



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,
 We're just over a week away from the end of term and I have to start this newsletter by celebrating the huge success of our Christmas Bazaar this year. I posted on Facebook that we had raised over £4000 – a new record for us. In actual fact there has been more money rolling in since then bringing our final total to a massive £4950. This almost doubles our previous best ever. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed, and especially to Sharon and Lynn who did a great job getting everyone organised. Next week sees all the Christmas productions coming to life, so I hope to see many of you up at the school. This afternoon we have the staff pantomime where a few of us will be getting dressed and making fools of ourselves. Hopefully the children will enjoy it – thanks to Sara Andreopoulos for being the creative genius behind the ideas.

Coming to the end of the term, there are one or two staff moving on. We wish all the best to Steph Maher who is moving closer to home to work in an SEN unit attached to a mainstream school; one of our SSAs Charlotte Littleford is having a change of career; and one of our Midday Supervisors Chiefton is leaving to work more hours at his other job! Thanks to all for everything they have done for the pupils within the school, we wish them every success. On a related theme, Helena Austin (Little Wings department leader) will be going on maternity leave midway through January. Emily will be taking over the running of Bumblebee, and David Pells will oversee Little Wings as well as Treetops. Best wishes to everyone over the coming week, and have a great holiday period when it arrives!
 Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)



One of our pupils, Albie Myburgh, has made it on to the front cover of a Christmas magazine!

Spring Term 2019 dates

Thursday 3rd January – Friday 15th February.
(half term Saturday 16th February – Sunday 24th February)
Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April.

Parent Events

- Happy New Year Coffee Morning –
- Thursday 10th January - Cressex Site (9-11am)
- Friday 18th January – Downley Site (9-11 am)
- Treetops community café every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
- Thursday 31st January - TACPAC workshop (Cressex), run by Hannah Goldsmith
- Tuesday 5th February – Epilepsy workshop (Downley), run by school nurses
- Friday 8th February (9:15 am) – Parent Forum (Downley)
- Tuesday 12th February - Epilepsy workshop (Cressex), run by school nurses

PLEASE NOTE

SCHOOL WILL BE SHUT TO PUPILS ON THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS:
WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY AND ALSO MONDAY 28TH AND TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2019.

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Chiltern Wood School Events



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News from around the school

Woodlands

Some fantastic learning resources have been made by the staff in Woodland Department.

The Meadow Class team have made a stimulating sensory mat.

The Forest Class team have made a rainbow bottle exploration wall.

Brenda has made some sensory mats. One has balloons on and this has encouraged some excellent responses from the pupils.

Theresa has made gel bag exploration boards, Sarah has made a beaded sensory mat and Helen has made a textured box as an object of reference for a pupil who has a Multisensory Impairment.

We'd be interested to hear about anything you have made for your child to use at home. Amanda

Rainbow

We have had a good couple of weeks in Rainbow Department. The children have met someone who works for the army as part of our topic people who help us and this week also saw the children attend the pantomime 'Treasure Island'. The pantomime was a great success and we were so proud of the children's focus and participation within the performance! Well done Rainbow. The last couple of weeks have a lot of different things built in. I have sent a letter out this week with the key dates some of which includes our Stay and Play and Cinema trip. Looking ahead to the New Year our new topic for the first half term is 'Transport'. We will be looking at different types of transport and whether it travels on land, water or in the air. The staff have already started planning this topic and we have lots of exciting things ahead to support the children in learning about this new topic. Have a lovely weekend! Hannah

Little Wings

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Little Wings. We had a visit from Officer Tim Roberts as part of our People Who Help us topic.

The children enjoyed seeing him and trying on his hat!

We also had the Panto visit which the children enjoyed. Next

Wednesday is our trip to the cinema which we are very much looking forward to and don't forget Stay and Play on Monday 17th December. We would love to see as many of you as possible to celebrate the end to a very successful term.

Treetops

The last couple of weeks we have had lots going on. Hawk class have been enjoying getting the bus every Monday into town and buying their lunch in a cafe. Red Kite class continue to have a very active timetable where they go swimming and forest school on Thursday which for many is their favourite day! This week Falcon class attended Heritage House and served hot drinks to lots of parents in the cafe. Kestrel class have been enjoying watching the final bits of our film 'Frozen' and finding the correct symbols that relate to the characters. Next week we have Santa coming to school on Monday and then Friday we have our class performances at 2.00pm which we hope to see many of you able to attend. Have a good weekend. David

Gemstones

Hello Everyone, this term has been an amazing experience for our pupils. It has been a privilege for us as a team to support and witness the pupils' journeys and reaction to learning in the new settings. Thank you for everyone's support and help during our Christmas Bazaar, Production, Charity days and WOW events. We wish you all a fantastic break, a Merry Christmas and we shall see you in the New Year! Please see the remainder of the newsletter for upcoming events and term dates. Pali

Coppice

Coppice Department Winter Production will be taking place on Monday 10th December at 2pm. Please come along and support! A big thank you and well done to all the children for their hard work over the Autumn Term. We wish all the pupils and their families a very restful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Claire

Christmas lunch for all classes on Thursday 13th December

Coppice Christmas Dates for your Diaries:

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:

Wednesday 12th December - Cinema Trip

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.



The School Council from the Cressex meeting

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.

