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

Wednesday 6th March: Musical Production parent helper meeting

Thursday 7th March: Dress up day (book or number theme)

Friday 8th March: 5CR & 5EV Museum trip

1. World Book Day & World Maths Day - All - Action

The school will be celebrating World Book day and World Maths Day by asking children to dress as a character from one of their favourite books or a number themed outfit, or even to combine the two themes. This will take place on Thursday 7th March, there will be an assembly in the morning with prizes for the most imaginative outfits.

2. Online Safety – All – Action

Following on from the press coverage this week on the worrying online Momo Challenge that has been being circulated, please find below a useful parentzone website link and also a course that parents may find of interest:

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge

Stay Safe Parents and Carers Session held in partnership with Barnardo's

Monday 18th March, 2019 - 6pm - 8pm Elm Grove Primary School, Worthing, BN11 5LQ

Parenting can be tricky at times; especially as children develop into adolescence and beyond.

Whilst there are plenty of resources for parents and carers of young children, it can often seem like there is less information for parents as their children grow older. That's why we are delivering the following **Free** Stay Safe session alongside the children's charity Barnardo's. Topics will include information about online safety, child sexual exploitation, the Prevent agenda and the warning signs of radicalisation.

This session will help to build your confidence and knowledge of the online world, as well as enabling you to have conversations with your child about ways that they can protect themselves. Your child does not have to be a pupil at Elm Grove Primary School for you to be able to attend.

We also welcome family and friends to attend, because we all have a role to play in helping keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe online.

Places are limited - to confirm your place at this free event, please email communitysafety.wellbeing@westsussex.gov.uk referencing 'Stay Safe 18th March Elm Grove School' with your name, and how many spaces you'd like.

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3. Staff Changes – All – Information

New Staff Member

We are delighted to welcome Julie Retallick who has joined the Mid-Day Supervisor Team this week. Julie is used to working with children and she is currently a Rainbow and Guides Leader after school hours. We wish her happiness in her new role.

Leavers

We were sorry to see Nicola Butcher leave the Mid-Day Supervisor Team at the end of last half term. Nicola started at Chesswood in November 2017 but has left to take on a new role as a Child Minder.

We are also sorry to have to say goodbye to Lisa Arena, Lead Mid-Day Supervisor. Lisa has been employed at Chesswood since September 2012 but is sadly leaving us today, 1st March. Lisa was promoted to Lead Supervisor in November 2015 and has undertaken a very effective and efficient role and we are sad to see her go.

We wish both women every success for their futures.

4. Sports News - All - Information

Club cancellations:

Wednesday 6th March – No Lower School netball or girls football

5. Pupil Achievement – All – Information

Well done to Suhaib in Year 6 who has successfully mastered all of the IXL English skills, we are so impressed and he has also just become a 3 million word reader. A true bright spark!



6. Musical Production - All - Information

Ms Cossins is holding a meeting on Wednesday 6th March at 3:30, for parents who are able to help make props/costumes/set/scenery/make up/backstage etc for school production.

If you are interested but can't make Wednesday, please email Ms Cossins on ccossins@chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk

7. External Events – All – Information



