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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen Woodland department hold a number of sensory celebration events with their classes and parents, based around the theme of Alice In Wonderland. There were some amazing costumes donned by the staff as part of the week, and activities included a special assembly on Monday and sessions in the sensory room which had been especially transformed. Thank you to parents who came along.

Both Gemstones and Coppice pupils have taken part in some inter-school sports competition, with great participation and enjoyment from all involved. Credit to Matt and Ian for arranging these events, it has been excellent to give the children these opportunities.

Last week included our professionals' fayre, which was a vibrant and busy occasion – the car park at Downley was truly at capacity! My thanks to Wendy and Alison for organising so many groups to come in (some groups travelled so far they had to stay overnight to attend). It was very good to see a lot of parents come along, and I am sure you benefitted from talking to the services who were present.

Just one week now until half term, as usual it has flown past. Next week we hope to see all parents at some point in the week – Thursday for most of you. We're also holding two Friends of Chiltern Wood School meetings, one at either site, so that hopefully all interested can access one or the other. They will be at 2 pm on the Cressex site on Thursday 24th October (to tie in with parents' evening) and at 11 am on Friday 25th October on the Downley site (after the dance event for Gemstones).

As ever, we appreciate your positive involvement with the school, in whatever shape that may be.

Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

Autumn Term 2019 dates

Thursday 5th September – Friday 25th October
Monday 4th November – Thursday 19th December

Other dates for Parents:

12th September – 14th November – Every
Wednesday – Stepping Stones Parenting
Thursday 24th October –
Parents evening

Thursday 14 November - Zones of Regulation &
Social Thinking – Downley - 9.30-11am
Wednesday 20 November - South Bucks Coffee
Morning, - off site at Gerrards Cross – Details to
follow

News from the Parent Ambassador



The Professionals Fayre was a great success.

We hope all who came enjoyed talking to participants and finding out about so many great services that are available. Professionals commented that the event had a really good feel and they enjoyed talking to lots of interesting parents.

Special thanks to all Parent Volunteers for their hard work and help on the day and to those parents who signed up to join them.



Change to May Bank Holiday 2020

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

News from around the school

Rainbow

We are nearly at the end of our first half term and I have been reflecting on all that we have accomplished over the first half term. I am so proud of the children and how they have responded and adapted to their new class teams and classrooms (in some cases department!) over the last few weeks. I am in the privileged position where I can spend time in each of the classrooms and it is wonderful to see the progress the children have already been making and how comfortable they are in their learning spaces. As the half term comes to a close as does our topic of 'Music Maker'. Our topic for next half term is 'Once Upon a time' which will be focused on some fairy tales. We look forward to seeing you at parents evening next week. We hope you have a lovely half term when it comes. Hannah

Little Wings

A big well done to all the Little Wings pupils for a brilliant first half term! Our topic until half term is 'All about me' where we have been making friends, getting to know routines, as well as learning body parts and exploring likes and dislikes. After half term our topic will be changing to 'Celebrations around the world' where we will be learning about bonfire night, Diwali, Halloween and more. On 14th November we are planning a trip to Playtrain, which is a short walk away. Letters will be distributed soon! Claire

Treetops

This week in Treetops classes have been working hard and enjoying lots of life skill tasks. Eagle class have started making their own lunches. Hawk class continue to cook everyday making a variety of very nice dishes including quiche, flan and lemon mousse. Kestrel class have been making pizzas and will be making vegetable stir fry after half term and owl class have been making a variety of snack foods to try. Have a good weekend. David

Coppice

What a busy half term! Lots of amazing work going on around the department.

A big thank you to Matt who organised a games morning with some of Coppice department and Egerton Rothesay school. Some of our children from Deer class and Red Kite class took part in various games including Polybat and Boccia. It was lovely to see the children interacting and playing with each other. The event was so successful that we are already planning a second one! Watch this space for more information!

Squirrel class have been busy getting messy when exploring numbers! Falcon class students all applied for jobs at Chiltern Wood school and are currently working hard to get 'paid' at the end of the week. Salma

Woodlands

Thank you to all of the parents who came into school this week to join in with the Alice in Wonderland themed sensory story and experience. The whole department attended an assembly on Monday morning to meet and interact with the story characters. It was great to see so many of the pupils showing lots of interest in the characters and their costumes. Characters included a bright green caterpillar and the Cheshire Cat with a soft, furry tail. Thank you to the members of staff who have worked very hard to prepare art work, make props, decorate the sensory room and plan sensory activities to be enjoyed by the pupils. Much of this preparation has been done in their own time. What a wonderfully creative and dedicated team! We are hoping to share the sensory story with our buddy classes next week. Amanda

Gemstones

The first half term is nearly over already; it is lovely to see the children now settled into their new classes and routines. The Gemstone's football team took part in a training and competitive competition at Chiltern Way Academy this week. They all were a tremendous credit to our school with immaculate behaviour both on and off the pitch. All greatly improved their skills and not only that but both our teams made it through to the final. A very close game with an equaliser in the last minute made the result a 4-4 draw. We were all winners - what a great way to end a great day. More competitions to come!

Hope to see you all at the Spooky Dance Show next Friday and at Parents Evening. Sarah

Woodland Department – Alice in Wonderland WOW week



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