



Dear Parents,

Welcome to edition 7 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 10th – 14th October. Well done!!

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3GS 99.5%	4LS 99.1%	5ZM 100% Amazing	6HS & 6TS 98.3%

Christmas Card Competition: Dust off those colouring pens and enter our Chesswood 2016 Christmas Card Competition. Entries must be drawn full size on A4 paper, bright and colourful, with your name and class written clearly on the back. **Please do not make an actual card.** We are looking for designs to reflect the magic and meaning of Christmas for children. All entries will receive 10 house points. The top 5 short listed entries will receive 20 house points. The winning entry will be used for the school Christmas card. The Christmas card will be sent out to various people within our local community. As many entries as possible will be used as artwork for our Carol Service programme.

Entries must be sent to the school office by 12:00 p.m. Friday 25th November.

New Absence Request form:

Only under exceptional circumstances (rare, significant and unavoidable) may pupils be granted absence from school, to request this we have a new form available online or download a copy to fill out and return to the Administration Team.

Please use the form at this address to request permission for an exceptional reason (hopefully you won't need to use it!)

<http://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/form/?pid=4&form=10>

INSET DAYS

We have been asked a number of times recently about the choice of Wednesday for INSET days. We choose Wednesdays, not to inconvenience parents – although we are aware that it can but to ensure all teaching staff are present. This is due to the arrangements we have with part time teachers who work three days per week – all of whom work on a Wednesday. Given the inconvenience this can cause we hope to arrange child care for families who need it. The charge will be £25 for care between 7:30 – 3:30 (to include breakfast). We hope to include a range of activities of interest to children. Watch out for the letter in the first week after half term seeking to know how many families would be interested in the service – numbers will be limited and based on a first come first served basis for paid bookings.

Sports News

Year 6 Central Venue Football League

The team got off to a very promising start of the league with 3 fantastic performances against TAB, Durrington and English Martyrs. Their first game was a competitive draw against TAB, then a 3-0 victory over Durrington with Tom scoring 2 and Michael adding the third. In the final game of the afternoon against English Martyrs we took the lead with a goal from Henry but got pegged back before conceding a last second penalty to lose the match 2-1.

Team: Felix, Toby, Cameron, Rhys, Henry, Kai, Tom and Michael.

Year 4 Netball Festival

With a chance to get some match play under their belts a group from the lower school netball club went to Worthing College as a learning experience with 11 other schools. For all the players this was the first real experience of netball with full positions and rotations. All the players coped very well and improved their game throughout the afternoon.

Squad: Astrid, Mia, Tegan, Rosie, Lilly, Amber, Eric and Eddie .



Upcoming PE/School Sport Events

Year 6 Netball - Tuesday 1st Nov

Y6 Girls Football - Wednesday 2nd Nov

Cross Country (All Years) - Saturday 5th Nov

Inter-House Indoor Athletics - Monday 7th Nov

Year 5 Netball and Football Leagues - Tuesday 8th Nov

Clubs

There will be no Lower School Netball or Upper School Hockey on Monday 7th November.

AScURE WSCC Parents course:

Please find attached to email with newsletter details of a course run by WSCC to assist parents of children with an Autism Spectrum Condition.

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 Miss Taylor on staylor@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Congratulations to Leon Taylor in Year 6 who won 9 swimming medals in the Sussex County competition, and the trophy for 'top boy'.



Staff Vacancy:

Cleaner Required

We wish to appoint an efficient and reliable cleaner with a positive 'can-do' approach and a keen eye for detail and cleanliness.

The position is all year round, working for 3 hours each day, Monday to Friday, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with flexible working hours during the school holidays. The salary is WSCC grade 2, currently £14771 pro rata. The inclusive hourly rate is £8.58.

Chesswood Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and expects all staff to share that commitment. The post will be subject to satisfactory references and health check. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhance Disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service prior to starting work.

An application form and job description can be found on our school web-site www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk. or a paper copy will be available to collect from the school reception. The closing date for applications will be 10 a.m. Tuesday 1st November and interviews will be held on Monday 7th November.



LOVE
SCHOOL
- Meals -



WE'RE ALL EARS

National School Meals Week is fast approaching and our experience shows that it's the perfect time to get feedback from parents on how we're doing with the provision of school meals.

Join in with our 'We're All Ears' parent survey which will be running between **Monday 31st October – Sunday 13th November 2016**, which coincides with National School Meals Week (31st October – 4th November). This year the questionnaire is going to be hosted online and can be accessed via the link below:

www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk/nsmw

For those that took part last year, it follows the same format to allow the reporting of year-on-year movements against each question. We will also be including some new questions to gain insight on eating at home.

What Happens Next?

We will be sending an e-shot with a direct link to the survey to our Love School Meals database of 45,000+ parents on **Monday 31st October** (the start of National School Meals Week). It will be sent again as a reminder to those who did not open the first e-shot, this will be in the second week of the survey (**Thursday 10th November**).

We would really appreciate it if you could use the attached assets and upload to your [schools website](#) or include on any parent communication e.g. parent newsletters, between Friday 14th October and Friday 11th November.

In addition we will also:

- Send you the e-shot with the survey link so that your team can forward on to your parent databases
- Advertise the survey on our parent online payment portals with a direct link-through to the questionnaire where possible
- Utilise the Love School Meals social media accounts (Twitter & Facebook) to send the survey link directly to followers

We're also giving away the chance to win a share of **£2,500**. All completed online entries received by **Sunday 13th November** will be entered into a free prize draw. We are giving away:

- 1 x Family break up to value of £500 (UK)
- 2 x Family annual theme park passes
- 3 x £100 M&S vouchers
- 6 x £50 Love to Shop vouchers

When all feedback has been analysed, [Chartwells](#) will provide an overall report of the results and a regional report for each contract that receives 100+ responses. It's an opportunity for you to gain valuable insight into parents' views and opinions on our school meals provision, which will be used in the development of our initiatives going forward.

All you have to do is let us know that you're comfortable with all of the detail and support in sharing the survey link with parents and we'll do the rest!

Remember to
Speak out. Stay safe.



If you're worried about something
speak out to a grown up you can trust,
or talk to Childline on **0800 1111**.

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR