



# Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,  
What a wonderful last couple of weeks of school. With each department celebrating Christmas in their own way, it's been great to see so many parents in for the different events. I was incredibly proud of the Gemstones pupils' production of 'Charlie and the Christmas Factory' which was full of great acting, singing and laughter with so many children excelling in the performance. A special thanks and well done to Sara and the teaching team for putting together such a good show. We have moved away from a performance for our other departments in the main, but it has been equally satisfying to invite parents in and share some of the work or songs in different classes with parents. It was lovely to be part of the Woodland department sensory experience, which included some beautiful calm and soothing music, the feel and look of real snow falling, a snowman flying overhead, some dance and a snowball fight into the mix! Well done Agnieszka and the whole team for putting together such a great show.

Aside from this we have had a visit from Father Christmas who gave a present to every pupil (our continued thanks to Bucks Badgers who donate some money to allow this to happen), and there have been a fair few end of term visits going on – the cinema, Play Train, and the pantomime. I am sure everyone is ready for a rest!

The end of term this year brings with it our best wishes to two members of staff who are moving on. Jenny from Daffodil class is going travelling in the new year, and we look forward to seeing her in a few months when she returns. Zaigham is moving away from the area after Christmas too, although it may be we see him again in the future too – we hope so!

To all our children, young people and families – we wish you an enjoyable Christmas break and a very happy and healthy new year. We look forward to seeing the pupils back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January after our INSET day.

Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

## Spring Term 2020 dates

### Term dates:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### Other dates for Parents:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Community café starts – every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 9.30 – 11.00am

Epilepsy workshop – Cressex site

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Parent volunteers to start back on Cressex site, plus every Thursday onwards

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 9.30 – 11.00am

Epilepsy workshop – Downley site

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 2.15 - 2.45pm

Rainbow and Little Wings Stay and Play

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Forum – 9.30am at Cressex site and 11.00am at

Downley

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 10am – 12pm

Toileting workshop – Cressex site

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 4 – 7pm Parents' evening

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Music and Mayhem session for Woodland parents (time tbc)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – parents of Coppice and Treetops students invited in to buy mini-Enterprise products

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Forum, 9:30 am Cressex, 11 am Downley

Thursday 2 April, 9:15 – 10:30 am - Happy Easter Coffee Morning, Cressex with FACT and CHAT



## News from around the school

### Rainbow

This has been a brilliant first term of the academic year and we are so proud of all the children have achieved over the past term. The children have really enjoyed our topics from this term and have benefited from the SCERTS structure that is in place for each of the classes. We have seen some wonderful engagement, communication and interactions from each of the pupils and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence. We have had some brilliant events across the term which have included a Halloween party, a trip to the cinema, a Christmas party and a visit from Father Christmas. Next term we will be looking at two topics related to animals - in Spring 1 this will centre around farm animals and in Spring 2 it will be animals in the wild. We are in the process of arranging a mobile farm visit. We all hope you have a brilliant Christmas and that the New Year brings much happiness. Thank you for your continued support. Hannah

### Little Wings

Thank you to all the parents who attended our stay and play on Tuesday, and thank you to Santa for flying in from the north pole! We hope the children like their presents and we will be sure to send photos home of their visit to Santa's Grotto. Thank you all for your continued support and communication over the Autumn term; it has been fantastic to share the children's progress with you, and hear about your successes from home. We wish you all a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming the children back in 2020! Merry Christmas! Claire

### Treetops

The last couple of weeks have been very busy with classes working hard on various functional life skill tasks. Hawk class have been working hard on developing their cooking skills and enjoyed going to Burnham Beeches with Lyn and Winter Wonderland on Monday. Kestrel class have also been cooking and making stir fry and banoffee pie. We also enjoyed our trip to TVAP. Owl class have been working on their turn taking and listening skills in English and are looking forward to their trip to TVAP in the new year. Eagle class have been learning about how clocks work and understanding what time important events happen. They also have been making some lovely Christmas trees with Chiltern Rangers. Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend the Christmas afternoon, we hope you had a good time. On behalf of Treetops we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. David

## Photos from around the school



## A note from your Parent Ambassador

A big thank you to parent volunteers - Aly, Sally, Caroline, Iza, Emma, Pippa, Delphine, and Robina for all their hard work and creativity this term with laminators, scissors, garden tools, wrapping paper and Christmas games and decorations.