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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



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Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of the autumn term, I am writing to provide an update and some news, including arrangements for Christmas celebrations in school.

ClassDojo

ClassDojo continues to be a great hit with children, teachers and parents alike. Last week 112 messages were sent home, 146 stories shared, 1656 skills celebrated and 100% positive feedback! Thank you to everyone for your positive engagement with this online learning community.

Stories from the door

I have to say sharing a story with each class has been a genuine pleasure and a highlight for me this half term. I just have Year 6 and a couple of Year 4 classes to visit which I hope to do next week and then I will have made it round the whole school before Christmas. All of the children have sat and listened so well and we've also had some great discussions around the different texts.

Parent consultation meetings

Our 'virtual' arrangements for parent consultation meetings this term via telephone have been working well, with just Year 1 and EYFS left to go in the last two weeks of term. Please ensure that we hold your current contact details and that your child's class teacher is made aware if there is a different number they should use to contact you for these meetings. If, for any reason, you have not managed to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher please contact them to do so.

Staffing news

Congratulations to Mrs King who has been appointed to the role of full time Speech and Language Assistant at Georgian Gardens Primary School. We will be very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs King (Learning Support Assistant) at the end of this term and wish her all the very best in her new school doing what she loves most!

We have appointed Miss Jessica Barnard as the new Beech Class teacher in Year 5 and look forward to her joining our teaching team after Christmas for the start of the spring term.



We are still eagerly awaiting news of the birth of Mr Michica's baby and I know he is keen to let Elder Class know via Class Dojo as soon as there is anything to report!

Cowbell assembly

A reminder that the deadline for our virtual Christmas Cowbell assembly is tomorrow! Please ensure entries are uploaded to your child's portfolio on Class Dojo and that you consent to videos being shared on our website and via YouTube as per previous communication.

Festive fun!

During the last week of this term we will be enjoying some festive fun with the children.

On Wednesday 16th December we are inviting all children to wear their Christmas jumpers (with their uniform or PE kit if it is a PE day). It is also Chartwells Christmas lunch day which children will enjoy in their year group/class.

On Thursday 17th December, the last day of term as school is closed for INSET on the Friday, our children will be able to enjoy watching the virtual cowbell assembly, participate in a class party and watch an online panto (Jack and the Beanstalk) in their bubbles. On this day, the children can come into school wearing their own/party clothes and there will be no PE this day. We will provide the children with a sweet/savoury treat and a drink (water/squash). They do not need to bring in any extra food themselves. Please ensure we are aware of any allergies. If you have any questions about this please speak to your child's class teacher.

Christmas cards

Christmas cards are a fundamental and great part of Christmas and the opportunity to send good wishes to friends is highly valued. The handling of Christmas cards for delivering, and the sheer volume of cards in school, prior to the change we made some years ago, was a growing concern. We calculated that if every child sent a card to each member of their class there would be over 13,500 cards sent in school! Add to this; cards to other friends, teachers and learning support assistants, other staff and the adults' own contributions and it might be somewhere in the region of 16,500 (plus) cards. As a result of considering these amazing figures for one primary school and in the light of our Eco School Status, it was decided to try and cut this amount.

Following the success and positive feedback from parents/carers, staff and pupils in previous years, Christmas card arrangements this year will be the same as last year as follows:

- Children can make/buy one card to send to their class (home-made cards are welcome).
- Each child will be given the opportunity to present their card to their class by their teacher.
- All cards will be displayed in classrooms and a class 'winning' card will be chosen.
- All 'winning' cards will be brought together from each class in a virtual assembly; the best 3 cards will be chosen, and prizes awarded at the end of term.
- All other cards that children may wish to send to friends should be distributed (with parent's help of course) outside of school please given the current circumstances.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

A reminder that the deadline for ordering a Christmas lunch is this Sunday 6th December. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (UFSM) are entitled to a Christmas lunch if they would like one. Also, pupils who are in receipt of free school meals (FSM) are entitled to the Christmas lunch. If any other parents/carers would like to order a Christmas lunch for their child(ren) this

must be booked online at <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/> by this Sunday 6th December. The meal costs £2.35.

