

PONY EXPRESS

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CHARTWELL STABLES



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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:

Nathalie, Christopher and Petra Marsden, and Chloe Ellerbeck

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.

Thank you to all of our riders and parents for a wonderful year! We have had so much fun and have thoroughly enjoyed having each and every one of you as a part of our Chartwell Stables team!

Thank you all for your support over the last year!

Please take care over the festive season, stay safe, have a wonderful holiday, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2019!!



***** 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 be open so you do not need to take tack home. 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!

STAFF XMAS BOX

We have a grooms Christmas box in the office where we take any donations for our super team of grooms who work really hard during the year.

Whatever you can spare: cash, toys, clothes or food would be great and we will put this towards their year end bonuses. - *Many Thanks!*



CONGRATS!

A huge congratulations to **Georgia Welthagen** and her lovely new pony **Eno**.

He's a very sweet, grey pony and the two make a perfect match!

Congratulations Georgia, we hope you have many fun years ahead together.

OUR RACE HORSES

SO, most of you have noticed the 3 young horses on the front line,

Dar 'es Salaam, Vicar's Delight and Flower Of Scotland,

Gerald bred them down in Natal and it's great that they get to spend some time with us before moving on.

They arrived on the 8th of October and had barely been touched, we slowly started working with them so they could get used to being led, groomed and generally handled. We started lunging them and have since put full tack on them so they can get used to things. We have made huge progress with them in a fairly short time and as of this week they have all been backed (ridden).

They will go into training early next year where they will hopefully become champion racehorses. Thank you to anyone that has been a part of these babies journey here at Chartwell – a little visit over the stable door, a stroke on the nose or a carrot will make a difference to how they perform later on. We have taken this very slowly and quietly with them and they are happy little horses who are all nearly ready to start their racing careers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to all of you who celebrate your birthdays over the festive season!!

DECEMBER

Kiara Smith, Megan Van Der Walt, Luke Tutarian, Georgia Welthagen, and Katie Beale.

JANUARY

Janne Van Wyk, Maxine Biggs, Madi Cannon, and Sarah Davies

We hope you all have a very special day.

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 **ride, 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.

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.

JANUARY FUN DAYS

MONDAY, 14th & TUESDAY, 15th JANUARY 2019

We will be holding two Fun Days in January next year.

These two days will also be a good way to catch up missed lessons.

Please speak to your instructor if you would like to attend.

GYMKHANA & YEAR END PRIZE-GIVING

We recently held our annual Gymkhana which was great fun as usual! Thank you to all the parents and children who attended and brought delicious goodies for tea.

Special rosettes were awarded to the following children:

Team Spirit award:	Jadene Stainforth	Most Helpful:	Amy Powell
Star Of The Future:	Gabi Carnell	Most Dedicated:	Thameenah Lewis
Most Improved beginner:	Madi Camondo	Bravest Rider:	Kayla Lourens
Most Improved Intermediate:	Nora Toure	Dirtiest Kid at The Party:	Jemma Moises
Most Improved Advanced:	Kirsty Lloyd	Most Spectacular Fall:	Carmen Louw

CHARTWELL TRAINING SHOW RESULTS

Well done to everyone who entered the last Chartwell Training show.

Many thanks to all of the family and friends who came to support!

Dressage:

1st	Diane Redelinghuys on Go Gold
2nd	Heidi Schau on Spook
3rd	Ashley Biggs on Spook
4th	Nadia on George
5th	Lindsay Fyffe on Flag

Class 4: 60cm

1st	Amy Powell on Pumpkin
2nd	Jaden Stainforth on Go Gold
3rd	Riley Cross on Malibu
4th	Hannah Watts on Tequila

Class 5: 80cm

1st	Nora Toure on Spirit
2nd	Carmen Louw on Upper Rock
3rd	Megan Schneeberger on Pearl
4th	Amy Powell on Pumpkin

Class 2: 30cm Jump for Joy

Everyone's a winner congratulations!

Class 3: 50cm

1st	Riley Cross on Malibu
2nd	Kayla Lourens on Ginger
3rd	Jadene Stainforth on Go Gold
4th	Jasmine Johnston on Chiko
5th	Gabi Carnell on Spirit

Class 5: 90cm

1st	Megan Van Der Walt on Casper
2nd	Nora Toure on Spirit
3rd	Megan Schneeberger on Pearl

