



## Lyndhurst Infant School & SSC Weekly Communication

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Whole School

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| Lyndhurst Attendance (week ending 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024)          | 95.2%           |
| Class with Highest Attendance (week ending 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024) | TOUCAN - 100%!! |

Parental Engagement Workshops - This week we held our first parental engagement workshops at the Chesswood school site, giving the opportunity for parents/carers to have their say and contribute to the amalgamation process for the new primary school. We will be holding further sessions on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at the Lyndhurst school site as below:

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| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January at 8:45am | Lyndhurst site |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January at 3:00pm | Lyndhurst site |

Parents/carers are invited to attend one of the sessions where they will be able to comment/suggest on various aspects of the merger. There will be SLT and Governors present. There is no need to book a place on one of these sessions.

The hall space will be set up with tables covering various aspects of school life. Parents/carers can move around and add comments, questions or concerns, and also sign up if they would like to be part of any one focus group/consultation group.

If you are unable to make any of the sessions, you can still have your say by scanning the QR code below:



New Primary School Name - A reminder that **TODAY** is the last day to register your preference for a name for the new East Worthing primary school. The governors have looked at the most suggested names that fit the set criteria of naming the new school. The pupils at Lyndhurst and Chesswood have had the opportunity to vote for their preference in school.

Please follow this link (or copy and paste it into your browser) to register your preference - <https://forms.gle/WvLqG4hgY6TWdsXB8>

School Library - Visits to the school library have now resumed. However, we currently have around 35 library books outstanding. If your child already has a library book borrowed, they will need to return this before they can borrow a new book. Thank you!



Guitar & Ukulele Lessons - Mr Marchant, our after-school music club provider, is offering to tutor Guitar and Ukulele lessons during school hours on Fridays (**Year 1 & 2 children only**).

There are still limited spaces available for the Spring term. Group sessions of 3-4 children cost £7 for half an hour. Pupils will need to bring their own guitar or ukulele to each lesson. If you would like to enrol your child on the above sessions, please email your interest to [clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk](mailto:clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk) stating your child's name and class. Please do not send any money until a place has been confirmed for your child. Please note fees will be requested in advance.



Singing Lessons - RRS Music Management and Vocal Coaching are offering 1:1 singing lessons and group sessions during school hours on Mondays.

There are still limited spaces available for the Spring term. The 1:1 sessions cost £15 for half an hour session. Group sessions of 3-4 children cost £7 for half an hour. If you would like to enrol your child on the above sessions, please email your interest to [clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk](mailto:clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk) stating your child's name and class. Please do not send any money until a place has been confirmed for your child. Please note fees will be requested in advance.



Breakfast Club - Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am - 8:45am and costs £4.50 per session. We currently have spaces available Monday to Friday. If your child is not currently attending and you would like to book your child in for any sessions, please email [clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk](mailto:clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk)

After School Clubs - After School Clubs for the Spring Term will begin week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January with the exception of Spanish Club which will begin on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

There are currently spaces available in the following after school clubs in the Spring Term:

|           |                       |            |                          |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Monday    | Singing Club          | All Years  | (£7.00 per session)      |
| Monday    | Painting              | All Years  | (£5.00 per session)      |
| Tuesday   | Acrobatics/Gymnastics | Year 1 & 2 | (£4.00 per session)      |
| Wednesday | Music                 | All Years  | (£5.00 per session)      |
| Wednesday | Lego                  | All Years  | (£5.00 per session)      |
| Thursday  | Karate                | All Years  | (£5.00 per session) PAYG |
| Thursday  | Lego                  | All Years  | (£5.00 per session)      |
| Thursday  | Spanish*              | All Years  | (£6.80 per session)      |
| Thursday  | Street Dance          | All Years  | (£4.00 per session)      |
| Friday    | Dance                 | All Years  | (£4.00 per session)      |
| Friday    | Drama                 | Year 1 & 2 | (£5.50 per session)      |
| Friday    | Music                 | All Years  | (£5.00 per session)      |
| Friday    | Messy Play            | All Years  | (£5.00 per session)      |

If you are interested in enrolling your child in any of these clubs, please email [clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk](mailto:clubs@lyndhurst-school.co.uk).

If you are in receipt of benefits and you are unable to afford an after-school club for your child, please contact the school office to see if we can help.

\* Spanish club will begin on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Chartwells ParentPay - Please see below the cut off dates for booking meals via ParentPay:

| January Cut-Off Dates             |
|-----------------------------------|
| Thursday 18/1 for w/c Monday 29/1 |
| Thursday 25/1 for w/c Monday 5/2  |

| February Cut-Off Dates            |
|-----------------------------------|
| Thursday 8/2 for w/c Monday 19/2  |
| Thursday 15/2 for w/c Monday 26/2 |
| Thursday 22/2 for w/c Monday 4/3  |
| Thursday 29/2 for w/c Monday 11/3 |

When booking your child's hot meal through ParentPay, please **do not** book a "Chartwells Trip Lunch" instead of a hot lunch. This is only an option if your child is out of school on a school trip and does not mean that your child will get a packed lunch provided at school.

