



CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Communication Edition 2 Friday 15th September 2017

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

**Monday 18th September – Clubs
commence**

**Tuesday 26th September – Year 5
Pop-Up planetarium**

**Thursday 28th September – Select
Year 3 classes – Marwell Zoo**

**Friday 29th September – Select Year
3 classes – Marwell Zoo**

1. **Children subject to care arrangements – Action – All**
2. **Safety – users of scooters or bicycles – Action**
3. **Secondary Transfer – Year 6 – Action**
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1. Children subject to care arrangements – Action – All

Children subject to care arrangements, ever in care, special guardianship or residence order

If you are currently parenting a child that the following applies to:

Your child:

- has left local-authority care as a result of one of the following:
 - o adoption
 - o a special guardianship order
 - o a child arrangements order (previously known as a residence order)
- has been in local-authority care for 1 day or more
- was recorded as both eligible for FSM in the last 6 years and as being looked after (or as having left local-authority care)

If the criteria above apply to any child then the school would receive a pupil premium grant (£1900) to provide support – a support package would be discussed and agreed between the parent and the school. The grant would be made every year at this school and future schools (unless the government changes or ceases the current policy).

Please contact the head teacher as a matter of urgency if the above applies – initially we would meet to chat through any aspects of school life or learning that could be improved and the possibilities for support available.

2. Safety – users of scooters or bicycles – Action

Unfortunately within the past year bicycles and particularly scooters have been taken from the school premises when left over night or over a weekend. Clearly it is too much of a temptation for some in the local community to leave children's stuff alone. We have not had a scooter stolen from the premises during the day, although occasionally children take the wrong one!

Please ensure that your child:

- Always take their bicycle or scooter home at the end of every day
- has a security lock for their bicycle or scooter that they use every time they bring it to school

Both bicycles and scooters are left at owners risk on school premises and it is also very upsetting to children and families when their 'wheels' go missing please do everything possible to help your child protect their belongings.

3. Secondary Transfer – Year 6 – Action

Parents of Year 6 pupils were sent a letter this week from West Sussex County Council regarding the Secondary Transfer. The deadline of applying for your child's Secondary School place is 31st October 2017. 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.

4. Medical & Hygiene reminder – All - Action

At the start of term there have been a notable number of absences reported due to children experiencing stomach bugs and sickness and diarrhoea. As you will be aware, any absence or lateness can have a negative impact on children's learning and we would like to work with you to ensure we reduce the risk of illness and increase attendance for all children. We have two posters being displayed around the school and we have watched a video with all children alongside showing them a practical demonstration on how best to clean hands, keep germs away and keep themselves and others healthy. We have included the posters below for you to chat to your child about – if every family promotes this the number of children experiencing sickness will almost certainly reduce – please help us help your child remain healthy.

Please watch the video below with your child and ensure they understand the importance of good hand hygiene and are able to wash hands in the germ busting way!

The video is designed for a younger age group but is the best I have found to get a clear message across. We do not use towels for drying in school, we cannot afford paper towels and so children use hand driers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07YNCFS0il>

Other videos are available from North America and are broadly suitable – we recommend adults watch these videos prior to watching with children:

Germ Smart – Wash Hand <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoxdS4eXy18>

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=how+to+wash+hands+properly+video+for+children&adlt=strict&view=detail&mid=F4CB59F4FEC9CA74097DF4CB59F4FEC9CA74097D&FORM=VRDGAR>



Wet

NHS



Soap



Wash



Rinse



Dry

Stop germs spreading.
The power is in your hands.

Have you washed your germs away? Wash your hands.

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Dream Aspire Achieve



**Be part of
the
Chesswood
team.**



**Keep
yourself and
others
healthy.**



**Wash your hands carefully
Stop Germs from Spreading!**

Germ Farm



Dream Aspire Achieve

5. Sports New – All – Information

Clubs

Fantastic to see so many children taking the opportunity to sign up for active clubs this term – we have managed to accommodate over 430 pupil places in clubs this term and several clubs have waiting lists!

