

CFS Weekly Bulletin





Thursday 15 September 2022

Important Dates and Events for Week Beginning 19 September 2022

- **Whole School: Monday** – Bank Holiday – school is closed
- **Whole School: All week** – Welcome to School introduction quiz
- **Whole School: All week** – House elections
- **Year 3: Tuesday 1345 - 1430** – Open afternoon
- **Years 7 - 9: Tuesday** – Girls football
- **Year 1: Wednesday 1345 - 1430** – Open afternoon
- **Years 8 & 9: Wednesday 1700 - 1800** – Supporting your child at home event
- **Year 4: Thursday 1345 - 1430** – Open afternoon
- **Secondary: Thursday** – Lunchtime Live careers talk
- **Year 8: Thursday** – Boys football
- **Year 7: Thursday 1700 – 1830:** Meet the Tutors event
- **Year 5: Friday 1345 - 1430** – Open afternoon
- **Secondary: Friday** – PIP cohort trip to Air Arena

Week 1 timetable for Secondary pupils.

House Point Totals

				
	Aquila	Noctua	Pegasus	Phoenix
Previous week	1450	1462	1562	1421
Year to date	1450	1462	1562	1421

Congratulations again to Pegasus who last week achieved the most House Points, but well done to all Houses.

Performing Arts Showcase – Friday 30 September

- **All:** We are delighted to invite you all to our wonderful dance, drama and music showcase which is on **Friday 30 September at 1700** in the dance studio. Details can be found on the poster on our website and tickets are available to purchase on Parent Pay. <https://www.chichesterfreeschool.org.uk/weekly-bulletin/>

Updates and Reminders

- **Year 2:** A reminder that it's Monster Dress Up Day tomorrow so please can all Year 2 pupils come to school dressed as their favourite monster.
- **Secondary:** Please discuss with your child that on **Thursday 22nd September**, Ben Price, who owns Wittering Fitness, is our first Thursday Lunch Live Careers talk of the new year! He will be talking about the fitness industry, his career path to date, but also how to develop and run your own business. Tickets are available for this session on Monday 19th September from the Futures Hub Office. Anyone in Secondary is welcome and pupils can use their ticket to go to lunch first when the bell goes!
- **Year 6:** All pupils in Year 6 have the opportunity to complete Level 1 and Level 2 cycling awareness training (Bikeability) through school on Thursday 6th to Friday 14th October. There will **only be two days** where your child's bike needs to be brought into school. The contribution towards this opportunity is £20.50 and your place is secured by signing up via your child ParentPay account. The course is delivered by fully trained WSCC providers who have worked with the school before. Once payment and consent has been given on ParentPay, a number of further details will be sent through to you. The deadline for this is **Monday 26th September**. We hope that all of the Year group participates; please contact the school if you would like your child to participate but you have difficulty with making the contribution.
- **Year 6: Relationships and Puberty Sessions at school-** As part of our PSHE work at school, we have invited Natalie in from Options Chichester (a local charity) to work with the Year 6 pupils for the week beginning 26th September. Each day they will have a different session, each an hour and a half long, investigating themes such as Friendships & Relationships, Puberty, Periods and Reproduction. These sessions we deem very important for their personal development, but parents do have the right to remove their child from some of the sessions should you want to. Natalie has kindly agreed to run a virtual parent meeting on **Tuesday 20th September from 4.30pm** so that content can be explained and questions answered. Please put this date in your diary should you want to attend. Further details on these sessions and the link for the virtual meeting will be emailed out separately to you as parents.
- **Year 10 GCSE Art/DT/Food tech:** The annual contribution towards these GCSE's has been added to Parent Pay now so we'd be grateful for payment as soon as possible.
- **Year 11:** Our 'Futures Afternoon' is **Wednesday 28th September** where Year 11 will have the opportunity to meet a number of Post-16 providers from the local area and discuss the courses available during school. From 18.00 that evening, there is a parent event focussing on the steps ahead to sadly leaving CFS. Please do put this date in your diary as we will go through with you the different levels of courses available after GCSEs, and the dates when local colleges/Sixth Forms have Open evenings.

Update Covid Reminders

As we continue our movement to 'Living with Covid', the School will continue to follow the latest NHS guidance and ask that parents consider the following:

- Testing is no longer recommended for children, unless specifically directed by a medical professional.
- Children with mild respiratory symptoms, those associated with a cold or possibly Covid, no longer need to isolate or take a test. Children only need to stay off school if one of the symptoms is a high temperature, where they should remain at home until they no longer have a high temperature, or of course if they simply feel too unwell to attend (as with any other illness).
- Where testing has occurred - for example on the direction of a medical professional - and is positive, children should remain home for three days after the date of the test. They may return to school after the three days, regardless of any further test results, as long as they do not have a high temperature and feel well enough to do so.
- Schools are no longer coding Covid absence differently to any other sickness on registers. Absences should be reported in the usual way on a daily basis, unless a 3 day isolation period has been confirmed with Mrs Wickenden meaning communication is not needed for the 2nd and 3rd day.
- Adults in the School are no longer advised to take any different action to other respiratory illnesses, and will attend school if they have mild respiratory symptoms and are well enough to work - again in line with current guidance.

As always, we will closely monitor the situation and make any changes as necessary.