Some parent/carers are ordering lunches through ParentPay but then sending their child into school with a packed lunch. Please refrain from doing this as it results in food wastage and also incurs a cost to the school, as we have to pay for unwanted meals.

Values - The school value for January is **Perseverance**.

**Children Starting School in September 2024** - If you have, or know of anyone with, a child due to start school in September 2024, online applications are now open. Due to the planned amalgamation of Lyndhurst Infant School & SSC and Chesswood Junior School, we have been advised by Admissions that for the new school you would need to select 'Worthing New Primary School (to be sited on Chesswood Road)'. The deadline for applications is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

**Apply online at:**  
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

**Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?**

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2024

**Apply online!**  
It's simple, convenient and time saving. If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

**Deadline: Monday 15 January 2024**

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.

**West Sussex SENDIAS Service**

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2024?

Do you think, for whatever reason, you may struggle with the Admissions process?

**Secondary School**  
Online applications open: Monday 04 September 2023.  
Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is: Tuesday 31 October 2023.

**Primary School (inc. infant/junior)**  
Online applications open: Monday 02 October 2023.  
Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is: Monday 15 January 2024.  
For more information on the admissions process: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555  
Email: [sendias@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:sendias@westsussex.gov.uk)  
[www.westsussexsendias.org](http://www.westsussexsendias.org)

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**Help in the Community** - If you or anyone you know needs any help or support, please see below some links and information that may be helpful:

**Community House** - Any families who are in need of urgent support with food supplies will be able to access this through the WSCC Community Hub. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 9:00am - 5:00pm, 7 days a week. Further information can be found via the West Sussex County Council website. Also, Community House in Dominion Road are giving away fresh vegetables, provisions and staple food items. Look for the flags outside.

**St Matthews Church, Tarring** - offer free groceries to anyone who lives within a mile of the Church. Please see their website:

<https://www.stmatthewsworthing.org/stmattsmeals>

**Worthing Soup Kitchen** - 35-36 Tarring Road, Worthing. You can visit them on a Friday 3:30-5:30pm or contact them via their website at <https://www.worthingsoupkitchen.co.uk/> or through their Facebook page.

**UK Harvest Community Food Hub** - Sidney Walter Centre, Sussex Road, Worthing. Tel 01903 209960.

**Broadwater Support Group & Community Hub** - 32 South Farm Road, North of Worthing station, have a free café. Please see their website at <https://broadwaterhub.co.uk/> or their Facebook page.

**Worthing Food Bank** - Vouchers can be obtained from Worthing Citizens Advice, Family Hubs & Children's Centres and Wellbeing Hubs or direct from the Food Bank in the Guildbourne Centre. You can exchange vouchers for a maximum of three days of emergency food.

**Bags of Hope** - Maybridge Community Church, Goring-by-Sea are open Thursday 10am-1pm. Please see their website at <https://maybridge.org.uk/>

**Rough Sleepers Breakfast Sessions at St Clare's Community Hub** - run by Turning Tides, Mon-Fri 9am-11am. For food parcels, please call 07922 712517 or for general enquiries, call 07984 766375.

Lyndhurst Champions - The following children received certificates this week for being Lyndhurst Champions:

Huey from Jaguar Class  
Logan from Jaguar Class  
Remy from Kingfisher Class  
Jax from Leopard Class  
Lily from Leopard Class  
Lex from Parrot Class  
Ronnie from Toucan Class  
Daaron from Toucan Class  
Anaaya from Bumblebee Class

Mabel from Jaguar Class  
Iris from Kingfisher Class  
Cillian from Kingfisher Class  
Eve from Leopard Class  
Dexter from Parrot Class  
Amanda from Parrot Class  
Sansa from Toucan Class  
Dorian from Tiger Class  
Bobby from Bumblebee Class

Well done to all of our Champions!!

Shout Out News! - A big thank you to the staff and governors of both Lyndhurst and Chesswood who attended the first of our Parental Engagement Workshops at the Chesswood site this week.

Makaton Sign of the Week - Learn a new word every week and be inspired to get signing. This week's sign is.....

**Thank You**



Please click on the link below to see a video demonstrating this sign:

[https://makaton.org/TMC/News\\_Stories/SOTW/SOTW\\_ThankYou.aspx](https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_ThankYou.aspx)

Amazon Wish List - We have an Amazon Wish List! You can view this by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/22FJN4MNKQJ5O>

Any gifts are greatly appreciated! The items on our list are to support teaching and learning. As you know, schools are in a financial crisis and we need as much help as possible. The list will have a range from photocopier paper to pens and pencils to games. We know that parents/carers love to support Lyndhurst and we thought this was a convenient way to help out. Also, sometimes to get free delivery on goods you have to spend a certain amount and



some parents/carers may choose to send us something from the list to make up the 'difference'.

