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Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter will hopefully give you all the information you need to know about the final few weeks of term, including Christmas dates and all the events due to take place in the lead up to the festive holiday.

Charity work has been a real feature of the past couple of weeks with a MUFTI day for our Tombola prizes followed swiftly by Children In Need. Last week also saw a buddy week with classes coming together for our theme of 'Connecting with One Another'.

No doubt you'll have noticed the weather turn and one or two days this week the temperature has fallen close to or below zero. Should snow appear and you are unsure whether the school is open or not, please go to the School closures website on the Bucks County Council page (simply google this to find it). I do send out a text message to confirm the school is closed, but please be aware you will only get this if you have signed up to parentmail.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I wanted to give parents early notice that we are engaging a world class presenter to deliver 2 days of training for us in January (28th and 29th). Emily Rubin is one of the co-founders of SCERTS, which is a framework for supporting children with learning difficulties, particularly autism, around the areas of Social Communication and Emotional Regulation (the TS stands for Transactional Supports). We will be holding a parents' training session too on the evening of the Monday, over at Booker Park. I can wholeheartedly recommend Emily as an excellent speaker and if you are able to come along to the evening, please do. I will send out further information nearer the time.

Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

Friends of Chiltern Wood School

What a great response we have had from you all regarding the Christmas Bazaar. We are bursting at the seams with gifts, crafts, raffle prizes, sweets and a whole lot more. We have had a great response from parents selling raffle tickets too – thank you so much. We now just need a really good turnout at the event – please come along tomorrow and have a great time with us getting into the Christmas spirit. Thanks to everyone who has already given up so much of their time to bring the event together. We still need Asian food and cake donations for the day – see you there!

**Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 24th November
12 – 3 pm Downley site**



Children In Need

Thanks to the donations and a special effort from Gemstone department, we raised £312.24 – thank you!

Upcoming PPP Workshops

PPPs hold vital information about the professionals involved with your child, specific provisions that are provided, academic progress and EHCP-related targets. For those who would like more information or further help, we are hosting PPP workshops on:

Wednesday 5th December at 9.15am on the Cressex Site.

Thursday 6th December at 2pm on the Downley Site.

The aim of the workshop is to support parents and carers in their understanding of PPP documents. Please come along to learn more.

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Chiltern Wood
School Events



Friends of Chiltern
Wood School

News from around the school

Woodlands

We have started preparing for our Christmas Assembly which will be on Monday 10th December at 10am, and will be themed around 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. Invitation to follow. Amanda

Coppice

A big thank you and well done to all the children and families who donated to Children in Need. The children were delighted to show and share their toys from home, **and we were lucky enough to be visited by Pudsey Bear!** Last week we celebrated our second buddy week of the year. Squirrel and Red Kite Class made Pudsey Bear gingerbread men! Claire

Rainbow

We have had a great couple of weeks in Rainbow. This week saw the Fire Brigade come to visit us. It was brilliant to see our topic come to 'life' and the children have the opportunity of making a real life connection with what we have been learning about in class. The firemen were brilliant with the children giving them the opportunity to use the hose and sit in the fire engine. A brilliant experience for them all.

For Christmas this year we would like to invite you in to a Christmas themed stay and play. This will be similar to the structure of the one earlier this term where there will be an opportunity for a coffee and a catch up. You are welcome to join the classes or stay at the coffee session. In class we will be completing Christmas themed crafts. A letter will come out in due course but please save the date of Monday 17th December (in the afternoon). Have a lovely weekend, Hannah.

Little Wings

The children have been continuing their learning about 'People Who Help Us'. We were lucky enough to have a fire engine visit this week which the children found interesting. Some of the children had a go at using the hose, watching the flashing lights and get to sit in the cab.

The playground has been set up each week to link with the theme which has supported the children with their understanding of people in the community and people who help us. Helena

Treetops

The children continue to be working hard at following their class stories including 'A Christmas Carol, Frozen, Gangsta Granny and The Ten wishes of the Meanie Greeny Genie.' Our classes are now working hard getting ready for their Christmas performances which will be on the 14th December at 2.00pm, we hope to see you then. The students will also be watching Treasure Island on the 4th December with Little Wings and Rainbow and watching Coppice practice their performance on the 6th December. Have a great weekend and hope to see some of you at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday. David

Gemstones

Firstly, can I say a big thank you to everyone's support during our Buddy and Children In Need Week. There was a lot of cross-curricular learning happening across the school, and classes joined in celebrating these moments at the end of the week. It was wonderful for us to see the children make new friends, strengthen existing relationships and try a new experience. I'm sure our pupils have come home recently talking about the Christmas Production, or singing some of the very catchy songs, so here are some dates for the diary. On Tuesday 11th December at 10 am, Gemstones Department shall be performing their production at the Downley site, for all parents, friends and family. On Thursday 13th December, we shall be performing again, for the remaining Downley and Cressex classes. On Monday 17th December, Gemstones shall be visiting Coppice Department at the Cressex site, to view their Christmas Production. Class parties will be confirmed by classes individually, Santa shall be visiting us on Monday 10th December and our Department Pantomime trip is on Tuesday 18th December. With only a few weeks left, there is a still a lot to get through, and we understand it is going to be a busy time, thank you again. Pali

Coppice Christmas Dates for your Diaries:

Friday 7th December – children watching staff panto at Downley
 Monday 10th December - Santa visiting 12-2 pm & Parents' Christmas Show 2pm
 Thursday 13th December - Coppice watching Gemstones Christmas Performance AM & Christmas Lunch
 Monday 17th December - Gemstones watching Coppice Christmas Assembly AM
 Tuesday 18th December - Gemstones and Coppice Panto Trip

Gemstone Christmas Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 10th December – Father Christmas visiting.
 Tuesday 11th December 10 am – Christmas Production for Parents, Friends and Families.
 Thursday 13th December - Christmas Production for Downley and Cressex classes.
 Monday 17th December – Visiting Cressex to watch Coppice Department Christmas Production
 Tuesday 18th December – Department Pantomime trip. Class parties will be confirmed by classes.

Rainbow and Little Wings Christmas Dates for your Diaries:

Tuesday 4th December - Treasure Island Panto
Wednesday 12th December - Cinema Trip (more details to follow)
Monday 17th December - Little Wings Christmas Celebration. You are invited to join us for a Christmas themed Stay and Play from 2:00pm. There will be a Santa's Grotto for the children to visit in Little Wings and Christmas class based activities to join in with, including some singing. As with the last Stay and Play, there will be coffee and cakes in the dining room from 1:45pm which you are more than welcome to come along to.

Treetops Christmas Dates for your Diaries:

Tuesday 4th December – Treasure Island Panto being performed in the hall
 Wednesday 5th December – Christmas Play practice at 1.30pm. Coppice practice, which classes can attend at 2.15pm.
 Friday 7th December – Staff Pantomime – 1/1.30pm start at Downley.
 Monday 10th December – Father Christmas visiting.
 Friday 14th December – Christmas Production

Christmas Production Dates

Woodland Christmas Assembly –
 Monday December 10th at 10am.
 Coppice Christmas Production - Monday
 December 10th at 2pm.
 Gemstone Christmas Production - Tuesday
 11th December at 10.00am.
 Treetops Christmas Production – Friday 14th
 December at 2pm.
 Little Wings and Rainbow Christmas
 Celebration and Stay and Play - Monday 17th
 December at 2pm.



Buddy Week –Emerald and The Den



**“Connecting
 with one
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