



CHESSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Communication
Edition 27
Friday 20th April 2018

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

Wednesday 2nd May – Celebration
of Learning

Tuesday 8th May & Thursday 10th
May – Parents evening (by
appointment)

1. Looked after & Adopted Children – All – Action
2. Measles Letter – All – Action
3. Sports News – All - information
4. Parent Governor Vacancy – All – action
5. Social Media/app advice – All - action
6. Violin update – violin lesson pupils– information
7. Coffee & Cake Morning – All - information
8. Shrek the Musical – Cast members – information
9. Celebrating external achievement – All – Information
10. External Events – all – information

1. Looked after & Adopted Children – All – Action



Are you interested in helping us to review and develop our support either for
children who are adopted, fostered or under special guardianship?

If so, please come to a meeting on **Tuesday 24th April at 9am.**

Please contact the school office to confirm your wish to attend so that we
can ensure we have enough coffee cups!

If you'd like to know more about our current support, please see our website
page for children who are looked after or adopted:

[http://www.chesswood.w-
sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Children+Looked+After+and+Adoption&pid=239](http://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Children+Looked+After+and+Adoption&pid=239)

2. Measles Letter – All – Action



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17th April 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Re: Protecting your child against measles

You may be aware that there has been an increase in the number of measles cases in England with some local outbreaks. There are over 130 cases (confirmed and suspected) and some have been ill enough to need hospitalisation.

This letter is to advise you how to protect your child and others. If your child hasn't had TWO doses of the MMR vaccine, we would advise you to contact your child's GP to book an appointment for the vaccination.

Measles can cause very serious illness

Measles usually causes a runny nose, red eyes, cough, high temperature and rash. It can also cause complications including ear infections, diarrhoea, pneumonia and convulsions. It is more likely to be serious in pregnant women, people whose immunity is not working properly and babies under a year of age. Very serious complications, such as inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) are rare, but can be fatal.

Measles spreads very easily

Measles is one of the most infectious diseases known. You can catch measles if you spend 15 minutes with someone who has the disease. The measles virus is spread through the air and in tiny droplets that come out of the nose and mouth of an infected person.

MMR vaccine provides safe and effective protection against measles, mumps and rubella

MMR vaccine has been shown across the world to be a safe and effective way of preventing measles. It can protect your child and others against measles infection and its serious consequences.

What you can do now

We recommend that you organise for your child to have their MMR vaccine now. You can contact your GP to arrange an appointment or to discuss any queries. Children growing up in the UK usually have the first MMR when they have just turned a year old, and a second MMR aged three years four months. Two doses of MMR are needed to get the best protection from measles. There is no upper age limit for MMR.

By getting your child immunised, you will not only be protecting your child but also those people, especially children, who cannot have MMR because they have illnesses such as leukaemia. They are protected if enough of the population is vaccinated so measles is eliminated.

There is more information on measles on the NHS Choices website.

We do hope you will take this opportunity to ensure your child is fully protected.

Yours sincerely

DREAM – ASPIRE - ACHIEVE

3. Sports News – All - information

Y3 Football Tournament

Both football teams did very well getting to the semi-final stages of the Cup and Shield respectively.

The team of Frankie, Borys, Sonny, Billy, Arthur, Tommy and Elliot lost on the dreaded penalties to eventual winners Broadwater.

The other team of Luke, Leo, Philip, Will, Buddy, Tommy and Hope (who helped us out after she finished netball) again did well to get to the semi-final stage but narrowly lost to West Park.



Y3 Netball Skills Festival



Eight Y3 went to practice their netball skills with several other local schools.

Passing, footwork and match play were all worked on in preparation for some more competitive action next year.

Squad: Hope, Fabian, Lexi, Daisy, Nieve, Sophie, Lily and Sienna.

Y5 Bikeability

Week commencing 30th April – 5CR, 5SW and 5AB – please make sure bike, helmets and locks are in all week.

