



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Another busy couple of weeks in school with a number of class trips as we near the end of term, plus some fantastic high quality learning experiences in the shape of a visit from 'Crocodiles of the World' and a Stay and Play session for two of our Cressex departments.

The end of term often brings with it some changes to staffing, and I mentioned that Pali was stepping down as department lead in my last newsletter. I am pleased to announce that Sarah Rietdyk, who is the Ruby class teacher, takes over the for the summer term. A key priority for Sarah, and all our staff, will be in regard to transition support in the coming term. We have a number of our year 6s who are moving on to other special schools, and there will be some pupils currently on our Cressex site who will be moving over to Downley.

Please be aware that we are actively considering the class lists over the first couple of weeks of the Summer term, and by mid May we should be in a position to confirm which children will be moving to Downley in September. We cannot confirm staffing until about a week after the May half term, but that will be our aim. Transition visits for those pupils who will be moving from Coppice to Gemstone department will be arranged in the first half of the summer term, and we will follow that up with further visits which will include getting to know staff too.

Best wishes and good luck to teaching assistants Kirsten from Gemstone department, Rebecca from Little Wings and Sanbei from Rainbow who are leaving today to pursue other goals.

An important heads up – we had previously been informed by the Wycombe council that our school would not be needed for any election activity this year; however as Brexit has been put on hold, they are stating it is **likely** our Cressex site will be needed for European elections on **23rd May**. We are in correspondence with them in an attempt to prevent us from needing to close the site on this date.

I hope you enjoy the Easter break – best wishes,
Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

Rainbow Department are looking for toys.



If anyone has any toys that they could donate related to our next theme 'Up in the Sky', please could you send them in to Rainbow Department. Thank you in advance, Raquel (SSA in Green Class)

Summer Term 2019 dates

Wednesday 24th April – Wednesday 24th July

Please note that the School will be closed on Tuesday 23rd April for an INSET day.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 24th April.

Other dates for parents:

Treetops Community Café-first Wednesday of every month (starting 1st May 2019) Cressex.

Dressing & Fine Motor Skills Workshop-Tuesday 14th May 9.15-11.15am Cressex Site

Dressing & Fine Motor Skills Workshop-Friday 24th May 9.15-11.15am Downley Site

Parent Ambassador

I am really enjoying getting to know everyone and finding my way around the classrooms. Please do come and chat to me if you have any concerns or ideas that I can help with. You can reach me on 01494 532621 or at anorris@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk or in school Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Happy Easter meantime.

Alison Norris – Parent Ambassador



Thank you to everyone who donated to Red Nose Day. We raised £256.57!

Stay & Play Sessions

Sessions are open to all parents and carers from 2-3pm.

Please arrive no later than 2.15pm if you wish to join the class to help us make the sessions enjoyable for all.

News from around the school

Rainbow

We have had a lovely half term with the children exploring the topic of 'Under the Sea'. As you are aware we have increased the amount of focused work through SCERTS and this has seen some lovely results. There has been some wonderful activities and opportunities planned for the children which have both motivated and engaged them within their learning. From story caves, cling film aquariums, ice play and exploring their outside environment - it has been great to see the participation of the children in their lessons. Next term we move onto our topic 'Up in the Sky'. Our visit from the owl handlers at Feathers and Fur will start this topic off in an exciting way. This term we say goodbye to Sanbei (Purple class) as she moves onto a new school. We thank her for all she has done both for the class and the department. Have a wonderful holiday, Hannah

Little Wings

This term our theme 'Under the Sea' has been enjoyed by all of our pupils. We are looking forward to starting the new topic 'Up in the Sky' and following some key texts including Owl Babies in preparation for our Owl visitors on the 30th April. Thank you to all those parents that attended stay and play and took part in some fun Easter activities. Have a good easter and look forward to seeing everyone back on the 24th April, David

Treetops

This term has seen lots of exciting events happen in the department including a trip to Woburn Safari Park, tennis festival, bowling, Travel Training, Booker Gym, Burnham Beeches, working with Chiltern Rangers and zoo lab coming in. Each class has also been working hard with making cakes to sell at the Community Cafe. It will be back again on the 1st May. I hope you have a good Easter and look forward to seeing your children back on Wednesday 24th April, David

Coppice

It's been busy couple of weeks for Coppice Department! On 28th March we welcomed parents to the Downley Site to visit our art exhibition. It was an absolute delight to see the creative artwork that Gemstones and Coppice pupil had created, and brilliant to see so many parents too. This week Coppice Classes visited Bekonscot Model Village as part of our Transport topic for the spring term. Despite the rain, we still had a brilliant time and particularly enjoyed the train ride. A big thank you to all the parents who made a donation. These exciting learning opportunities cannot run without contributions from parents and carers so it is always very much appreciated. We hope you all have a great Easter Holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 24th April! Claire

Woodlands

The Crocodiles of The World' visit was a success and the majority of pupils showed lots of interest in looking at and/or touching the tortoise, snake, bearded dragon and alligator. I hope you enjoy reading your child's class newsletter which outlines what the class have done this term. I wish you a happy Easter holiday! Amanda

Gemstones

What an amazing term and few weeks Gemstones have had! It can be very easy for us to get caught up in the momentum of each week and forget some of our achievements. In the shortest term, we have still managed to attend Young Voices at the O2, Echoes at the Royal Albert Hall, celebrate Holi, Easter, Red Nose Day, Chinese New Year, Science Week and our Invaders and Settlers topic, ending with our Art Exhibition and Roman/Viking Dance. Apologies for having two parent events in one week, it was the unfortunate knock-on effect of fitting in the various events during the previous weeks. As you may have seen from the previous newsletter, I have decided to step down as Department Lead, to focus on my class and assist the school in new or different ways. I want to say a big thank you to all of the staff, families and pupils for the support, encouragement, enlightenment and trust you have given me. In the words of Onyx Class 2017-18, 'I'm blinded by your grace.' - Pali



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Gemstone Department 'Echoes'



Young Voices



Coppice Department



Art Exhibition

Visit to Bekonscot Model Village



Treetops Department

Visit to Woburn Safari Park



Zoo Lab visit

Woodland Department 'Crocodiles of The World'



Little Wings Department 'Under the Sea'

