

PONY EXPRESS

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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.

- Thank you for understanding.

WELCOME !!!

Welcome our new riders this month:

Brooklyn MacDonald, Jessica and Annabel Queisser, Keegan Miles and Lisa Cunningham.

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 childrens' yard in Gauteng and we love to start our riders off on their equestrian career.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to those that celebrate their special day in December:

Kiara Smith, Megan Van Der Walt, Keegan Miles, Luke Tudorich, Georgia Welthagen and Nathalie Marsden.

And to all of you celebrating in January:

Maxine Biggs, Yena Han, Liam Nel and Sarah Davies



We would like to thank you all once again for another super year at Chartwell, we really do appreciate all the support from you and hope you have a wonderful Christmas and new Year.

*** VERY IMPORTANT ***

END OF THE YEAR CLOSING DATES

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER 2019 (after Saturday lessons) and re-open MONDAY, 6th JANUARY 2020

We do close for a short period over Christmas and New Year so that our ponies and staff can have a well-deserved break.

LIVERIES:

You are more than welcome to come and ride your horses during this time but please be aware that we have half staff during the break and you will need to fetch and tack up on your own. Also, please take your tack home with you as the tack rooms will more than likely be locked.

MAKE-UPS:

Please remember that our ponies still need to be fed and cared for and our staff still need to be paid during this time and thus you will be charged for the month of December and be awarded make-up lessons for the time that we are closed.

We encourage you to book and ride these out before we close or before you go away so that we can start 2020 with a clean slate. **NB: Make Ups are only held for three months.**

Make ups are also allowed to be used towards half the cost of pony camp ie: the camp is normally R1600 for 3 days but you may use 3 make ups and pay R800.

We will be sending out our December invoices slightly earlier so we can pay any suppliers up front and order what is needed for the yard during closed periods.

PONY CAMP

TUESDAY, 10th DEC TO THURSDAY, 12th DEC 2019

3 DAYS OF PONY MADNESS!

Book your space for our most popular Pony Camp of the year!

You don't have to sleep over if you don't want to, but if you do - bring your mattress, sleeping bag and pillow.

Work in the yard, ride twice a day and have a lecture and learn horsey things.

There is also much more fun to have in the garden and swimming pool, as well as evening bonfires and games.

Campers are supervised and fed so parents need not worry.

As it's also almost end of year time where there will be holidays, we do allow you to put make-up lessons towards half the cost of the camp.

BOOK WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR NOW!

CLEAR OUT & TIP JAR

As some of you may know, at our last show we had a Charity Bar and all the cash that was collected will be going towards our staff year end bonuses. If you weren't around on the day and would still like to contribute then please chat to Kelly.

If you are clearing out old clothes (adult or children) or old toys, please bring these items to the yard. Our grooms are always really appreciative of these kind gestures and most have children that would be delighted to have something "new".



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PONY PROFILE



MOUSE

Mouse came to us about 6 years ago from a farm in Zeerust. She had had a foal and was in a little bit of a mess when she arrived as she also had a bad skin condition that took weeks to fix. She lives in Stable No. 28 and is looked after by Godfrey. She is a skewbald (black, white and brown) and is one of the sweetest ponies we've ever known. She is mainly used for small children as she has a lovely, even stride and is very easy to learn how to go up and down on. She had a terrible accident about 3 years ago and we weren't sure if she was going to survive it, she's a tough cookie though and with a lot of hard work and special care – her wound healed up and she came through it. She has a big scar on her left side. If you haven't met beautiful Mouse then grab and carrot and go say hello.

HAAS

Haas came to us about 7 years ago from Kokstad, he was completely wild and unhandled and Patrick spent weeks getting him to settle in and be desensitised. He was originally purchased for a little boy who wanted to do polo crosse but for those of you who know Haas – you'll know he's not so quick. He was therefore given to Chartwell Stables and became one of the kindest, loveliest school ponies around. He still doesn't like his back end being touched but he does love a cuddle and a carrot. He lives in Stable no. 29 and is taken care of by Godfrey. If you haven't yet met our lovely Haas then grab a carrot and go say hello.

CHARTWELL YEAR END GYMKHANA & AWARDS

We had such a super afternoon on the 23rd of November, it's always such a great event. Thanks to everyone who came through to support the yard.

THE 2019 SPECIAL AWARDS GO TO:

Most Determined:	Kayla Lourens
Growing Guts:	Sarah Davies
Most Improved Doubler:	Nora Toure
Most Improved Tripler:	Kirsty Lloyd
Most Improved Overall:	Jadene Stainforth
Most Dedicated:	Tatum Jabour
Most Helpful:	Layla Valenti
Star Of The Future:	Liza Toure
Team Spirit:	Megan Van Der Walt

Well done to everyone that took part and well done to our special awards winners.

REMINDER : ACCOUNTS & PRICE INCREASE

Please don't forget to pay accounts in December – our ponies don't know about Christmas and public holidays and still need to be fed and cared for while everyone is on Holiday. Please make sure that you pay your account so we can continue to look after our wonderful ponies. *We thank you for understanding and appreciate your support.*

Please don't forget to check your accounts as our prices have increased:

Livery	: R 4850
1 x / week	: R 1150
Non comp Double	: R 2000
Comp Double	: R 2200
Non Comp Triple	: R 3200
Comp Triple	: R 3450
Family Rate	: R 1000 (per family member 1 lesson per week)