



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been so short, with just one week remaining after today.

This just means that there has been a lot to pack in to a short amount of time, and as ever there has been a lot going on – the department leads keep you up to date with all this on the page overleaf. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for a dry day for Sports Day on Wednesday, and we hope to see lots of you there.

My thanks to parents who came along to the Parent Forum last week on our Downley site, we are always keen to hear parent views – please do respond to the parent survey that has gone out.

I have been in touch with the Verney Avenue Residents' Association and had some very positive discussions with their chairperson. He reassures me that although gates have been installed at the Chepping View end of Verney Avenue, there are no plans to close them and that residents recognise the need for staff and parents to access the school site. They are there as a deterrent to people parking at that end of the road, and also serves as a reminder that the road is private – some road users go through Verney Avenue/Rupert Avenue as a cut through to avoid the roundabouts. It may be timely to remind parents about safe driving on Verney Avenue – please do drive slowly, and be mindful of pedestrians who do not have a pathway to walk on.

Can I also remind parents that the start of the school day is 8:50 am. There are exceptional cases where we understand parents have other children who may attend other schools, and need to drop their CWS child at school from 8:30 am. Please note if this does not apply then drop off time for your child should still be 8:50 am. We say goodbye to three staff at half term who are moving on to pursue other ambitions. We wish all the best to Paul, Ali and Maria, all of whom work on our Cressex site, who leave next Friday.

Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

Summer Term 2019 dates

Wednesday 24th April – Wednesday 24th July
Half Term Saturday 25th May – Sunday 2nd June 2019

Other dates for parents:

Music Therapy for Children with PMLD-Thursday 23rd May 10.00am

Please note that the Cressex site is CLOSED on Thursday 23rd May due to European elections as the site is being used as a polling station

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

Stepping Stones Parenting Course-Weds 5th June, Weds 12th June and Wed 26th June 9am-4pm Cressex Hall

Chiltern Wood Has Talent – Wednesday 26th June for Gemstone, Coppice and Treetops departments
Parents' Evening-Thursday 18th July

Friends of Chiltern Wood School

On Thursday 13th June at 7 pm (Downley site) we will be holding a FCWS meeting. It is the first of these for some time, and the focus will be on how we move the organisation forward as a school. All parents are welcome. We have not had a chairperson for this organisation since September, and this is key for the organisation to continue. Please consider putting yourself forward to maintain the good work that is done. If you are unable to come along in the evening please do attend the morning's Parents' Forum and give your views there.

Parent Survey

ParentMail link has been sent out for access to the Parents Survey. Please could you complete this by **24th May 2019**.

If you encounter any problems, please contact the school.



SPORTS DAY

Save the date – **Wednesday 22nd May**. Please look out for information on the next week or so, including modifications to support our children and young people with autism.

News from around the school

Rainbow

The children have continued to enjoy our topic of 'Up In The Sky'. The classes have been doing some lovely tasks which have included activities based around the texts 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'Whatever Next'. The children have been exploring space in a variety of different ways which they have engaged brilliantly in. This is now drawing to a close and after half term our focus will be on weather and transitions. Next week we will be having our Sports Day. The children have been trying out the different activities. As you will see from the letter I previously sent there have been some changes following parent and staff feedback. We hope you will be able to join us. As always we would appreciate your feedback after this event. Have a lovely weekend, Hannah

Little Wings

Over the last couple of weeks the pupils have been enjoying taking part in lots of fun outdoor activities with the warmer weather! The pupils have also been doing lots of sport activities ready for sports day next week. Reminder, sports day starts at 1.00pm, parking on the playground and then will be finished by 1.50pm ready for rainbow parents to come onto the playground. We look forward to seeing you then. Have a good weekend. David

Treetops

Over the last couple of weeks the classes have been doing lots of cooking lessons. Kestrel class have been buying their ingredients to make tuna pittas and apple crumble. Red Kite class and Falcon class have been very lucky to have some cooking sessions with 'Chef Michael.' They have been making lots of things including tomato and red pepper soup and homemade cheese and chive scones. We hope you have been able to taste some of it when it has been sent home. Hawk class continue to do cooking everyday, with one of their favourite things to make being chocolate cake! Reminder sports day next week with the first race at 10.15am, parking for this is on the playground. Hope you have a good weekend. David

Coppice

On Wednesday 22nd May the children at Chiltern Wood School will be competing in sports day so please come and show your support! Parking will be available on the playground and the events will start promptly at 10.15am.

As the weather gets warmer over the summer term, the children will be spending more time learning outdoors where possible. Please ensure the children have suitable hats, sunglasses and sun cream if needed. We hope the sun stays out for half term too! Claire

Woodlands

We are looking forward to seeing Woodland Department parents at our 'Music and Mayhem' event on Thursday 23rd May at 10am. This will be instead of a sports day for the Woodland Department pupils. An invitation has been sent home containing more information about this event.

There has been a recent physiotherapy staff change and Lucy Pemberton is now the physiotherapist working with the Chiltern Wood pupils. Amanda

Gemstones

Hello All, what lovely weather we have at the moment! All classes have made the most of this, with Sapphire conducting drama lessons in the hut area, to Onyx creating tables and graphs after their mini beast and tree hunts. It is our Sports Day on Wednesday 22nd May starting at 10.15am on the Cressex Site. There will be additional parking available on the main playground from 9.45am. If the weather is not on our side then we will rearrange and share the information as early as possible. Thank you for the responses regarding our Woodrow Trip, an events and kit list will be sent home with the pupils this coming week. Apologies for any delay, we were waiting confirmation from Woodrow High House on their staffing levels. It will be my first time there with Gemstones, but from what I have heard from Topaz, Emerald and Onyx it will be an amazing day that all the children will enjoy and value. Sarah



School Council at Downley Site

We met with Bradley to share the things we had been talking about this year. We would like more Lego at Downley and more time in the pool. We are going to hold a lemonade and cookie sale to raise money to fund the Lego.

We really liked asking Bradley questions about his job: We asked him about what he did for Lunch and whether he could join us?

We asked him what his favourite subject at school was? He told us he liked Maths and PE.

We asked him what he did on the computer and if he played games on it? He said he was emailing or writing reports. He said we could pop into his office to see when he was in.

We all had our photo taken.



School Council at the Cressex Site took place today Friday 17th May, so news to follow.