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Weekly Communication Edition 28 Friday 5th May 2017

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

Monday 8th – Thursday – Year 6 SATS

Monday 8th - 5SW & 5ZM Swimming

Tuesday 9th – 5SB, 5CW & 5CR Swimming

Thursday 11th – Friends of Chesswood meeting to discuss fundraising

1. Weekly attendance - ALL - Information

Bright Sparks - Turn up, Turn up on Time, Turn up Ready for Action! The following classes have won the year group attendance trophies for 24th April to 28th April 2017. Well done! Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 3GS 4AL 5CR 6TS 97.4% 97.8% 98.9% 98.1%

2. Inset date change – All - Information

A letter has gone home this week informing parents that the last inset day of this academic year will now be Tuesday 25th July, this has moved from Wednesday 19th July.

3. Wizard of Oz – All - Information

Mrs Cossins' is looking for helpers for the school production of Wizard of Oz. She is holding a meeting on Wednesday 17th from 3:30pm. We also need helpers for the production evenings. If you are available, please email: ccossins@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

4. Poster Competition - All - Information

All pupils are invited to enter our school poster competition; the winning design will be on display in reception and will also be the screensaver on all computers in the school. Your design needs to have the school motto "Dream, aspire, achieve" and be on an A4 piece of paper, which must be landscape.

Entries need to be handed to Miss Taylor by Friday 12th May.

5. Sports News - All - Information

Gifted & Talented Indoor Athletics – Last Friday 6 of our athletes took part in a pentathlon of indoor athletics events against some top pupils from TAB, Goring Primary, Broadwater and The Vale. Each of our athletes put everything into the competition with individual events wins for George in the chest push, Cameron in the long jump and sprint, Oscar top in speed bounce and vertical jump and Olanna also the fastest sprinter.

Once all events were completed the points were totalled up and our lower school athletes did fantastically well – our girls Elsie (12th), Olanna (5th) and Lianne was overall winner (by just one point). Our boys George was 7th, Oscar runner up to the champion Cameron.







Tri-Golf

We entered three teams in the tri-golf event from Y4, of the 30 pupils taking part nearly 50% of them this was their first competition representing the school.

Each team took part in six different activities testing both putting and chipping skills.

The event had two other schools taking part to see who would go through to the next round of the competition in June.

Final results saw our White team in 5th place, followed by the Reds in 3rd and our Blue Team were winners overall.



Upcoming Events for the diary: Please check SchoolsBuddy for invites

Tuesday 9th & 16th May – Y3 Football League (Worthing Leisure Centre)

Thursday 11th May – Y3/4 Quad Kids Athletics (Chesswood)

Thursday 18th May – Y5/6 Quad Kids Athletics (West Park)

Club Cancellations – Lower School Athletics – Thursday 11th May

Sports Days:

This year sports days will be taking place on Monday mornings, each year group has their own sports day, which will run from 9.30-11.15am. All pupils take part in a round robin of sports skills followed by graded sprint races, a distance race and a relay. There is also the chance for parents to participate too (so remember your trainers!!!).

Dates:

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Year } 6 - 12^{th} \mbox{ June} & \mbox{Year } 5 - 19^{th} \mbox{ June} \\ \mbox{Year } 4 - 26^{th} \mbox{ June} & \mbox{Year } 3 - 3^{rd} \mbox{ July} \\ \end{array}$

Swimming: Monday - 5SW and 5ZM - 5ZM will be back a little later than the end of the day between 3.30-3.40pm.

Tuesday - 5SB, 5CW and 5CR - 5CR will be back a little later than the end of the day between 3.30-3.40pm.

6. Friends of Chesswood – All - Action

There will be a Friends of Chesswood meeting on Thursday 11th May at 3.30pm in the staff room, all parents are invited. This meeting will be to discuss fundraising ideas, arrangements of upcoming events and to form a core committee.

7. Police press release - All - Information

Please find below a press release from Worthing police in regards to an incident that took place yesterday:

Police arrested a man in Worthing after two reports of a suspect with a gun in the town on Thursday.

Officers attended and took the decision to keep children, staff and parents inside at two local primary schools while a search of the area was carried out. Once satisfied that the area was safe the schools allowed children to be collected as normal.

Detective Constable Sebastian Day said: "Officers believe the man arrested is the same one who had been reported in Victoria Park earlier in the afternoon. We can reassure the parents and pupils of local schools, and the wider public in general, that the item seized from the suspect is described as a plastic imitation gun."

8. Parking reminder - All - Information

We have had a polite request from Dolphin Day Nursery in Chesswood Road to ask for our parents to not park in their car park whilst waiting for the children to come out of school. It is a private car park for the use of Dolphin Nursery staff only.

9. External events - All - Information

This Saturday, 6th May, there will be a public meeting at the Assembly Hall, Worthing from 2pm until 4pm, to discuss the issue of fairer funding in our schools.

This is a parent-led campaign to oppose funding cuts, which have such a significant impact on schools' budgets. There will be special guest speakers and the meeting will provide the opportunity for parents, grandparents, carers and any concerned parties to express their opinions.

Worthing Library information:



Can you spare some time this summer to help children enjoy reading?

We are looking for volunteers to help us run the Summer Reading Challenge in libraries. We need volunteers who can help families register to take part, listen to children talk about books they have read and hand out rewards and encourage children to keep reading.



Whether you have a little or a lot of time to spare, if you're interested in helping families enjoy reading we want to hear from you! Find out more online, or ask in your local library.

10. School Journeys - All - Action

It's National Walk to School week on 15th-19th May and we would like as many pupils as possible to use active and sustainable ways of travelling to school during this week.

Throughout the week the pupils will be asked to complete their form of travel to school – if they manage an active way of traveling then they will receive a badge. Active and sustainable ways or traveling include walking, cycling, scooting, park and stride (where at least a 5 minute walk is part of the journey – so parking further away than Chesswood Road/Ladydell Road/Homefield Road and walking the rest of the way.

Poster Competition:

We are also holding a poster competition during the week where pupils can design posters for one of the following categories:

1. Encouraging walking to school



2. Keeping off School Keep Clear Road Markings



3. Reducing Speed Around the School Entrance – e.g. 20s plenty



Entries will need to be handed to Mr Quick by Friday 19th May – winners will be announced shortly after – winning posters will displayed around and outside school.

11. Stationery Sale – All - Action

You can now purchase reasonably priced stationery from the school office. This is available everyday.

