



Dear Parents,

Welcome to edition 5 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.

We would like to remind parents that the school office opening hours are 8.30am – 4.30pm. The office does get extremely busy before and after school and we would ask parents to please be patient whilst waiting to be seen. Thank you.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September. Well done!!**

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3TH 100%	4LS 98.6%	5CR 99.4%	6SU 98.1%
Amazing		Well Done	

**Non Uniform Day:** We are so pleased to say that we raised £446.84 from our recent non uniform day; the money has been donated to Chestnut Tree House. A big thank you to all the families who contributed to this worthy cause.

**INSET Day:** Just a reminder to families that Wednesday 12 October 2016 is an INSET day; school will be closed to pupils for Teacher training.

**Letters/Trip payments:** Please could we ask that any reply slips, trip payments etc. that are being returned to school are taken by your child to the class teacher. All classes have a folder in which reply slips etc. are collected each morning and then returned to the school office. Reply slips and letters should not be handed in to reception

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

If you are unsure of the process, please contact Tracy Edwards on [tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk).

**Cycle Helmets:** We would just like to remind families that if your child cycles to school we highly recommend that they must wear a cycle helmet. This is for their own protection and we must ask families to encourage your child to wear their helmet each time they cycle.

## Club Cancellations:

### Lower School Netball, Monday 10 October

If your child currently attends this club, please ensure that you have made alternative pick-up arrangements. Thank you.

### Department of Education Census

Thank you to the parents who completed the Department of Education Census survey recently; 251 results were received from the 555 pupils we have in school. The survey is part of the Census required by the Department of Education and therefore **it is vital that all families complete it.** This is a statutory requirement under Section 537A of the Education Act 1996 to provide them with data – this is done on a termly basis.

We will keep this survey open for the remainder of the families to complete, as we still need the information to put on file. Please could you complete the survey by using the link below; you only need to do the survey once. Thank you for your co-operation.

<http://survey.chesswood.org.uk>

**Half Term and Holiday Courses:** Premier Sport will once again be running a holiday club at Chesswood during the October half term and again during the February half term. Bookings can be made for both by following this link: [Premier Sport – Chesswood Primary School Holiday Courses](#)

For further information, please see the letter and timetable at the end of the newsletter.

**Rail Strikes:** The RMT union has announced that it plans industrial action on the following dates:

- Tuesday 11 October until Thursday 13 October
- Tuesday 18 October until Thursday 20 October
- Thursday 3 November until Saturday 5 November
- Tuesday 22 November until Wednesday 23 November
- Tuesday 6 December until Thursday 8 December
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If these strikes go ahead they will have a significant effect on services, and Southern Rail regret the potentially considerable disruption and inconvenience to students, families and staff who rely on their services. They are working on plans to operate the fullest service they can, and will publish details as soon as possible on their web site at <http://www.southernrailway.com/your-journey/strike>.

**Snow Dogs by the Sea:** The [Martlets Hospice](#) has teamed up with [Wild in Art](#) and Penguin to stage an extraordinary public art trail in Brighton & Hove. The magical sculpture trail features 45 giant Snowdog sculptures, inspired by the much loved animated short film, The Snowman™ and The Snowdog .

Our Snowdogs, beautifully decorated by artists and generously sponsored by [local businesses](#), will be on show from Saturday 24th September to 27th November across Brighton & Hove. There will even be a Snowdog at London's Victoria Station!

They are joined by a pack of 20 Snowdog puppy sculptures designed by local school children, which are on show for the duration of the trail, at Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, Booth Museum of Natural History, Hove Library, Hove Museum and Jubilee Library.

At the end of the trail sculptures will be auctioned to raise funds for [Martlets Hospice](#).



**Governing Body Vacancies:** We have several vacancies on our Board of Governors.

Working closely with the headteacher and school staff, Governors are responsible for:

- Making sure the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the headteacher to account for the school's performance
- Making sure the school's money is well spent

Being a Governor is a great way to get involved in the work of the school and to help it succeed. Governors also gain experience and skills that can be useful in the workplace. In return, you would need to be available to attend evening meetings at least once a month, and to take the time to read paperwork in advance. Being able to visit the school during the day from time to time is also highly desirable.

People from all walks of life can make a valuable contribution to the Board of Governors – no previous experience or knowledge is required. However, we would particularly welcome applicants with expertise in the following areas:

- Project management
- Human resources
- Health and safety at work
- Construction, building maintenance and estate management

We want the Board of Governors to represent the full cultural diversity of the school, and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds.

Most of the current Governors are parents of children at the school, and we try to be a friendly and inclusive group. If you would like to join or want to know more, please contact Tracy Edwards (Clerk to Governors) on [tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:tedwards@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk), or the Chair of Governors, Simon Broadhurst, via the school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

### **Celebrating Children's Achievements**

It is very important that Chesswood celebrates the achievements of its pupils, not just within school, but outside of school as well. Many of our pupils take part in numerous activities outside of school and regularly achieve fantastic results! If your child has achieved something outside of school that you feel we should know about, please contact Sophie Taylor on [staylor@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:staylor@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk)

A big congratulations to Aiden Souter who has been awarded Southern Water's *Learn to Swim Achiever of the Year 2016*.

Also congratulations to Robyn-Leigh Jones who has successfully completed her grading for her 1st Kyu (red, white and blue belt), at Karate on Sunday 2nd October. She has now begun training for her final belt (black). Robyn-Leigh is now also an assistant teacher for her fellow students at her Tuesday class.

