



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With children back for a full 2 weeks now, it feels as though the old routine is slowly returning. Whilst we are still in something of a transition phase, generally the children have been doing extremely well returning to our usual practice. The description and photos of the children around the school engaging in curriculum work is a real breath of fresh air, and I am pleased that everyone has experienced something of the rich curriculum including Comic Relief today, Science week, and World Book Day from a couple of weeks ago. Just a reminder that we have just under 2 weeks remaining of this term, with Good Friday at the end of the last week of term. We are now already thinking about the summer term, and how we might adapt those favourite times of year such as sports day and end of year assemblies.

I am pleased to say I have nothing really to report on the Covid front this time around – staff are testing twice a week and no positive cases to report currently. I have to say everyone is continuing to make a concerted effort with continued high quality practice with handwashing and adhering to bubbles. Over the next couple of weeks we'll be reviewing the extent to which we can adapt some of our practices including the size of the bubbles and what degree of staff crossing these is advisable.

We like to recognise landmark achievements for staff, and Julie Keen, who is the Senior Support Assistant in Kestrel class, marks 15 years of service for Buckinghamshire in April. Julie has most recently worked on the Cressex site with our secondary aged pupils, but prior to that she supported the range of pupils at Maplewood prior to our amalgamation. Congratulations to Julie, and thanks for all your (and continuing) hard work with the children at the school.

I hope everyone enjoys the weekend and we look forward to finishing the Spring term strongly!

Bradley Taylor

Spring Term 2021

Last Day of School Thursday 1st April 2021

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING

Join us for a FREE 5-week course run by Bucks Adult Learning and Chiltern Wood School

Topics covered include

- strategies to improve self-esteem and confidence
- mindfulness
- helping build resilience
- strategies to help with anxiety and stress
- the importance of communication to well-being.

Dates: 25th Feb, 4th, 18th & 25th March, 1st April
Time: 10am-noon
On: Google Meets (we will help you get online)

To book your place, please text: Mandy on 07825 862029 with your name and "CWW" ASAP

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Recharge

Time out for parents!

Life as a parent of a child with additional needs can be very isolating and drain your reserves.

Why not recharge and refresh yourself whilst meeting other like-minded parents on Zoom.

Bring along whatever relaxes you e.g. drawing, felting, sudoku, model making, needlework, mindfulness colouring, nail painting etc.

Come just as you are whether you are feeling frazzled, angry, sad, happy, worried, scared...

All are welcome.

Tuesdays 8.15pm - 9.30pm on

- 23rd February 2021
- 9th March 2021
- 23rd March 2021

Zoom details will be sent via Parentmail.

Session run by the Parent Ambassador



Online safety at home:

parents and carers newsletter



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Watching videos

From animals doing funny things, to slime-making and game-tutorials, the internet has lots of fun videos for children to enjoy. But the amount and availability of content online means that children may see something inappropriate.

To understand what type of content might not be suitable and advice on how to help your child watch safely, watch this short [video guide](#).

The internet is a public and open space where anyone can post and share content. This can be fun and entertaining for children, but it does mean your child may see something that is intended for adults.

Find out what to do if [you're worried your child might see something inappropriate online](#) or what to do [if they already have](#).

Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them. [YouTube Kids](#) is a safer way for children to explore their interests. You can find more information about this on [YouTube: what parents need to know](#).

Remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

Make sure they know where to go for support: Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. For a breakdown of report services, visit: [Supporting your child with reporting unwanted content online](#)

Take a look at Thinkuknow: Thinkuknow is the national online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency. Thinkuknow offers learning activities, advice and support for children and young people aged 4-18 and their families. The [Jessie & Friends animations](#) for 4 to 7s will help you start a conversation about online safety and for 8-10's, there's the [Play Like Share animations](#) and the [Band Runner game and advice website](#).

News from around the school

Rainbow

It has been lovely welcoming all the children back to school. All of the children have done well to accommodate the changes and the team have worked hard to ensure the transition has been as smooth as it could be. There have been some changes to the Rainbow environment including some updates to the painting in the building, this has freshened and lightened the corridors. Further painting is planned for the rest of the building in the next holidays. Rainbow playground (the outdoor space by Daffodil class) has been updated with new flooring and fencing which has been a welcomed addition! We also have gratefully received a 'sensory pod' to the building which Sunflower class are maximising the use of. Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend, Hannah G

Coppice

It has been so lovely to see all the children back in school and settling back into our routines again.

Highlights to share from over the last couple of weeks include Squirrel and Deer class children taking part in a shared play session with a parachute outside followed by an interactive story.

Red Kite class and Falcon class have been excited to start swimming again and forest school again! They have also been learning all about St. Patrick's day!

On Friday we will be doing activities around Comic Relief - in the afternoon the department will be holding a small comedy show where the classes will each take turn to share some funny jokes with one another (photos will be shared via classdojo!). Salma

Little Wings

It has been fantastic to see all of the pupils back into school. I am very impressed with how the pupils have transitioned back into school like they haven't been away. It is fantastic to see and hear about the progress the pupils have made whilst being at home being brought into school. It has been lovely to see the pupils doing lot of Comic Relief activities this week including an assault course and lots of craft activities.

Hannah H

Treetops

The last couple of weeks the classes have been very busy. There have been lots of cooking sessions with students making a variety of things including coronation chicken, biscuits, pizza and quiche. The whole department have been really enjoying our new fitness equipment which has been put on the field. The classes have also been enjoying reading their different sensory stories. Owl class and Kestrel class were also very lucky to have their first swimming session last week at Downley. It has been brilliant having everyone back and getting back into routine, have a good weekend. David

Little Wings OT room



Woodland

It has been wonderful to see so many smiley faces as the majority of pupils have returned to school. We have felt very proud of how well they have settled into the class routines and engaged with their learning. Last week, each class celebrated World Book Day throughout the week and the pupils took part in a range of activities including sensory stories, sharing books, creative activities and dressing up. We are looking forward to our Comic Relief red sensory activities this Friday. Not only are we feeling proud of the pupils who are in school, the pupils who are shielding have been working hard on their virtual learning. Well done everyone! Amanda

Gemstones

The children continue to settle into school and routines with smiles, great to see!

It is Science week this week and everyone is enjoying fun Science based activities.

See the photographs. Sarah

Health and Therapies

A big hello from everyone in the Health and Therapies Team! We are all so glad to be physically back in work and conducting more face-to-face therapy. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported with carrying on therapy work at home the last few months. Last week, the OTs worked really hard to transform the OT room in the Little Wings department for our younger children. Doesn't it look fabulous!

We look forward to seeing more of the children over the coming weeks. The Health and Therapies Team

Support Staff

Everyone has settled in well to their new roles and are doing a fantastic job; I must say so well done to them.

The weeks seem to be whizzing by and the site team are already gearing up for programming work for the Easter break. Andrew will continue to paint the Rainbow building and Michelle will be cleaning the outside play areas after wrestling the jet wash from Andrew.

The home testing kits have been distributed to all staff and another batch will be issued shortly so a big thank you again to all involved - as if they weren't busy enough with their day jobs. The team effort is a credit to the school.

The lunchtime staff are a great asset; they are always ready to be flexible and work with the class teams to fill in when short, allowing continuity for the students. Another big thank you. Vicky

Treetops enjoying new fitness equipment



Science Week and World Book Day 2021