Chartwells Menu

Please be aware that on the first day back, after the Christmas holidays (Monday 4th January), there will only be jacket potatoes on the Chartwells hot meal menu rather than the usual selection of main courses.

Yellow Photo reminder

If you wish to purchase your child's individual school photo taken by Yellow, then please ensure you have completed and returned the order form **by tomorrow (Friday 4th December)**. There is a letterbox just outside the main office where you can post money and cheques.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Helen Morris

Mrs Helen Morris
Headteacher

Building Self-Esteem in Children and Young People

A virtual workshop for people living and working with children and young people in West Sussex

A healthy self-esteem enables children and young people to have the confidence to try new things, feel proud of their achievements, cope with their mistakes and recover from setbacks. It is one of the fundamental building blocks in developing resilience and protects against future mental illnesses such as anxiety and depression.

In this interactive and friendly virtual workshop we will look at simple but effective ways in which we can build children and young people's self-esteem, increase confidence and encourage positive outcomes for a brighter future.

DATES AND BOOKING LINKS:

Wednesday 9th December | 14:00 - 16:00

[Book Now](#)

Tuesday 12th January | 10:00 - 12:00

[Book Now](#)

Tickets are only £5 due to funding from West Sussex County Council and West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group or FREE for West Sussex school employees.

Don't miss out - book your place today to avoid disappointment!

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Welcome to the Chartwells West Sussex Christmas Activity Competition 2020!

What to do:

Step 1: Make your Christmas tree decoration using the instructions.

Step 2: Name all of Santa's reindeer!

Step 3: Complete the Christmas wordsearch.

How to enter:

Email your Christmas tree decoration pictures to

u73041@compass-group.co.uk

so they can be sent to the North pole office for sorting!

Include your name, age and school so the elves know who you are.

Please do this by the last day of term.

Winners:

By the end of January,

Winners will be announced on the mealselector website under 'promotions', and the elves will contact your school to deliver your **PRIZE**. There will be 2 winners per category:

1. Most original
2. Most colourful
3. Most festive
4. Mrs Claus' choice

Let's make a Christmas tree decoration!

Instructions

1. Take your pine garland/branch and cut it (carefully!) into 2cm, 3cm and 4cm strips.
2. Position the pine garland/branch pieces on top of your cinnamon stick with the cinnamon stick laying vertically and the pine garland pieces laying horizontally with the smallest piece at the top.
3. Once positioned, take a little glue and place it down the cinnamon stick and then press on the pine garland pieces.
4. Once glued down, now it's time to decorate! You can use glitter, glue on buttons or pieces of felt to act as buttons.
5. Now you've decorated, cut a short length of string which will act as your hook. Create a loop and then glue this to the back of your Christmas tree decoration.
6. Now hang it on your Christmas tree!

Tools

- 1 x Cinnamon Stick
- 1 x 10cm length of pine garland/branch
- Scissors
- String
- Glitter/ buttons/felt to decorate
- Glue

Today's curriculum links:
Art



Please ask an adult
to help with cutting



Can you name all of
Santa's reindeers?





Christmas Wordsearch

Today's curriculum links:
Literacy

q w z v d o n n e r d v
x m c o m e t y c p k h
h a c b l i t z e n g a
q l d a n c e r n e h r
z s c a r r o t s e e u
c h f j c h i m n e y d
p r e s e n t s d c j o
w j d v i x e n l u t l
s l e i g h i z e p o p
j d a s h e r k e i y h
m i l k r b w y v d s z
o r q e y p r a n c e r

Can you find the below words?



Reindeer	Comet	Dasher	Carrots
Rudolph	Dancer	Cupid	Milk
Prancer	Donner	Sleigh	Toys
Vixen	Blitzen	Chimney	Presents

