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1. COVID-19 Update

We can confirm there have been no positive cases this week and there are no test results currently outstanding.

2. Latest Correspondence – All – Information

Keeping up to speed

We are very aware both professionally and personally how hard it is to keep up with communications from school and from everywhere else for that matter. And, nobody has the time to search for letters they think they might have missed and are experiencing understandable parent anxiety of the consequences of missing important communications. We hope the very clear links and organisation below will ensure you are able to find any school communication quickly and easily.

You may find the current and all previous newsletters for this academic year for reference on our website	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Latest+Correspondence&pid=176
Newsletter from previous academic years may be found at	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Previous+Academic+Year+Newsletters&pid=1007
You may find all current term correspondence for the whole school	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Current+Term+Correspondence&pid=780
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Year 3	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+3+Correspondence&pid=180
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Year 6	https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+6+Correspondence&pid=179

3. Staff Changes – All – Information

There are a few staff changes happening at the end of the summer term:

Charlotte Nicholson, Class Teacher

Mrs Nicholson has secured a new teaching post closer to home. Mrs Nicholson joined Chesswood Junior School in 2011, at the start of the most difficult of periods in Chesswood's history and has ended her term in the craziest. We would like to thank Mrs Nicholson for her diligent outstanding service to the Chesswood community during that time and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Olivia Pye, Class Teacher

Miss Pye has secured a new post at East Preston Junior School and will further her teaching and blogging career with the prolific Twitter contributor Michael Tidd (Head Teacher). We would like to thank Miss Pye for her dedication and service in the past two years and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Louise Burridge, Class Teacher

Miss Burridge's contract ends at the end of the summer term but it is hoped that Louise will continue her association and employment with Chesswood in the next academic year. As with all staff in school, Miss Burridge has given so much and has been such a fundamental part of our response team during this very difficult term.

Karen Dale, Teaching Assistant

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dale for her service to the Chesswood Junior School community and with some of the most vulnerable children in our community over the past 15 years, since 2005. Her kind and caring manner with children has always been admired and has always given children confidence that their teaching assistant likes them and believes in them. On behalf of the Chesswood community and all children Mrs Dale has supported, we wish her every happiness and fulfilment in her retirement.

Abi Rawlings, Administration Officer

In the short time Miss Rawlings has been with our team she has certainly made a difference and everyone has commented on how much they enjoyed working with her. On behalf of the Chesswood School community, we would like to wish Miss Rawlings every success and happiness in her future.

Hayley Bone

Mrs Bone returned for maternity leave recently. Mrs Bone will work a notice period until the end of September and will support teacher and leadership cover from September. Hayley will take a break from teaching to look after her new baby. Mrs Bone has been instrumental in setting up the Chesswood Science fair as we know it today – one of the most amazing (and messy!) Chesswood school events. We would like to thank Mrs Bone for her wonderful contribution to science and Chesswood since 2016 and wish her every success and happiness in the future

Maurice Link, Premises Manager

We would like to thank Mr Link for his hard work and dedication throughout his time at Chesswood – he is certainly leaving the school site in an improved condition prior to his start, having presided over a very significant expansion of the school premises, both within the original building and the construction of the new build – he should genuinely be very proud of the difference he has made overall.

New Starters

We are delighted to have appointed three Newly Qualified Teachers, starting with us in September 2020.

- Danni Gilmour, class name 4DG
- Ellis McConnell, class name 5EM
- Emily Wadge, class name 6EW

Returning from Maternity Leave

- Laura Hossin – October 2020
- Stacey Usher – November 2020

Teaching Assistants

We are also pleased to have appointed two additional Teaching Assistants to work along with our highly dedicated Teaching Assistant team:

- Sau Ling Pinder
- Pavithra Rupasinghe

Governors

The Governors are also happy to have employed Angie Bell as their new Clerk to the Governors

A big welcome to all to the Chesswood Team, we look forward to working together, and with the whole Chesswood School community.

4. Downsbrook Summer Holiday Club – All – Information

As parents are aware, Chesswood Junior School will not be running a summer holiday club this year. However, we are hoping to signpost parents to provision in the local area. We have received details of the summer club running at Downsbrook School, as well as booking forms; these can be found on our website here:

Letter: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/_site/data/attachments/P780/summer-holiday-update.205852137.pdf

Booking form: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/_site/data/attachments/P780/Summer-2020-booking-form.205852137.pdf

Activity plan: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/_site/data/attachments/P780/summer-plan-2020.205852137.pdf

5. Younger Siblings Attending Local Schools – All – Information

As we are required to have staggered starts and ending to each school day that has led to conflicts to some families worries that they need to be in two places at once. Please don't worry – you don't. we and our infant colleagues will be supportive and flexible throughout this time.

It is important that all children, regardless of the school they attend, can attend for the full day so they should not leave early. We are more than happy for older siblings to remain in their classroom until their parent arrives. We would recommend a low stress walk from the infant school to here i.e. you don't need to feel rushed and the little infant legs do not need to be running to get here quickly 😊 The child attending Chesswood may use the additional time to read, finish off some work, complete homework or day dream – staff will be around available to ensure they are safe and happy.