**School Christmas Fair:** Our Christmas Fair this year is to be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 and its time to start thinking about it! We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas of what you would like to see and enjoy at the fair. Any families who have any ideas, or who would be willing to help and/or contribute, please contact the school office on [office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Sports News

### **Year 6 Netball League:**

With most of the Year 6s on Residential we had lots of players (mainly Year 5) stepped up to fill the team. It was a tough challenge for the players but they put up a good fight against Durrington and English Martyrs.

Team: Mya, Ella, Emine, Alara, Will, Jes and Rachel.

### **Year 4 Girls 6-a-side Football:**

After only 2 training sessions together 7 girls from Years 3 & 4 went to try and retain our trophy from last year.

It was a bit of a shock to the system during the first game, which unfortunately we lost, but this seem to wake the girls up. The next 4 games were unbeaten with 2 draws and 2 wins with spirited performances and determined play. A loss and a draw finished the competition with a total of 21 points which meant a joint 4th placed finish.

Team: Judy (GK), Sorrell, Doris, Tegan, Isabella, Millie and Harriet.



### **Upcoming Events: (Please check SchoolsBuddy)**

Year 5 Football League 11th Oct & 8th Nov

Year 6 Netball League 11th Oct

Year 6 Football League 18th Oct

Cross Country 5th November (Saturday morning)

### **Clubs:**

For all football and hockey clubs please ensure that your child has long socks (their PE socks are fine) to cover shin pads.

There will be no Lower School Netball on Monday 10th October - Mr Quick is on a course.

### **Dancemania V**

For those who love to dance - we hold Dancemania twice a year for the children to express themselves on Davison High School stage. For this term the date is Thursday 17th November in the evening. For those new to the school this event is completely pupil lead, where groups of pupils get together to rehearse and prepare before showing to an audience and their peers.







# No

Trick or treaters  
Please



Remember to be polite  
on Hallowe'en night!

## CHESSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL – FOOTBALL AND MULTI-ACTIVITY OCTOBER HOLIDAY COURSES

TIME / DAY	FOOTBALL FUN MONDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER		TRICK OR TRICK TUESDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER		WICKED WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	
09:00 – 09:20 <b>Registration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration and check contact details</li> <li>Plan of the Day and Teambuilding games</li> </ul> Location – Register in the small hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration and check contact details</li> <li>Plan of the Day and Teambuilding games</li> </ul> Location – Register in the small hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration and check contact details</li> <li>Plan of the Day and Teambuilding games</li> </ul> Location – Register in the small hall	
9:20 – 10:20 <b>Energy games</b>	Game 1 – Traffic Lights Game 2 – King of the Ring Game 3 – Messi Madness Location – Outside on school field		Game 1 – Dome and Dishes Game 2 – 3 in a row Game 3 – Bib Attack Location – Outside on school field or small hall		Game 1 – Bulldog Game 2 – Treasure Hunt Game 3 – Human Connect 4 Location – Outside on school field or small hall	
10:20 – 10:30 <b>Break</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snack and Drink</li> <li>Teams allocated</li> </ul> Location – small hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snack and Drink</li> <li>Teams allocated</li> </ul> Location – small hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snack and Drink</li> <li>Teams allocated</li> </ul> Location – small hall	
10:30 – 11:15 <b>Session 1</b>	<b>FOOTBALL:</b> Dribbling and Passing Outside on school field	<b>FOOTBALL:</b> Skills Workshop Outside on school field	<b>FENCING:</b> On Guard Outside or small hall	<b>GYMNASTICS:</b> Routine work Small hall	<b>FOOTBALL:</b> Messi Madness Outside	<b>DANCE:</b> Halloween Showtime small hall
11:15 – 12:00 <b>Session 2</b>	<b>FOOTBALL:</b> Skills Workshop Outside on school field	<b>FOOTBALL:</b> Dribbling and Passing Outside on school field	<b>BASKETBALL &amp; NETBALL:</b> Shoot some hoops Outside or small hall		<b>ARROWS ARCHERY:</b> Bullseye Outside or small hall	
12:00 – 1:00 <b>Lunch &amp; lunchtime activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Free time / Penalty Shoot Out / Crossbar Challenge</li> </ul> Location – small hall and outside on school field		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Free time / Obstacle Course / Football</li> </ul> Location – small hall and outside on school field		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Free time / Multi Sports / Football</li> </ul> Location – small hall and outside on school field	
1:00 – 1:55 <b>Session 3</b>	<b>FOOTBALL:</b> Attacking and Defending Outside on school field	<b>FOOTBALL:</b> Beat the Keeper Outside on school field	<b>TEAM CHALLENGE:</b> Outside or small hall	<b>PARACHUTE GAMES:</b> Outside or small hall	<b>TEAM CHALLENGE:</b> Outside or small hall	<b>ATHLETICS:</b> Road from Rio Outside or small hall
1:55 – 2:10 <b>Break</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snack and Drink</li> </ul> Location – small hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snack and Drink</li> </ul> Location – small hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snack and Drink</li> </ul> Location – small hall	
2:10 – 3:15 <b>Totally tournaments</b>	<b>TOTALLY TOURNAMENTS:</b> Football Matches Outside on school field		<b>TOTALLY TOURNAMENTS:</b> Dodgeball & Handball Small hall		<b>HALLOWEEN SPECIAL:</b> Treat or Trick 'Multi-Activities' Outside on school field or small hall	
3:15 – 3:30 <b>De-registration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football Quiz and Children signed out</li> </ul> Location – small hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Quiz and Children signed out</li> </ul> Location – small hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports / Halloween Quiz and Children signed out</li> </ul> Location – small hall	

• All activities subject to change and weather dependent