community Church,
The Strand, Worthing, BN12 6DR
7.30pm – 9.15pm
(£1 donation)

Educational psychologist

Dr. Cate Mullen – Principal Educational Psychologist

Would you like to know more about what the role of an Educational Psychologist involves?

Cate will be available to explain more about her team in more detail and how they can support your children and young people.

If you would like further information please contact Lindsey at www.parentsforautism.org.uk or tel: 07876 196944 or join our facebook group Parents for Autism

