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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week as I am sure you're all aware with our visit from OFSTED on Tuesday and Wednesday! Whilst I won't be allowed to share the judgements from the visit until it has gone through a quality assurance process, I can tell you that the inspection was very well run and accurately reflected the school and where we are in our continuing journey of improvement. Schools are typically seen for just one day, but as we are a 'new' entity since amalgamation, inspectors came in for two days and carried out a more in depth inspection. My grateful thanks to those parents that responded to parentview or who spoke to inspectors on one of the days. They also received feedback from a number of pupils (including through the school council) and through staff surveys – the picture was extremely positive.

Whilst the following may not appear specifically in the report, I quote below one or two phrases from the inspectors that give a flavour of what was seen:

"There was evidence of excellent relationships between staff and pupils."

"Pupils trust staff here."

"Pupils feel safe and secure in the school."

"The school's strapline of 'Success Through Wellbeing' is evident through the day to day operations of the school."

"There is a joy in the interactions between staff and pupils."

"Lessons are well planned and well resourced."
"Pupils make good progress within the school, evidenced through their workbooks and the data collated by the school."

I look forward to sharing the full report in 2-3 weeks time.

Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

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Chiltern Wood School Events



Friends of Chiltern Wood School

Spring Term 2019 dates

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

Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April.

PLEASE NOTE

SCHOOL WILL BE SHUT TO PUPILS ON THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS:

MONDAY 28th AND TUESDAY 29th JANUARY Parents are invited to attend an evening presentation on SCERTS on the 28th at Booker Park School – please complete the reply slip on the letter or via parentmail

Other dates for parents:

Wednesday 16th January, 2 pm - Community Cafe
Friday 18th January, 9:30 am - Happy New Year
Coffee Morning (Downley site)
Wednesday 30th January , 9:15 am - PPP
workshop, Downley
Thursday 31st January - TACPAC workshop
(Cressex), run by Hannah Goldsmith
Tuesday 5th February - Epilepsy workshop
(Downley), run by school nurses
Wednesday 6th February 9.15 am - PPP
workshop, Cressex
Thursday 7th February 4-7 pm - Parents' Evening

Congratulations to Pali and his family, who have just become 3! Welcome Ava Juttla to the world!

Born on 4:56 am on 30th December 2018



News from around the school

Rainbow

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have all had a good holiday. We were pleased to welcome the children back to school last week and it has been great to see them engaging in our new topic of 'Transport'. We have had some additional visitors as you will be aware around school this week and the children have coped very well with seeing some unfamiliar faces, some of who spent time in class. We are all very proud of them. Class and Department newsletters will be coming out shortly. Have a lovely weekend, Hannah

Little Wings

Hello, my name is David Pells and I am the new Head of Little Wings whilst Helena is on maternity leave. The students have all made a very positive start back to school and it was great to see all of their happy faces on the first day. They have started their new topic on transport and some of the classes have started swimming and forest school this term. Have a good weekend. David

Treetops

Hello, Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a good Christmas break! The students have all settled back into their school routines. Kestrel Class, for the first time, got a bus into town and Falcon Class have been doing some more work with Chiltern Rangers. Red Kite Class attended Booker Gym for the first time and had a great time and Hawk Class also caught the bus to buy their lunch. Have a good weekend. David

Coppice

Welcome back Coppice Department! I hope you all had a restful Christmas and are ready to start the Spring Term. Our topic focus for this term is transport. The children will be reading transport books including, "Mr Gumpy's Motor Car" and "You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus", as well as learning about push and pull forces in science. We've already had a brilliant start to the year and we look forward to spending 2019 with the children. Claire

Aylesbury Waterside Theatre Visit to watch Peter Pan









Staff Panto









Gemstones Christmas Production "Grease"









Father Christmas Visit