Y5 Swimming

Monday 23rd April - 5SW (back to school for normal collection) and 5ZM (back between 3.30-3.40pm)

Tuesday 24th April – 5LB (back to school for normal collection) and 5CR (back between 3.30-3.40pm)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 24th – Y3 Football League (Worthing Leisure Centre)

Thursday 26th – Legacy Leaders

Friday 27th – Y5 Shield Football match Vs TAB (Thomas A Becket)

Tuesday 1st May - Y3 Football League (Worthing Leisure Centre)

Tuesday 8th - Y3 Football League (Worthing Leisure Centre)

Wednesday 9th – Y4 Tri-Golf Competition (Chesswood)

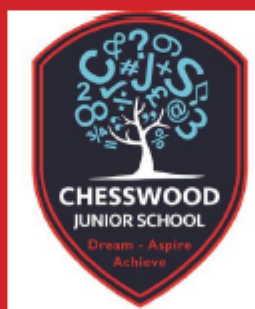
Thursday 10th – Y5/6 Quaddkids Athletics (Worthing Leisure Centre Track)

4. Parent Governor Vacancy – All – action

A separate communication will go out via Schoolsbuddy in regards to our current Parent Governor vacancy, but please see below some details in the interim:

Governor Recruitment

- **Finance**
- **Buildings and maintenance**



School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. Governors appoint the head teacher and deputy head teacher. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for finance in schools, and it is governors who work with the head teacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources.

The role of the governing board is a strategic one, its key functions are to:

- set the aims and objectives for the school
- set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
- monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- be a source of challenge and support to the head teacher (a critical friend)

We are currently interested in any one with skills within areas of **FINANCE** and **BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE** to add to our areas of expertise as a full governing body, but welcome all applicants.

If you, or know someone who might be interested in this opportunity, please contact the Chair of Governors, Jenni Nicholls, jnicholls80@hotmail.com

5. Social Media/app advice – All - action

We have had advice from NSPCC in regards to a new app that may put primary school children at risk.

Research carried out by Barnardo's has highlighted concerns about Facebook's new Messenger Kids app which is due to be launched soon in the UK.

It will allow children as young as six to communicate either in groups or one-to-one, using text messages, video calls and photos, which has raised concerns that children could be at risk from grooming, sexting and online bullying.

The charity commissioned a YouGov survey of 997 parents, asking for their views about the app. Ninety per cent of parents said that they were concerned about their children using the new app. 61 per cent said they were worried that strangers would be able to pose as their children's friends on the app.

6. Violin update – violin lesson pupils– information

As you already know, our Upper Strings teacher Mrs Pryce is due to retire from West Sussex Music with effect from 30 April 2018. Regrettably Mrs Pryce has now been signed off work due to sickness and is unlikely to return to teaching for us before her retirement. In view of this, it has been arranged for Mrs Harte-Stovell to take over with immediate effect for the summer term. Mrs Harte-Stovell will be looking to offer a seamless transition from Mrs Pryce, and will be intending to build upon the progress already being achieved. Mrs Harte Stovell will also be in touch during the first week back in order to introduce herself and confirm start dates for the lessons etc.

In the event that Mrs Pryce is able to return to work before her retirement, your child will benefit from both teachers as we'd invite Mrs Pryce and Mrs Harte-Stovell to offer a gradual handover until the end of April.

7. Coffee & Cake Morning – All - information

Please join us for Coffee and Cake after the school drop off, please come along to reception, we look forward to seeing you all.



8. Shrek the Musical – Cast members – information

All information for Shrek the Musical has been sent out via Schools buddy and can also be found on our school website:

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?pid=252&action=saved>

Ms Cossins' is looking for parents who are able to assist with the school production - making props, scenery, costume, backstage during performances/make up etc. There will be a meeting them to a meeting at 2pm on 1st May in the Music Room.

If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to help, please speak to Ms Cossins' after one of the rehearsals or email: ccossins@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

9. Celebrating external achievement – All – Information

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.

During the Easter holiday Hope attended the Chelsea development football school and was the only girl out of 74 boys!

She won most improved player in her age group 7-8 years. Well done Hope.



10. External Events – all – information

What Matters to You? Fill in our survey and let us know

If you live in West Sussex please take part in our survey and tell us what matters to you!

Your answers will help shape West Sussex County Council's future priorities and inform how the budget is set for 2019/20.

The survey starts on **Monday 16 April 2018**, and takes a few minutes or so to complete – depending on how you fill it in. It asks for your views on priorities in the West Sussex Plan, as well as for your opinion on Council Tax levels.

Helping us to understand your priorities can help others too! By taking part you can enter a **free Prize Draw to win a £500 donation** for a West Sussex-based registered charity of your choice.

Survey Link: www.westsussex.gov.uk/whatmatters2018

Link to children and young people's version of the survey:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/wmty2018

Closing date for both surveys: Monday 16 July

You can get a paper copy from your local library, by calling 01243 777100 or by emailing us at haveyoursay@westsussex.gov.uk. Alternative formats also available upon request.

