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Parent Forum feedback

It was great to see so many of you over last week at our Parent Forum, combined with cakes and coffee for MacMillan (see below). Here are the main messages coming out of our meetings:

- Using e-mail from Parentmail is the best way to communicate with you. Even better if you can give permissions via this online tool.
- Those that accessed the holiday club loved being with the children in school, and appreciated being able to include the whole family including siblings. Some were still keen for a more traditional playscheme where the children could be dropped off.
- Having the holiday club later in the term would be appreciated. Parents present were happy for a charge to be made.
- Engaging with some parents is still a challenge due to a language barrier.
- There were lots of suggestions for fundraising events including obstacle courses, having a circus come in, a Bear Foot Trail, quiz and curry nights.
- Our next Forum will be all on one site – BUT ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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Thursday 11th October 2018

9.30 – 11.00am

At the Downley Site

The morning will be very relaxed and informal, and a great chance to meet lots of different organisations that can offer information, advice and support to you and your families. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out about services that you could access, ask any questions you may have regarding your children and gather useful information.

Some of the services provided are SENDIAS/Adviza, NRS, Direct Payments and Brokerage, Chat Charity, Liferrafts, Buckinghamshire Family Information Service, the Community Nurse Team and more!

Friends of Chiltern Wood School

Just a reminder we are holding our first FCWS meeting of the new academic year, focusing on the **Christmas Bazaar**, at the Downley site, at 6 pm on Monday 8th October. All are welcome, please do come along. It's a great way of helping raise some money and contributing to the CWS community

Dear Parents and Carers,

For our newsletter this term we will introduce you to a Governor and what they do.



I'm Harriclea Bello (everyone calls me Harri). I am the Development Governor at Chiltern Wood School, as well as being a member of both the Curriculum Committee and

Finance and Human Resources Committee. I am a teacher by profession and have recently worked in Special Education Needs and Disabilities, so know first-hand what it means to work in the education sector. Treetops is my assigned department as Governor. I am fluent in English, Greek and Yoruba.



A big thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee morning on either site.

We had a fantastic turn out of parents/grandparents and siblings and an amazing mouthwatering array of cakes. A total of £226.43 was raised.

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News from around the school

Woodlands

The pupils in Woodland Department have been introduced to Story Massage and have so far experienced the story massage strokes to accompany music. Our assemblies now include a story massage to 'This is Me' by Keala Settle. This is proving to be a great opportunity for interaction and we have observed some super responses to the different massage strokes. One pupil has been consistently asking for the massage strokes to be performed on her head by directing the adult's hand. We are looking forward to showing you the story massage to music at the end of our Art Gallery event on Thursday 1st November, which will start at 10am. Further information about this event to follow. Amanda

Treetops

Firstly, I would like to start with a big thank you to all those who voted for Chiltern Wood to take part in a project with Chiltern Rangers. I am pleased to say that we came first and won the grant from Tesco's. Over the last couple of weeks students have been settling into their routines. Red Kite class have been enjoying swimming with Emin at Downley and attending Forest school with Lyn. Falcon class had their first session of the term with Paul from Chiltern Rangers and went to Chairborough Nature reserve to take part in some tree cutting. Hawk class have been enjoying attending St Katherine's where they have been taking part in a gardening project. Kestrel class have been attending Forest school this week and went to Hughenden Manor for a walk. They have also been enjoying swimming at Downley on Fridays and are getting much more confident in the water. David

Gemstones

Hello everyone. Since our last newsletter the Gemstones pupils have had such a productive time! The corridors have been filled with their smiling faces following P.E and swimming and there are different smells daily from the array of cuisine the pupils have been cooking! The teams have been working hard on setting targets for the pupils and will be tailoring trips for their sparkling personalities. Pali

Coppice

Huge congratulation to Fran in Squirrel Class who won a Teaching assistant of the Year award! It was well-deserved and we are very lucky to have Fran working in our department. Elsewhere in Coppice department the children have been getting out and about. Squirrel and Deer are both taking part in Forest School, and Rabbit and Fox have been swimming every week. The children have been collecting leaves and discussing changes in colour as we move through Autumn. Claire

Rainbow

Our topic this half term in Rainbow is 'all about me'. It has been lovely to see how each of the classes in the department have approached this topic in different ways and how much the children have enjoyed the topic. We have seen a range of activities from salt dough faces, to pizza creations. We have seen a lot of different photographs which have come in from home. Thank you for sharing these with us, they have really helped to personalise our lessons and provide real life connections to the children's learning. We have a stay and play coming up on Wednesday 17th October we hope you have received the letter regarding this and we hope to see you there. Have a lovely weekend, Hannah

Little Wings

Little Wings have been continuing to learn about themselves, their families, feelings, likes and dislikes. Some classes have been enjoying Forest School and swimming this term which is building the children's confidence and independence. We have been making the most of the lovely weather (while it lasts) with lots of outdoor learning which the children respond very well to. The children have also been making use of the playroom where they are learning to develop their language and communication skills through play. Helena



***** 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!!



A massive thank you to all those who have contributed toys for the Little Wings and Rainbow playrooms. Our play leaders Sarah and Raquel will be identifying how the new resources can support the children's play in both of the departments. Thank you for the contributions we have received for the Rainbow garden areas. We are delighted to have received some new play equipment for the Yellow outside play area and new planters and sun catchers for the Rainbow garden space. They will really make a difference to our outdoor spaces. A plan to develop this further is underway which will include planting herbs and creating a bug hotel.

Chiltern Wood School Parent Volunteers
meet on Thursday 9-10.30am
at the Cressex site.

ALL WELCOME!

Come and join in the fun and support the
school.

Ask for application form from
your Parent Ambassador
or Assistant Head Teacher (Wendy Taylor)



Fundraising

Kudos to Dave Hazell (Dad of Jake in Gemstone) for completing the 'Man vs Mountain' challenge, running up (and down) Mount Snowdon at the beginning of September. Aside from running 22 miles, Dave had to negotiate obstacles including the 'vertical kilometre'. In doing all this he raised a massive £1200 for the school. Dave will be coming in to school before half term to show Gemstone children the kit he needed to use and to share some photos. We're planning on spending the money raised on a sports kit for our team and some other sporting resources to inspire the next generation of Adventurers!



In a similar vein, Corey-Jack (another pupil in Gemstone department) ran the 'Colour Run' over the summer holidays, again raising money for the school. The event looks like a lot of fun – maybe something for our other youngsters in a future year?



Upcoming Parents' Events

Stepping Stones Parenting Course every Wednesday until
14th November (Cressex)

Parent volunteers in every Thursday (Cressex)

Monday 8th October 6pm – FCWS meeting (Downley)

Thursday 11th October – Professional's Fair (Downley)

Festive Crafts Course starting on 12th October – 23rd
November. Come and learn new craft skills , use them at
home with your children as well as make gifts to sell at the
School Christmas Bazaar.

Stay and Play Wednesday 17th October –Rainbow and
Little Wings (Cressex)

**Parents' Evening: 4-7 pm Thursday 18th October, both
sites – letters will be coming out in the following week**



Huge congratulations to **Fran Bennett** (aka Little Miss Sunshine) who was selected from over 500 nominations to become the Teaching Personnel **Teaching Assistant of the Year**. She was nominated by Salma Jabar in Squirrel class, and was presented with her award in assembly last week. Look out for coverage in the Bucks Free Press! Special mention also to Julie Keen (Kestrel class) who was also nominated.

Bradley