Please do share the link with friends and family! If anyone has any ideas about raising money or accessing resources for the school, please do drop us a line. Thank you!

## Reception

Balance Bike Training - This week we had our first Balance Bike training sessions. Training sessions will continue next week for Octopus Class and the second half of Turtle Class. All of the children will have 4 days of training with instructors from West Sussex County Council. You do not need to bring anything for this, helmets are provided by the trainers. Please just ensure that your child comes to school in their active uniform, preferably wearing trainers with good grip.

\* If your child is in Turtle Class, you will have already received a text message last week advising which week your child will be taking part. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.



Real Heroes - This term, as part of our topic 'Do All Heroes Wear Capes?' we will be learning about the real heroes in our community. We have already had a veterinary nurse and someone who works for the police service volunteer to come in and talk to the children about their jobs. We will also be visited by the fire service. If you, or any family or friends, are real heroes, e.g. shopkeeper, nurse, bus driver, doctor, dentist, etc., and would be willing to come into school and speak to the children about it, please talk to your child's class teacher. Thank you!

Occupation Dress-Up Day - On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding an occupation dress-up day, when children are invited to come to school dressed for the job they would like to do when they grow up! Please take the opportunity to talk with your child about different jobs and what they might like to do.

Coats - As the weather is turning colder and wetter, it would be helpful if your child could practise putting on and doing up their coat by themselves at home. This will help with fine motor skills and also help to develop their independence. Thank you.

## Year 1

Fire Fighter Visit - On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, Year 1 are very lucky to be being visited by a fire fighter to talk to the them about their current topic.

Homework - Maths and Phonics/Spelling tasks have been sent home in homework books and these are due to be handed in by **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**, with new tasks being set on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## Year 2

Beach Trip - On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January we will be taking a trip to our local seafront as part of our Forest and Beach School Curriculum. You should have received a letter giving more details of the trip.

Please login to your MCAS application to provide online consent for your child to attend this trip. Alternatively, if you are for any reason unable to access MCAS, please print and return the permission slip at the bottom of the letter. A hard copy of the letter can also be obtained from the school office. Please provide your consent by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January** at the latest, as your child will be unable to take part in this trip without it. Thank you.

Ice-Skating Trip - Following our previous very successful trips, you should now have received a letter advising that we will once again be taking the Year 2 children to visit the Worthing Ice Skating Rink which is situated in Steyne Gardens. The trips will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Leopard Class &  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Jaguar\* Class

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Tiger Class &  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Jaguar\* Class

We have managed to secure a discounted price of just £5.20 per child and we are asking for a voluntary contribution of this amount to cover the cost. Please ensure that completed permissions slips are returned to the school office even if you have paid online through MCAS, as children will not be allowed to attend without one. More information is included in the letter.

\* If your child is in Jaguar Class, you should now have received a text message advising which day your child will be skating. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.

Homework - Maths and Phonics/Spelling tasks have been sent home in homework books and these are due to be handed in by **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**, with new tasks being set on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## Upcoming Dates:-

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Parental Engagement Workshops at Lyndhurst Site

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Y2 Beach Trip

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Y1 Visit from a Fire Fighter

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January - YR Visit from Fire Service

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Y2 Ice Skating Trip - Leopard Class &  $\frac{1}{2}$  Jaguar Class

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Y2 Ice Skating Trip - Tiger Class &  $\frac{1}{2}$  Jaguar Class

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - YR Occupation Dress-up Day

**SCHOOL FINISHES** - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - INSET DAY

**SCHOOL RETURNS** - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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**FEBRUARY HALF TERM  
CRAWLEY SOCCER SCHOOL**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Thomas Bennett Community College, Crawley, RH10 5AD  
9.30-15.00 (Registration from 9.00am)  
Ages 5-12 Years (School Year R-7)  
Total Cost £40

Football sessions for players of all abilities with topics based around different men's and women's first team players each day, designed to develop players individual footballing ability and teamwork in a fun and safe environment.

TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT:  
[www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)  
Course Code: SS-TBCC-X-35

Please bring: sports clothing appropriate to the weather; shin pads; packed lunch (no nuts) and a non fizzy drink.

Please see our FAQ's for more details, any further issues please contact the below.  
[community.enquiries@chelseafc.com](mailto:community.enquiries@chelseafc.com)

**Have Fun!**

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**Wild Cats**

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

**WILD CATS**

TIME AND DATE  
Thursday's 4PM

LOCATION  
Culver Rd Stadium, Lancing BN15 5AX

NEXT STEPS  
Head to [thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats](http://thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats) to book on to a session, or for more info contact us via: Stacy Wright - 01771 931703

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**Sunday 14th January**  
11am-12.30pm  
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(opposite Alinora Avenue)  
Worthing BN12 4HR

@parentsforpeace.worthing

**SWIMMING LESSONS**

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adults in the pool

Age 3+ without parents in the pool in afterschool classes from 3.30pm - time of class will depend on ability

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