



Dear Parents,

Welcome to edition 2 of the weekly communication. Please ensure that you read the communication and school diary carefully to ensure you are up to date with all the many events etc. that are taking place at school.

Weekly Attendance Awards

Bright Sparks – Turn up, Turn up on Time, Turn up Ready for Action!

The following classes have won the year group attendance trophies for 6th – 9th September. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3GS 100% Amazing!	4NG 100% Fantastic!	5CR 99.6%	6HS & 6SU 100% Superb!

After School Clubs: Parents will receive notification today of the clubs that the children have been allocated to. Please note that if your child is going to attend a club provided by an external supplier, it is important that the club fees are paid on or before the first session. Failure to do this will result in your child's place being offered to another child on the waiting list..

Pupil Photographs: The children were given the proofs of their photographs to take home yesterday. All orders for photographs should be sent in to school by **3pm on Friday, 23rd September.**

Events, trips and online payments: Parents should have been receiving their Schools Buddy log-in registration communication this week. We would ask parents to register as soon as possible as we will be starting to use this system over the next few weeks..

If you have not received your registration email, 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.

Information sessions for parents regarding Schools Buddy are to be held on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd September in the ICT Suite, 9am – 9.30am.

Harvest

Worthing Churches Homeless Project will be leading a Harvest assembly for the children on Thursday 29th September. In support of the charity, we would like to ask our school community to donate an item from the list below. We would like the donations to be sent to school on **Wednesday, 28th September**, so that they can be arranged for the assembly the following day.

Supermarket items:

Any supermarket items are welcome (as long as they remain in date and do not require refrigeration!), the following items are particularly useful at this time:

Coffee
Sugar
Squash
Fruit juices
Biscuits
Any cleaning products, especially Washing powder
Toilet Rolls

Our current clothing wish list is:

Ladies trousers/jeans (medium sizes)

Non clothing items:

Saucepan's, any size
Baking trays in good condition
Toasters
Microwaves
Irons
Double sheets

If there are any parents who would be able to come to school on Wednesday 28th September to help organise the donations in preparation for the assembly, we would be most grateful. If you are able to help, please contact Tracy Edwards on **tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk**.

School Travel Survey: As we have nearly 200 new pupils to the school we would like to get a feel of how we could help improve how the pupils get to and from the school.

Please could you take 2 minutes to complete the online questionnaire below so we can try to make getting to and from school a much easier, safe and sustainable process. We can use the data collected to work with WSCC to improve the safety around the school entrances e.g. help make the main (front) pedestrian access larger or have 'In' and 'Out' gates etc.

<https://goo.gl/forms/JS9AduXzanYKsTx42>

Governing Body Vacancies: We have several vacancies on our Board of Governors. We need to fill these as soon as possible in order to operate in the most effective manner. There are many of you, either new parents at Chesswood or those who have been associated with the school for a few years that would make excellent governors. We can promise you that the role of a governor at Chesswood Junior School is varied, interesting and very rewarding.

In short, a school's Board of Governors has responsibility for, and works with the headteacher and senior staff, to ensure legal requirements are met regarding all aspects of school life for both pupils and staff. Governors also have oversight for ensuring all funds are spent in such a way to help ensure the best possible education for pupils.

Governors usually meet once a month, link with subjects and other aspects of school life and get involved with other school matters depending on the time you can offer. For more information, go to the school website and, on the 'Home Page', click on 'Meet the Governors'. In the welcome to parents, we explain who we are and what we do. You can also see details of current governors.

If you are interested in joining us and would like to know more, please contact Tracy Edwards on tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk (Clerk to Governors) or Chair of Governors (Robin Thelwell) via the school.

At the moment, the membership of the Board of Governors doesn't reflect the cultural diversity of our school. As such, we would ask that all parents consider becoming a governor. Many will have the skill, experiences and understanding derived from work or life in general, that would be of benefit to 'our team'.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Secondary Transfer, Year 6: Parents of Year 6 pupils were sent a letter on Monday from West Sussex County Council regarding the Secondary Transfer. The deadline of applying for your child's Secondary School place is **Monday, 31st October 2016.** Please be aware that if you miss this deadline, you risk your child being allocated to a different Secondary school that the one you would have chosen.

Applications are made online, please see the flyer below. If you feel that you may struggle with this process, there is support available for you and the details of this support can be found below. If you do not have access to a computer at home, you may use a computer in the ICT suite after 3.15pm.

Local Secondary schools will be holding Open events over the coming weeks. Please see dates below:

St Andrew's High School	Wednesday, 21 st September, 9am (Open Day) Tuesday, 4 th October, 6pm (Open Evening)
Worthing High School	Monday 26 th September – Thursday 29 th September, 9am (Open Morning Tours) Thursday 22 nd September, 4 – 7pm (Open Evening)
Davison High School	Monday 19 th – Tuesday 27 th September, 9am – 11.30am (Open Mornings) Tuesday 4 th October, 5.30pm – 8pm
Bohunt School	Monday 3 rd – Thursday 6 th October, 9am – 10.30am (Open Mornings – by appointment – please contact Bohunt directly) Wednesday 28 th September, 6pm – 9pm (Open Evening)
Durrington High School	Thursday 13 th and Friday 14 th October, 9am – 10am (Open Mornings) Thursday 6 th October, 6pm – 8pm

Year 6 visit to Worthing Library: Year 6 pupils will be visiting Worthing Library next week for an educational visit. The children will have taken home a letter from the Library regarding the visit. Children who are not yet members of the library can join during the visit, as long as parents have completed the form issued.

Traffic Signal Replacement: As part of the council's continuing work to improve the highways, work will be commencing at the Pedestrian crossing on Brighton Road, near Ham road. The work will start on 19th September is expected to take approximately two weeks. There will be a temporary pedestrian crossing in place.

Sports News

For the third year running the school has been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Mark. This is a nationally recognised award given to schools who offer a wide variety of sporting and leadership opportunities for their pupils.

We are very proud to have received this award again.

As Seen in PE

We love to celebrate our pupil's sporting achievements outside of school and promote them on our 'As Seen in PE' board in the Gym. If your child has won a competition / trophy then please send it in so we can help inspire others to give something new a go!

Clubs:

For all sporting/active clubs please ensure that your child has suitable clothing to take part.

For football and hockey activities shin pads (covered by long socks) are essential - gum shields for hockey are strongly advisable. If you do not have your own pair of shin pads the school do have a supply to borrow for the sessions.

Please make sure that your child(ren) do not leave the school site without the adult collecting them after a club. All clubs will be dismissed onto the front playground - please wait on the playground for your child.

A Reminder that Upper School Football will commence on Friday 30th September due to the Penalty Shootout competition taking place on the 23rd.

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