Active 60 Minutes

Keeping active is very important not only for a healthy body but a healthy mind, the Government are promoting an Active 60 minutes a day for children (more details can be found here

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/activities#xvFEXTjw6gTDvKJp.97>)

At School apart from being active in PE lessons the children have the opportunity to take part in active sessions during their lunch break. On the Lower School Playground we have trained over 20 Y6 pupils to deliver fun games during lunch where anybody can join in (this will be starting on Friday 15th September). On the Upper School we will be have organised sport sessions everyday including football and uni-hoc.

Parents / Carers you can do your bit to help too – walking to school wherever possible, going to the park afterschool, going out on scooters or bikes or try a new sport together!

Also, it's not only the children that need to keep active – are you doing your brisk 10 minutes of walking a day? (<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/active10/home#pJemHUBpq8HHpVmH.97>).



Play Leader Training

23 Year 6 pupils were trained over 2 afternoons to help deliver fun active play sessions on the Lower School playground at lunchtime.

Our Play Leaders are: Rupert, Dulcie, Jes, Louise, Eleanor, Imogen, Coleen, Evie, Maija, Aneesha, Jack L, John, Oscar L, Daisy-Mae, Max M, Mizuki, Alfred, Maya, Amelie, Isabel, Christelle, Roxy, Jack V, Sophie.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 19th: Y6 Football League (Worthing FC)

Thursday 21st: Y5 Penalty Shootout (Broadwater CofE)

Friday 22nd: Y6 Penalty Shootout (Broadwater CofE)

Tuesday 26th: Y5 Football League (Worthing FC) & Y6 Netball League (Worthing College).

Wednesday 27th: Hockey Workshop (selected pupils) – no other hockey club on that day.

6. Cleaner Vacancy – All – Information

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 2 ½ hours each day, Monday to Friday, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with flexible working hours during the school holidays. The salary is WSCC grade 2, currently £15246 pro rata. The inclusive hourly rate is £8.86.

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.

Closing date for applications: 9 a.m. Wednesday 27 September 2017

Interview date: Friday 29 September 2017

Start date: Monday 16 October 2017

7. Music Lessons – All – Information

We have a variety of external music teachers visit Chesswood, please contact them directly for prices and dates:

List of music and instrumental teachers

	<p>Claire Cossins</p> <p>Chesswood music curriculum teacher and co-ordinator. Leads all choirs: Boys, Whole School, Community, Filipino. All other music clubs: Recorder, Samba, Digital Music, Musical Theatre and School Productions</p> <p>Email: ccossins@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk</p>		<p>Brett Miles</p> <p>Drum teacher</p> <p>E-mail: brettmiles@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>Phone: 07584075521</p>
	<p>Chris Terry</p> <p>Brass teacher</p> <p>E-mail: chris.p.terry.ct@gmail.com</p> <p>Phone: 07443505533</p>		<p>Melody Pryce</p> <p>Violin and strings teacher</p> <p>E-mail: melody.pryce@westsussexmusic.co.uk</p>
	<p>Emily Williams</p> <p>Piano teacher</p> <p>E-mail: music@stevewilliams.co.uk</p> <p>Phone: 07769158865</p>		<p>Anne Whiteside</p> <p>Keyboard and flute teacher</p> <p>E-mail: Annewhiteside@hotmail.com</p> <p>Phone: 07853855154</p>
	<p>Peter Marchant</p> <p>Guitar teacher (Acoustic, Electric and Ukulele)</p> <p>E-mail: petermarchant19@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>Phone: 07876597559</p>		<p>Isobel Cooper</p> <p>Cello teacher</p> <p>Isobel.cooper@westsussexmusic.co.uk</p>

8. School Dinners – All – Information

Chartwells are holding an Italian Day to order please visit their website: www.mealselector.co.uk by 24th September. If your child receives free school meals, this will be ordered as normal for them.



