

CHESS CLUB AT WESTFIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

December 2018

We are pleased to announce the chess club held at Westfields Junior School will continue in the spring term 2019 for all children of any level or ability. Members will be taught with the interactive whiteboard using a variety of chess applications, programs and online websites videos of annotated games, planning, tactical, positional and mating theory, Masters' thinking, puzzles, etc.

Chess is one of the oldest games and is also the most popular. Chess is one of the most enjoyable and exciting ways for children to learn how to develop and improve their logical and abstract thinking, their decision-making skills and creativity. Many of the finest minds from all walks of life were/ are keen chess players.

Chess classes will continue to be held Mondays before school from 7.45am to 8.30am. The first session is Monday 14 January 2019. This is a wonderful way for children to start/ continue a life game and lesson.

We will start a new club tournament in the spring term, 2019 as every chess club member will be entered in the 1st stage of the '24th Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge', the world's largest chess tournament. Matches are played in the school club. Everyone wins prizes ranging from badges and spots to mascots and key rings and there's a trophy for the winner(s). You will find more information about this on their website:

<https://www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com/>

During the year chess tournament and course entry forms are given out and all chess club members are advised to play in these to gain experience, improve their chess skills and try for a place in one of the county chess teams. I suggest at least two tournaments or courses are entered each term to reach county standard. The Hampshire county chess teams were resurrected this year after a few years out and they competed which in the EPSCA (English Primary Schools Chess Association) competition. In 2019 I see no reason why Westfields Junior School pupils could not get selected to play for their county!!

Please note: Half term's notice of discontinuance required, in writing (an email is perfectly acceptable) or half term's fees charged.

Yours faithfully



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