6. Cancelled Carroty Wood Residential September 2020 Refunds – Year 3 – Information

Unfortunately, we have been experiencing technical difficulties with making refunds through SchoolsBuddy and therefore all refunds will now need to be made by cheque. We do apologise for the delay this has caused but we are now working to refund the monies as a matter of urgency. We also appreciate that this is not the most convenient method of repayment but can see no immediate way around it and want to get the monies refunded to you as soon as possible. Please can the online form confirming who the cheque should be payable to as soon as possible: <https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+3&pid=145>

The full letter can be read on the website here: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/_site/data/attachments/P180/Carroty-Wood-letter-to-parents-re-refunds.205845467.pdf

7. Summer Reading Challenge – All – Information

Have your children joined the Summer Reading Challenge yet?

Each year thousands of children across West Sussex take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their library. This year, more than ever, it is important that children engage with reading over the summer break. The challenge is happening online and it's free to take part – children can register at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Children can read any books of their choice during the summer holiday and this year anything goes; books from home, books from school or choose from West Sussex Libraries fantastic collection of eBooks, eAudio or eComics! They can try something new or reread an old favourite.

Reading can then be recorded online, unlocking rewards as children reach their targets. There is no minimum number of books that children have to read to complete the challenge – it could be one or it could be 99!

Joining the library is free and easy to do online: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/join-the-library/>
The leaflet from West Sussex Libraries can be read on our website here: https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/_site/data/attachments/P780/Summer-Reading-Challenge-2020-Silly-Squad.205856850.pdf

8. Southern Water Affordability Schemes – All – Information

Please see below information from Southern Water about affordability schemes.



Worried about your water bill? We're here to help

You may be entitled to support that could put your mind at ease:

- Essentials**
Provides a discount on your future bills if you're on a low income.
- WaterSure**
Caps your bills if you have a water meter, are on means-tested benefits and meet other criteria.
- Payment break**
Request a three month payment break if you're struggling due to the impact of COVID-19.
- Priority services**
Sign up to our confidential register for customers who need additional assistance.

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Find out how we can help you pay less for your water:

web: southernwater.co.uk/payless-help

email: payless@southernwater.co.uk

9. South Downs Project Competition – Year 4, 5 & 6 – Action

Please see below a poster regarding a poster competition run by South Downs Project, open to years 4, 5 and 6.



South Downs Generations

Competition

This competition is open to all children in Year 4, 5 and 6.

We would like you to write some questions and film an interview with someone who has South Downs Memories.

This does not have to be someone who is very old, nor does it have to be a person who lived in a village (they could have lived in a town but worked or played in the South Downs).

The best interviews will be judged by the project manager, Chris Hare.

1st prize - £50

2nd prize - £40

3rd prize - £30

To help you, have a look at our website – www.southdownsgenerations.org.uk – you will find lots of information there that might help you think of questions to ask. As well as prizes, we will also be uploading some of your interviews onto the website.

The closing date for submissions is the 31st August 2020.

Details

1. Write some questions that you can ask your interviewee – think about asking questions that will let them talk for a while, rather than questions with a 'yes/no' answer. You could ask them about:

- a) Being a child playing in the village/ neighbourhood/ on the downs, either with friends, or more formally with school, scouts, guides etc.
- b) Memories of school days/ family: parents, grandparents, friends etc.
- c) Did they work in the South Downs and if so what did they do? What was different then from what it would be today?
- d) If the person is old enough, what do they remember about their locality during the Second World War - both from a military and an agriculture point of view? Do they remember any incidents, e.g. bombs being dropped, plane crashing etc.
- e) Ask them, "In what way is life different now than when you were a child? What do you think has changed for the better and what do you think has changed for the worse?"

2. Check that your interviewee is happy to be filmed and ask them to fill in the consent form. This consent form is attached. Please return a photo of this to the email address below.

3. Film the interview with you behind the camera.

4. Ask the interviewee to introduce themselves as soon as you start filming (including their date of birth).

5. Take a still photo of the person.

6. Email the film to chris.hare@southdownssociety.org.uk

South Downs Schools Living History Project

www.southdownsgenerations.org.uk

Oral History/ memoir permission form.

I (full name)..... give permission for my interview/ memoir to be published in whole or in part on the South Downs Generations website and may also be included in social media posts and in audio form for this any other subsequent oral history project.

If at any time I decide I would prefer for my recording to be removed from any of the above, I will contact Chris Hare, project manager by email – chris.hare@southdownssociety.org.uk – and Chris will email back to confirm receipt of the request and the removal of the interview/ memoir.

My address (including postcode).....

..... Postcode.....

Your email address..... Your date of birth.....

Your signature..... Name of interviewer.....

If the memoir/ interview was undertaken by someone aged under 18 years, the parent/ guardian/ responsible adult MUST give their permission for the material to used.

Name of Parent/ guardian/ responsible adult.....

Address and postcode (if different from the above).....

Relationship to child..... Signature.....

10. School Holiday Hockey Camps – All – Information



SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOCKEY CAMPS

Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July 2020
5 x ½ days (9.30am to 12.30pm)*

Further dates planned w/c 24th August - to be confirmed*
(* all subject to change depending on government health guidelines)

Exciting, fun and engaging sessions aimed at improving children's hockey skills.
Suitable for all levels from beginners to regular players.
Ages 6 to 14 years. Boys and girls.
Worthing Hockey Club at The Angmering School, Station Road,
Angmering, West Sussex.BN16 4HH



£15
Per Half
Day

Online payments and bookings
<https://activ8.clas4kids.co.uk/camp/54>

or call 07711387740

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* Staff are First Aid trained. All with DBS checks
* Public liability insurance