



# Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are once again at the end of another school year. How does the time go so quickly?! These last few weeks of the year have been jam-packed with events and trips out, and it was great to see so many of you during the week at parents' meetings and at Chiltern Wood Has Talent.

It is in these final few days of the year that we have the opportunity to reflect back on the children's successes, and it has been a pleasure to read of so many of them in the reports. Do feedback to classes about your thoughts on the reports. A school achievement at the end of the school year is that we have been awarded the Bronze School Games Award for our work in PE – we'll be aiming for Silver when we return!

We offer our congratulations to Lizzie Faithfull and Rachel Miller who have successfully completed their School Direct year with us and are now qualified teachers. Both teachers will be in Little Wings next year. Emily Bragg and Sam Anson make the transition to become School Direct trainees with us next year having worked within the school for a number of years – well done to them. Finally congratulations to Rosie Mann, Josie Clarke and Gemma Driver for successfully completing their first year of teaching (NQT year) with us – we are sorry to lose Gemma to CAMHs at the end of this year. Another big loss to the school is Deanna Fryer, who moves on to a nannying position. We also wish Yvonne Zulu all the best as she leaves to join another school. The final word for this year goes to the pupils leaving us – mainly in year 6 but one in year 14. We have been privileged to have you within our school, and we wish you every success as you move onto pastures new. We hope you will come back and visit us, as you will always be part of the Chiltern Wood family.

To everyone else – have a wonderful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

## **Autumn Term 2019 dates**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### **Other dates for Parents:**

12<sup>th</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> November – Every Wednesday –  
Stepping Stones Parenting  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome to new Parents  
coffee morning – both sites

## John Lewis

Chiltern Wood School has been selected by John Lewis High Wycombe as one of their charities to support.

Customers are directly involved in deciding how much each nominated group receives, by using a token to vote for the organisation they'd like to support.

Each shop has £3000 per quarter to donate, which is shared between the charities according to the proportion of the vote they've received from customers

The Community Matters box is located in the cafe entrance on the upper level of the High Wycombe store.  
Please ask friends and family to vote for us from 1st August to 31st October.

## **Rainbow's Request for help!**

We are in the process of making some new sensory boards for the outside area. If anyone has any bike bells, light switches, locks, zips, cogs, plastic tubing, bolts, fidget spinners, push button phones that can be donated (used is fine) we would appreciate it...we will be making four boards. Thanks Hannah



## **Change to May Bank Holiday 2020**

The early May Bank Holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Make a note in your diaries!

## News from around the school

### Rainbow

Firstly, I wanted to say a massive thank you for all the support and understanding you have given with our recent problem which saw us relocate the children for a few days as well as them be unable to attend school for a day. I was incredibly proud of the children and how they coped with the situation as well as of my team for the support that they provided. This was subsequently followed by transition week. As with any change this has to be carefully managed and once again the children did us proud and they were well supported by their teams and new teams. As you will now be aware we are saying goodbye to two members of our team, Gemma and Deanna. I cannot thank them enough for all they have done for the department. They will both be a huge loss for us. We wish them well for their futures which we know they will do well in. We will also see a number of our children move on to new departments. We have loved having them as part of Rainbow and wish them every success for the future. Thank you for all the support you have shown the department this year. We hope you all have a wonderful summer. Best wishes Hannah

### Little Wings

The last couple of weeks have been lovely with finally some good weather. The pupils have been able to get outside and take part in lots of outdoor learning. On the 2nd of July the pupils went into their new classes which went very well. This week we had our trip to TVAP which was a huge success. This is the last newsletter of the year so if I don't see some of you before the end of the year I hope you have a good summer and look forward to seeing you in September. David

### Treetops

On the 2nd of July students got to go their new classes which was very successful. A big thank you to Red Kite class for all their hard work with the community cafe and to the parents that came to support. There have been lots of trips going on this term with Hawk class going to Ruislip Lido and Red Kite and Falcon going to Bisham Abbey for bell boating. Kestrel class went to Whipsnade zoo on Monday. Sadly we will be saying good bye to Zeeshan from Kestrel class this year, we wish him all the best with his future. This is the last newsletter of the year so if I don't see some of you before the end of the year I hope you have a good summer and look forward to seeing you in September. David

### Coppice

The end of the year is here! Huge congratulations to all the children and their hard work over the summer term. The last term of the year is never easy with the heat, tiredness and changes to routine but the children have continued to work hard. We have had many events including cinema trips, pizza making, Kitefest, as well as a successful Chiltern Wood's Got Talent on Thursday. A big thank you to all the parents who attended, and a big thank you to the parents who have made donations towards trips over the year. We would not be able to provide the children with these learning opportunities without your continued support. We are all very proud of what the children have achieved this year, and we wish them all the best of luck in their new classes in September. We hope you all have a delightful summer! Claire

### Woodlands

Woodland department staff members transformed the sensory room into a fabulous 'Seaside' themed experience linked to our 'water' topic. The sensory room looked like an amazing, visually stimulating underwater scene! The pupils touched, explored, smelt, looked at and listened to sensory stimulus associated with the seaside before 'travelling' into the sea to find jellyfish, sharks and more! We hope you enjoy the summer holidays, and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school in September. Amanda

### Gemstones

It's been a busy few weeks! We have enjoyed the last few weeks of term and spending time with the children. Transition visits have been positive for those moving up into Secondary, over from Cressex and across the department. It was lovely to see some of you at the WOW events that we have had this year. We wish the leavers all the best in their new settings, they will be missed! I hope you all have a lovely Summer. We will see some of you in September. Sarah

### Coppice Department – Kitefest and Pizza Making



### Red Kite – Community Café



### Little Wings – Outdoor Learning



### Woodland Department – 'Under the Sea'



## News from your Parent Ambassador

Parent Volunteers have been working hard and having fun this year. Among other activities they have been painting, weeding, and planting gardens, making dough for dough gym, laminating and cutting communication cards, and tidying the library and Mud Kitchen. Photos below show parent volunteers at work in the Meadow Class garden and 'Before' and 'After' shots of the Rainbow Department's garden. Thank you Alison, Caroline, Emma, Iza, Sally, Pippa, and Zaheema. Alison



### Autumn Term Parent Events

Your thoughts may be focused on the summer holidays but just to let you know what Parent Events there are to look forward to next term. We are organising a Therapies Coffee Morning at both sites, another Behaviour Workshop with the Community LD Nurse, Macmillan Coffee Mornings again at both sites, and a Parent Forum. Full details of all events will follow nearer the time. We already have some exciting ideas for further events but if there is anything specific you would like or feel would be useful then please let Wendy or Alison know. Thank you!

Have you registered with Action for Children? They offer short breaks and holiday and weekend clubs in Bucks for children with a disability aged 5-19 years. You simply download and fill in the application form and post or email it back to the Bucks Activity Project. They will then notify you of upcoming activities by email. They tend to be over-subscribed so it is advisable to book promptly.

<https://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/bucks-activity-project/>



## Buckinghamshire Family Information Service

### Summer Fun

Looking for summer activities for your child? The Bucks Family Information service has a list of events and activities which you can filter by town, age, type of SEN, cost etc. to find what suits:

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb/5/buckinghamshire/fsd/results.page?holidayterms=4&loboolean=1&familychannel=7-9>

The School Councils on both sites have had a fantastic first year. They have now completed their year on a high, raising an amazing amount of money. On our last school council meeting we had a party and at Downley we choose what Lego we would like to spend the money on and at Cressex we choose the colour of our scooters.

We look forward to welcoming new reps next year.

Happy holidays,  
Wendy and Su