9. External events – All – Information



Workshop for Parent Carers

Transferring from a Statement of Education to an Education and Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

 Got the letter? Not sure what to do? Need help?

This workshop will help you to:

- Understand how the transfer process works
- Information on the legality of the process
- Learn about 'Outcomes' and their purpose
- Feel more involved in the process
- Hear some 'top tips' to help you

Book your ticket by clicking on the preferred link below:

18 September 2017 10-12pm	Broadfield Library, RH11 7BA	https://transition18092017.eventbrite.co.uk
28th September 2017 7-9pm	Durrington Community Centre, BN13 3ED	https://transition280917.eventbrite.co.uk
12 th October 2017 10-12pm	Chequer Mead Theatre, East Grinstead, RH19 3BS	https://transition121017.eventbrite.co.uk
20 th October 2017 10-12pm	HAMSA, Community Resource Building, Burgess Hill, RH15 9NN	https://transition201017.eventbrite.co.uk
24 th October 2017 7-9pm	Roffey Millenium Hall, Horsham	https://transition241017.eventbrite.co.uk
6 th November 2017 10-12pm	South Downs National Authority, Midhurst, GU29 9DH	https://transition061117.eventbrite.co.uk
16 th November 2017 7-9pm	Chichester Baptist Church, Chichester, PO19 3AW	https://transition161117.eventbrite.co.uk
28 th November 2017 10-12pm	Shoreham Library, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5ZA	https://transition281117.eventbrite.co.uk
8 th December 2017 10-12pm	Town Hall, Jubilee Room, Haywards Heath	https://transition081217.eventbrite.co.uk

If you would like more information or help to book your ticket, please contact 01903 726188 or email office@wspcf.org.uk

Refreshments will be available

This workshop will be co-presented with West Sussex Parent Carer Forum and Independent Support



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West Sussex Parent Carer Forum

invite you to our 

Coffee, Cake, Info & Networking event

for families with children with additional needs and disabilities

18th October 2017 10.30am – 1.00pm

Worthing Rugby Club
Roundstone Lane, Angmering, BN16 4AX

Drop in and find support, pick up information, and talk to organisations whilst enjoying coffee and cake and meeting other parents.

The following organisations will be attending:

- * West Sussex Parent Carer Forum
- * Reaching Families
- * West Sussex Local Offer
- * Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity
- * Carers Support West Sussex
- * Farm Buddies
- * Many More Organisations, and;

Reaching Families will be officially launching the 3rd edition of their highly popular parent-carer guide, 'Making Sense Of It All', designed as an introduction to all things SEND for parents of children aged 0-14.

Free copies of the book will be available on the day



This is a free event where children are welcome.

Free Parking available, travel expenses can be reimbursed for parent carers.

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

Future events
23rd January 2018 – K2, Crawley





Under the Equality Act 2010 if your child has a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on their ability to do normal daily activities, they would be eligible to join the events.

Substantial and long term:

- 'substantial' is more than minor or trivial
- 'long-term' means 12 months or more



Disability FAMILY FUN DAY

Splashpoint Leisure Centre Brighton Road, Worthing, BN11 2EN

Saturday 23rd September 4pm - 8pm

- Access to all 3 swimming pools, pool hoist available
- Pool inflatable in main pool
- Arts and craft activities (Studio 2)
- Pirate Ship bouncy castle (Studio 1)
- Changing Places toilet facility on site with hoist and full size adult bed
- Food and refreshments available at The Coffee House

FREE full-onset parking after 6pm

85 per child aged 0-18 with a disability
Parents and carer go FREE

Pay and display parking available at the front of the building with partial refund of parking available. Please contact reception on 01903 905050 for more details.

Booking essential, contact 01903 905050 option 1 to secure your place

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www.southdownsleisure.co.uk