



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our colleagues at the Local Authority are keen for us to remind you as parents that the open offer to reimburse your mileage if you are able to bring your child to school continues to be in place. They pay 4-way mileage at 45p per mile. This is open to parents whose children currently receive transport through the SEN team. You can make this change by going through the following website:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/school-transport/coronavirus>

We sadly need to say goodbye to Claire Trethewy, a teaching assistant from Rainbow department who has been with us for 4 years. We do wish her every success for the future, and are sorry to see her go – it is her last day today.

Whilst we can't hold a Christmas Bazaar this year for obvious reasons, the Friends of Chiltern Wood are by no means forgotten about. Depending on how the vaccine work progresses, we hope to have a summer fete event towards the end of the year. Martina Kane has kindly held the treasurer position over the past couple of years, but now her son has moved onto secondary school, that position is now vacant. If there are any parents who feel they can help in this role, please do let me know. We hope to start having meetings again later in the year – hopefully once we have a clearer picture on how we could make any event safe.

It is nice within this issue to share some of the positive news from around the school, including some photos of Children in Need activities. A moment which brightened my day this week was hearing how one of our young people used his head switch to instigate a game of whizzing around the hall, much to his delight. I do hope you are all able to savour some wow moments yourselves, and keep these as the focus over the coming weeks.

Have a good weekend

Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

Autumn Term 2020 dates

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December
2020

Other dates for Parents:

W/C 7th December – Parent Forum – Cressex –
details to follow

A request from Rainbow Department



If anyone has any scooters, balls or other outside toys they no longer want, Please can these be donated to Rainbow Department.

Also, fairy lights, any sensory light items, and plastic storage boxes for the Rainbow Sensory room would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Thank you for the donations received so far.



Hi I'm Liz Webber and I am the new Parent Ambassador. I have previously worked in advisory roles, including at Citizens Advice, and working with parents and families in my community, and hope that my skills will be of use

in this new role. I have a daughter with additional needs and am aware of how busy, difficult and exhausting parenting can be, but also the delights that it brings too.

I work Tuesday & Wednesday mornings (9.30am – 1.30pm) and Thursday mornings (8.15am-12.15pm) and am available for home visits.

I will be on the gate on Thursday mornings (alternate weeks at each school) so do come and chat to me. Alternatively feel free to call me on 01494 532621 or drop me an email at lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk

I am looking forward to meeting you all and finding out how I can support you and your child during their time at Chiltern Wood School.

Liz

Thank You!

Congratulations to one of our parents, **Izabela Walters** who ran a virtual marathon to raise money to buy OT resources for Chiltern Wood School.

She raised £750!!

Thank you so much from all the staff and pupils



News from around the school

Rainbow

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Rainbow. The teachers and some support staff have been working with the therapy teams to develop PPP outcomes which will be coming home to you shortly. We have also been working to improve our sensory room within the department. We have updated our resources and worked on improving the provision which is available within the room. This has included two new bubble tubes, the introduction of light boxes with coloured paddles and sensory bags plus an interactive mark making board. We have also considered how to reduce the natural light within the room to make full use of the wonderful colours from our new equipment. The children have started accessing this over the past week and have enjoyed the new experiences. I am afraid we have to say goodbye to Claire this week. She has been a long standing member of Rainbow and has supported each of the different classes. She will be really missed within the department and we thank her for all she has done. Have a lovely weekend, Hannah

Coppice

Coppice department have been busy working hard and having lots of fun.

It has been great to see Falcon class and Red Kite class enjoy their cooking sessions with Chef Michael- it always smells so good! I hope you have been able to enjoy tasting these meals when they are bought home. I would love to see pictures of any recipes you try at home too!

I have seen lots of beautiful art work around Remembrance day, Bonfire night and Diwali from Squirrel and Deer. Squirrel and Deer class tried so hard to observe a minutes silence for Remembrance day - well done! Salma

Little Wings

We want to say a big well done to all of the parents who have been home schooling their children over the past weeks due to isolation. Finding activities to fill the day, particularly when there is no access outside of the house, is no easy task. You have done a fantastic job supporting the children with their home learning tasks, and some of you have been creative in designing your own learning tasks. Rest assured the children would have hugely benefitted from the activities and a good routine, and I'm sure the children appreciate your efforts (unconsciously, if not consciously!). Claire

Treetops

Last week the students wore non-uniform or spotty socks for Children in Need and did lots of fun activities including making Pudsey masks, biscuits, and decorating Pudsey. Thank you for your kind donations. This week we have had one class unfortunately having to stay at home due to a child testing positive. We look forward to hopefully seeing you all back next week. Have a good weekend. David

Woodlands

We are looking forward to our Woodland Department 'Four Seasons Wow Week' next week. The class teams have planned lots of exciting sensory activities to take place at various times throughout the week. Please see the letter from Kara for further information. We are also looking forward to working virtually with Ian Bean next Tuesday. Ian is a Special Needs Technology Consultant who has visited Woodland Department several times over the past year. He will be working us to support individual pupils to progress with their use of technology. Amanda

Gemstones

It is so lovely to see the colourful work everyone is doing on Celebrations in the department.

Diwali lit up the gloomy weather last week and thoughts are turning to how can celebrate Christmas in this challenging time. Please see the Diwali lamps made by Sapphire class. Sarah

Treetops Department – Children In Need Activities



Treetops Department – Owl Class

Here are some of the things that Owl class created on Friday for Children in Need. We also decorated biscuits with yellow icing and spotty toppings – but these didn't last long enough to get a picture!



Woodland Department - Snowdrop class

The children in Snowdrop class took part in a Pudsey Bear Hunt. They had to find 3 Pudseys each in the Sensory Garden and then took them back to class to decorate them. They chose different textures to decorate their Bears and then took them home at the end of the day to show their family.



Gemstones Department – Sapphire Class - Diwali

Sapphire class have been lighting up the classroom for Diwali



Treetops Department

Treetops department are after some childrens toys for role play activities including plastic food, kitchen set, trains that if you are throwing away please send in for us. Thank you very much David

