

PONY EXPRESS

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Feel free to add us to What'sApp

TEXT WITHIN WORKING HOURS PLEASE PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

If you have any queries regarding lessons, make-ups or accounts, please call us on the above number.

Please call in the mornings rather than the afternoons.

We are on a strict schedule in the afternoons to keep lessons running on time and so cannot give you our undivided attention.

We do not have access to the What'sApp after hours so please if you need to message us do so within working hours.

- Thank you for understanding.

WELCOME !!!

Welcome our new riders this month:

**Pola Czyzyk, and
Angelina and Gisele DeAbreu**

You have chosen the right place to learn how to ride! We have many activities that you can get involved in every month so please keep an eye out for this monthly newsletter. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to chat to one of the instructors.

Get involved with activities like fun days, pony camps and special outrides on public holidays. We also hold training shows where you can enter even at the most novice of levels as there will always be someone to help you round.

We pride ourselves in being one of the most well known children's yards in Gauteng and we love to start our riders off on their equestrian career.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to all of you who celebrate your birthdays in the month of November.

Riley Cross, Kaylin Chaldecott, Gabi Carnell, Micaela Hefer, Izabella Hallowes, Maria Heald, Chris Hefer

We hope you all have a very special day.

*** VERY IMPORTANT ***

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS : CLOSING DATES

**CHARTWELL STABLES WILL CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS FROM:
SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER 2018 (After Lessons)
and will re-open on: MONDAY, 7th JANUARY 2019**

Many of you will be away over this time and during your holidays when we are still open.

PLEASE NOTE: We DO still charge the monthly fee for the 12th month of your contract as ponies need to be fed and staff need to be paid.

BUT we give you the opportunity to ride more in the month of November and the first half of December in the form of make-ups for the closed period or for dates that you are away.

We urge you please not to forget to pay your account and support our horses, ponies and staff that still need to be fed and earn a living over Christmas.

MAKE-UP LESSONS:

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL SO WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE TO DO SO ASAP.

- No make-ups will be granted to those who do not notify us up front.
- No make-ups are given to riders who do not pitch for their lessons without notice.
- Half of the cost of the DECEMBER camp may be paid with make-up lessons.
- **Christmas make-up's will only be valid until end FEBRUARY 2019**
- At least 24 hours notice must be given if you are unable to make your lesson and would like to do a make-up.

Thank you to all the parents for your continued support in your child's sport!!

Liveries are more than welcome to come and ride during this closed time but please make sure you are supervised, as our instructors will not be around to keep an eye on you.

The tack rooms will more than likely be locked up so please ensure to take your tack home with you so that you have it when you want to ride. PLEASE also organise a code or remote for the gate. The arenas will not be built. You may put jumps up but please keep it neat and tidy for other riders. We will also be under-staffed as grooms will be on leave so please could you fetch, tack up and put away your own horse or pony for this period ~ Many thanks!

HALLOWEEN OUTRIDE

WEDNESDAY, 31st October 2018 : 17H00

Every year at Halloween time we dress up our ponies and ourselves and go for a quiet Trick or Treat around the neighbourhood. A plates of eats (Sweet or savoury) is your entry fee to the ride and we will have eats and drinks afterwards - parents & siblings are welcome to join in the fun!

The ride is **fully booked for this year** but if you would like to come and join us afterwards for snacks and drinks please do!

GYMKHANA & YEAR END PRIZE-GIVING

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 10th November 2018 : 14H00

This is our year end function and the entry fee is a plate of eats.

Please fill out the tear off slip at the bottom of page 2 and hand it in to let us know how many of your family will be joining us as well as whether you will be bringing sweet or savoury eats. This is a great afternoon of fun and laughter for everyone that ends off with the Chartwell Annual Awards Ceremony and a party in the garden.

CHARTWELL TRAINING SHOW

SUNDAY, 25th NOVEMBER 2018

Everyone is Welcome and beginners will be led.

It's a great morning where friends and family can come and watch how well you are all riding. Bring some camping chairs and relax around the arena while you watch all of our riders compete.

Please see the entry form on page 2 and get your entries in soon.

WELCOME NEW HORSES

We have some new horses that have arrived at Chartwell Stables this month:

Huge congratulations to **Megan Schneeberger** who is now the proud owner of a lovely warmblood mare called **Davenport Pearl**. We hope you have many successful and fun years together.

Gerald has also sent us 3 young horses to be backed and handled before they go off to become champion racehorses. Their names are **Dar 'es Salaam, Vicar's Delight and Flower Of Scotland**. Kelly and Nadia are working with these youngsters every day and although they're still a little shy, they are getting used to be handled, groomed and lunged. They're not used to eating carrots yet but we're sure they will be chomping treats in no time. Please don't forget to go and say hi but remember that they are still very young and a little skittish so approach calmly and quietly.

CHARTWELL T-SHIRTS

We are no longer doing orders for shirts but rather buying a whole bunch at a time and then selling them directly out of the office. If you pay cash the cost is R120 if you pay by card the cost is R140

DECEMBER PONY CAMP

MONDAY, 10th to FRIDAY, 14th DECEMBER

We are running this camp over **5 days** and not 3 because we would like to give the older children a bit more of an advanced camp for the **first 2 days** and then the little ones may join on days 3, 4 and 5. The older riders have been great throughout the year helping all the younger riders at shows etc and we would like to be able to dedicate some time to them and offer more advanced lectures. (Older riders are welcome to stay for the whole week)
Sign up will be in the office, don't forget to book your spot.

STAYING THE NIGHT IS NOT COMPULSORY and those of you who don't want to, may be dropped off in the mornings and fetched in the evenings.

If you do want to stay then bring your sleeping bag and pillow. (Maybe a midnight feast). You will work in the yard and learn the importance of looking after the ponies, feed them and groom them and have a lecture on something to do with horses.

You will also ride twice a day!!

In between all this hard work you can play in the garden, swim in the pool or try your hand at arts and crafts. In the evening there are games to play, bonfires to roast marshmallows on and stories to tell. Parents need not worry as your children are supervised every step of the way.

So come and join in the fun!

Please speak to your instructor to book and for more information.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY OUTRIDE

MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER 2018

We will be holding an early morning outride on this day instead of the usual lessons. **Please could you let us know if you are attending and arrive at 8am.** This outride is open to those of you whose lesson falls on this day and to our liveries.

CHARTWELL TRAINING SHOW : SUN, 25 NOVEMBER 2018

All classes need to be paid in **cash** before the show. Show payments are a separate fee and will not be invoiced.

FEES: R120 per Class

SPONSORS

We are always looking for small sponsored prizes for our shows : choccies, sweets, horsey things etc etc. If anyone can sponsor any of these things for our kids please speak to your instructor. Our riders always appreciate these prizes very much! Please bring these to the office.

Class 1	Dressage (Adult Riders Only)	Class 2	30cm Clear Round (Children may be led on their ponies)
Class 3	50cm	Class 4	60cm
Class 5	80cm	Class 6	90cm

RIDER	PONY	2ND CHOICE	CLASS	AMT
			TOTAL AMT	

It is understood that all the stable rules apply to the show and the current indemnity form, which was signed upon starting, applies.

Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Tel: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PAID CASH ONLY
DATE: _____

CHRISTMAS GYMKHANA & ANNUAL AWARDS SLIP:

Yes, I _____ (child's name)

would love to ride in the Christmas Gymkhana on **SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2018** at 2pm.

No. of people attending: _____

I will bring a plate of (savoury or sweet): _____ to the awards party.