



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to the year, welcoming some new faces who have settled really well, and welcoming back the children and young people after the summer who we know and love so well too. We hope you all had a great summer and are now into the routine of school. The high winds and rain forecast over the weekend may signify the end of summer, but this time of the year signifies the start of a new chapter in our students' learning, which is always a cause for excitement.

We recognise the importance of working in partnership with you to achieve the very best that the children and young people are capable of, and hope you can take advantage of what we have in store over the coming weeks to come in to school and play an active part in your child's school life. This got off to a great start last Friday when we met with parents on both sites, including those new to the school, and it was great to hear of the excellent start that so many of them had made. In just a week's time we'll be running our parents' forum alongside the MacMillan coffee morning, and hope we see as many of you there as possible so we can hear your views and help make a difference.

This newsletter will come out fortnightly and give an overview of news across the school. We'll look to include photos from the different departments, and highlight events that are up and coming. Thank you in advance for your support for the school, and for working collaboratively with our class and administration teams to get the best for your children.

Bradley Taylor (Headteacher) and Bridget Ledson (Chair of Governors)



***** Continuing offer*****

Rush are providing a SEN session
every Tuesday 5.30 – 6.30pm
£6.00 per child – Carer free

Go along and have some fun!!

Friends of Chiltern Wood School

At the end of last year we were sorry to see the previous chair of the Friends, Gareth Davies, and his family relocate to another part of the country. The Friends do some great work in raising money for extra projects around the school through special events. The first of these this year will be our **Christmas Bazaar**. We will be holding our first meeting about this at the Downley site, at 6 pm on Tuesday 2nd October. All are welcome, please do come along.

Upcoming Parents' Events

Stepping Stones Parenting Course every Wednesday until 14th November (Cressex)
Parent volunteers in every Thursday (Cressex)
Parents' Forum and MacMillan Coffee morning – Friday 28th September
Cressex: 9:15 Parent Forum; 10:00 MacMillan
Downley: 10:00 MacMillan; 11:00 Parent Forum
Thursday 11th October – Professional's Fair (Downley)

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Wood School

News from around the school

Woodland

I have seen some excellent learning going on this week in Woodland Department. In Meadow Class, the pupils were making marks in paint with their hands or feet, where lots of independent movement was encouraged. One pupil was motivated to explore a noisy ball in the tray of paint! Bluebell Class were busy interacting with one another and playing turn-taking games using the equipment in the Physical Development room. It was wonderful to see how quickly the pupils and adults in this new class have got to know each other. Forest Class and The Den Class were busy taking part in a range of individual activities, including the use of 'walkers', Intensive Interaction and exploration. Orchard Class were engaged in activities using technology i.e. switches, the plasma screen and Eye-Gaze. The Woodland Department Classes have all joined our Gemstone Department 'Buddy' classes for activities this week. All pupils seem extremely settled. What a super start to the new school year! Amanda

Treetops

Great to see everyone back, the young people within the department are all well settled and involved in exciting activities. Aside from buddying up with Coppice classes, we have run our first Community café of the Year, and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in future weeks. David

Gemstones

Welcome back, I hope you all had a great break. It has been amazing seeing all the pupils again, existing and new! We are all very proud of how all of the children have settled in so well and are already following class and school routines. I would also like to welcome Ruby Class to the Gemstones Department. Pali

Coppice

Coppice department have had a wonderful start to the year, and are excited to meet old and new friends. This half term our topic is 'All About Me'. The children have been talking about their likes and dislikes, talking about their family and also describing themselves. This week is Buddy week and Deer and Falcon Class worked on arts and crafts activities. It's brilliant to see our younger and older pupils socialising so positively! Claire

Rainbow

Rainbow have had a great start to the term. We have welcomed a number of new staff to the team; Sam, Patri, Gemma, Aliyah, Kelly and Ali. They have made a positive impact to our team and we are pleased to have them on board.

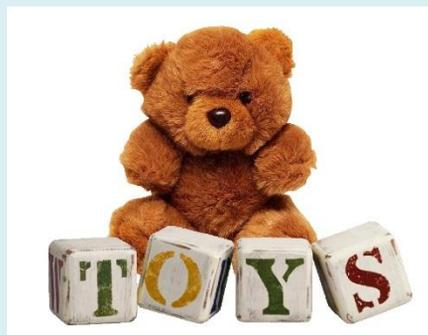
This week the children have enjoyed their first buddy week of the year. Each of the classes joined with another class from either Little Wings or Treetops. It was great to see the children mixing together. A letter came home this week about Stay and Play in October - we have looked at how this has been structured and look forward to welcoming you in.

Have a lovely weekend, Hannah

Little Wings

The children have all settled in amazingly well including those who are new to the school. They have all been getting to know their new class mates and the adults in the class and are already starting to build positive relationships. Our topic this term is 'Me and My World' so the children have been learning to recognise themselves, their families and name parts of their faces plus working on their own individual targets to develop a range of skills. The children are familiar with the routines now and are happy to transition around the school to enjoy learning in different areas.

This week has been 'buddy week' where the children have been encouraged to try something new. All classes have a buddy class and have been sharing experiences with children from a different department. Helena



In Little Wings and Rainbow we are still looking for toys. If anyone has any of the following toys/resources and would like to donate them to the department's we would be extremely grateful. Thank you in advance.

Hannah, Helena, Raquel and Sarah

- Dolls
- Dolly clothes
- Puppets
- Dressing up clothes e.g. police hats, fireman outfits suitable for children
- Soft toys e.g. cat, dog for the vet
- Doctor set
- Vet set (with animal soft toys)
- Costumes for Christmas/Hallowe'en
- Costumes about professions
- Puppets
- Mirrors and sensory toys



Please can we request donations of large terracotta pots for **Rainbow** department's outside space which the children could paint and then plant in. Thank you, Hannah