



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of the first half term of the school year, a big thank you to you all for your partnership in your child's learning. We hope you have found teacher/parent meetings this week useful, and have considered with teaching staff the priorities for your child in the coming term and for the rest of the academic year. The PPPs will aim to reflect these as they are completed after half term.

We have three members of staff moving on to new things after the break. Aaliyah is moving on to a new location; Julie Cocksedge's time working with Downley pupils comes to an end, and Shazia Malik is leaving us after many years, most recently as Parent Ambassador but as teaching assistant before that. Our best wishes to them all.

Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

From the Governors

My turn to introduce myself, Bridget Ledson, the Chair of Governors. My role among other things is to ensure I liaise regularly with my fellow Governors and our Head Teacher, Bradley. We all contribute to ensure we maintain a focus on a high quality of teaching and pupil outcomes at Chiltern Wood.

I also Chair the Curriculum committee. This involves reviewing the Pupils' Assessment Data and the PPP processes. We also ensure our Pupil and Sports premium is appropriately used to benefit our pupils.

Out of school I enjoy open water swimming and am a Wolverhampton Wanderers fan. I hope they win on Saturday! Have a happy half term break all of you. See you back at school on 29th October.

Bridget

A note from your Parent Ambassador

Last week we had the Professionals Fayre at our Downley Site where parents had the opportunity to meet other parents, ask questions in an informal setting, as well as take away information about local provision and resources eg. Family Information service, Barnados, Sendias, Horizons etc.

We also had our parent volunteers helping, they looked amazing in the T-shirts!

The feedback from the parents was that "it was an amazing event, brilliant and very informative".

It was very successful and parents had an opportunity to gain information regarding their concerns from other parents as well as the professionals.

Term dates

(Half term Saturday 20th October –
Sunday 28th October)
Monday 29th October –
Wednesday 19th December
INSET day Wednesday 2nd January 2019
Children back –
Thursday 3rd January 2019

Upcoming Parents' Events

**FCWS meeting – Monday 29th October (Downley)
2:15 pm or 6 pm**

Stepping Stones Parenting Course every Wednesday until 14th November (Cressex)
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
Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 24th November (Downley)
Parent volunteers in every Thursday (Cressex)

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News from around the school

Woodlands

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for parent and teacher meetings. We find these meetings really useful and hope you do too. We are looking forward to seeing Woodland Department parents at our Art Gallery on Thursday 1st November at 10am. You should have received an invitation for this. If you haven't please mention this to your child's teacher. I hope you have a good half term break. Amanda

Gemstones

Hello everyone. What a positive and exciting half term it has been. I would like to thank all of the staff, friends and families involved in orchestrating the transitions for all of the pupils within Gemstones. All pupils have settled in brilliantly, adjusting to their new spaces, class teams and creating new friendships with their peers. It doesn't stop there! We are excitedly looking forward to the second part of this term as we welcome new staff members, organise more trips and work towards our Christmas Show! I would like to wish everyone a wonderful half term and thank you all again for your support. Pali

Coppice

Over the course of this term, Classes from Coppice will be pairing up with classes in Gemstones for buddy events. It's always great to see the children on the other site and catch up with old and new friends. This week the rain scuppered Rabbit and Sapphire's plans for a trip to the park, however they still had fun working together in the classroom. On 13th November Coppice will be going on a trip to the Cinema. Look out for letters very soon! Claire

Rainbow

We have come to the end of our topic - 'All about Me'. The children have really enjoyed this topic and it has been great using the photographs that have been sent in to personalise their learning! This week saw our first Stay and Play of the year. We welcomed a number of parents/carers into Rainbow and it was great to see the excitement from the children. Thank you for coming! Our topic for after half term is 'People who help us' we look forward to exploring this topic further with them. This week we have pleased to welcome back Sam Anson as an additional member of staff in Blue class. The children have been pleased to see her return. We hope you all have a wonderful half term, Hannah.

Little Wings

Little Wings had a successful stay and Play on Wednesday which was attended by a number of parents. It was a chance for parents to see a range of activities that the children do during the day including bucket sessions, singing sessions and craft activities. Thank you to those who were able to attend. It can be challenging for some of our pupils to see their parents in school so the coffee afternoon before the stay and play hosted by Wendy was much appreciated. If you have any feedback about the stay and play please do get in touch as we want to do our best to make them work for everyone.

Our topic for next half term is 'People Who Help us'. If you, or anyone you know, has a job that involving helping people then please let us know as we would like to invite people in to make the topic real for the children. Little Wings have had a great first half term and we are very proud of all the children. We are looking forward to next half term and seeing the children make even more progress. We hope you have a restful half term. Helena

Treetops

This half term has flown by with the classes working very hard in their topic lessons. Kestrel class have been working on making different foods in their cooking sessions and more of us are trying new things. Red Kite class have had a very active first half term taking part in swimming, community walks and forest school. Next half term they are looking forward to taking part in a Panathlon. Hawk class have enjoyed attending sailing every Monday, going to Handy Cross for their swimming lessons and attending ASDA for their food shop. Falcon class have enjoyed attending Booker gym and have had some sessions with Chiltern Rangers to complete some work in the local community. Wishing you all a good half term and look forward to seeing the students back on the 29th October. David



Our Parent volunteers have continued to work on the garden space in Rainbow. There has been some progress in this area already following a tidy up of the area and some new grasses planted. The flower pots we have received will be decorated by the children after half term. Each class will then take responsibility for watering and caring for their flower pots in the shared area. We are now looking for donations of grass type plants or herbs which can be planted in the large flower bed. These will provide a lovely sensory experience for the children. Thank you in advance for your support.



Buddy Classes Sapphire and Rabbit

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 an application form from
Assistant Head Teacher, Wendy Taylor

