



Dear Parents and Carers,

There will be no April Fools jokes in the newsletter today, as much as it is tempting to add one in. It has been another strange term for everyone – children, parents and staff, and it has been great to have the children in for these last 3 weeks and look forward to what we hope will be a full summer term.

We need to say goodbye and good luck to Katie Wildman and Bethany Walford who are both moving on to other positions within Buckinghamshire schools. They will be missed in particular by their class teams of Owl and The Den respectively.

We also mark 30 years of service of our site manager on the Cressex site, Michelle Bayliss – commonly termed a ‘lifer’ in recognition of such commitment to the school. The Friends of Chiltern Wood are keen to resume fundraising for the school.

In light of this, we will be holding a Friends of Chiltern Wood meeting on Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom (details below). This is an open invite for anyone who wishes to join, all are welcome! This will be a great opportunity to share fundraising ideas as well as starting to think about our ever-successful Christmas Bazaar.

Zoom Details:

Meeting ID: 519 057 0179

Password: qQt5HH

On a final note, we would like to pass on our thanks and gratitude to Martina Kane, who has stepped down from the role as treasurer. To cover this position, we are welcoming Rosie Mann, Sapphire class teacher in Gemstones Department.

We look forward to seeing faces, old and new at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on :

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On a separate and sombre note I need to let you know that Sarah New, a long time employee of the school and teaching assistant in Snowdrop class, is extremely unwell and currently in the ICU in hospital (it appears unrelated to Covid). We send her our very best wishes and hope she has a speedy recovery.

I hope you have a good Easter break, we look forward to further steps working towards more normal operations over the course of the term.

Bradley

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April 2021 – Inset day

Tuesday 20th April 2021– Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 7th June 2021 – Wednesday 21st July 2021

SOCIAL THINKING AND ZONES OF REGULATION WORKSHOP

ON THURSDAY 29TH APRIL

10 - 11.30AM ON ZOOM

RUN BY SALT THERAPISTS



ZONES OF REGULATION IS ABOUT USING VISUAL ZONES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN IDENTIFYING THEIR FEELINGS, UNDERSTANDING HOW THEIR BEHAVIOUR AFFECTS OUTCOMES, LEARNING TO SOLVE CONFLICTS AND WHAT TOOLS THEY CAN USE TO REGULATE THEIR EMOTIONS.

COME ALONG AND LEARN HOW WE USE THIS AT SCHOOL AND HOW YOU CAN USE IT AT HOME

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PARENT CARERS & YOUNG CARERS INFORMATION SESSION

Carers Bucks supports the health and wellbeing of unpaid carers and supports unpaid carers of all ages and in different caring roles. These caring roles include young carers, young adult carers, parents of children with a physical or learning disability, older carers, carers from the black and minority ethnic community and those looking after someone with a mental health condition.

Come along to find out more about how we can help!

On Wednesday 21st April
from 10 - 11.30am on Zoom

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Repeated on Thursday 22nd April in Urdu/Punjabi



Online safety at home:

parents and carers newsletter



1st April 2021

Online gaming

Online games are social activities, and most have features that allow children to chat with others whilst they play.

For information about the positives of gaming, the risks of in-game chat and measures you can take to help protect them, watch this short video: [In-game chat: a guide for parents and carers](#) .

The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) rating system can be a useful tool to help you decide what online games are appropriate for your child.

For more information on the PEGI system and other factors to consider before deciding what's suitable, read [Gaming: what's appropriate for your child](#)

Gaming is popular with both children and adults and can help to cure that lockdown boredom!

If your child is gaming, you may have some questions about how to keep them safer. If so, check out - [gaming: what parents need to know](#).

For a guide on the apps, sites and games your child might enjoy, visit: [Net Aware](#).

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

Help your child identify trusted adults who can help them if they are worried: This includes you and other adults at home, as well as adults from wider family, school or other support services who they are able to contact at this time. Encourage them to draw a picture or write a list of their trusted adults.

Talk about how their online actions affect others: If your child is engaging with others online, remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo/video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.

News from around the school

Rainbow

We are all so incredibly proud of what the children in Rainbow have accomplished this term. They have worked so hard to overcome the obstacles that this term has presented and wowed us in so many different ways! This week the children have been enjoying even more outdoor learning with the beautiful weather and we have seen an array of activities from the classrooms which have included rescuing chicks from ice, exploring the local environment through Forest School and going to our swimming pool! My continued thanks to you and the team for all you have done this term. Have a wonderful Easter holiday, stay safe and take care, Hannah

Coppice

As the term draws to a close I would like to take a moment to say a big thank you and goodbye to Farkhana who has been teaching Squirrel class in the absence of Kathryn. Farkhana will be returning to Rainbow department after the Easter break. I know the children and the staff will miss you in Coppice but especially in Squirrel Class! Thank you for all your hard work! This last week has been filled with Easter activities from children learning about the traditional Easter story to how people celebrate Easter. It has been lovely to see some outdoor learning taking place (taking full advantage of the sun whilst we can!).

Wishing you all a lovely restful Easter break from all the staff in Coppice.

Salma

Little Wings

This term has been very challenging for everyone and I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing all of the pupils back after Easter. Have a safe and well rested Easter break. Hannah

Treetops

It has been great having all the students back the last three weeks. The students have been able to enjoy our new scooters and bikes and continue to enjoy the fitness equipment. I do hope you all have a good Easter and fingers crossed we get some more nice weather and we look forward to seeing you all back on the 20th April. David

Woodland

The pupils had fun taking part in a range of sensory activities on Red Nose Day to help raise money for Comic Relief. Some pupils showed interest in a member of staff who dressed up as a shark, especially when torch light was shone on the costume to make it glow. Other activities included making picture frames, choosing and wearing hats/facial accessories, creating collages using red materials and exploring red messy play resources e.g. spaghetti, jelly and cornflower slime. Last Tuesday, we received a virtual support day from Ian Bean (SEND Technology Consultant). Ian gave us some advice regarding how to make our touch screen computers more touch sensitive and suggested a wider range of programmes/games that the pupils can access. You may like to visit his website if you haven't already done so. <https://www.ianbean.co.uk/>

Happy 18th Birthday to Dennika! Dennika celebrated her birthday with her family over the weekend and had a class party on Monday involving balloons, streamers, cake and music. Dennika, you are such a positive, smiley and friendly, fun-loving young lady! Many Happy Returns! Amanda

Gemstones

What a term! It began with remote learning at home, now it ends all together in school. Rest up and enjoy the signs of spring over the holidays, stay safe. We are looking forward to seeing you all back for the summer term. Sarah

Health and Therapies

The children and staff in the Little Wings department have been joining in with some Music and SALT sessions this academic year. James and Leanne have thoroughly enjoyed delivering these to your classes. We hope the children and staff have enjoyed them too! Have a lovely break everyone.

The Health and Therapies Team

Support Staff

We celebrate a 30 year long service this week. Michelle our site Manager at the Cressex site has worked for Chiltern Wood school for thirty years. There isn't much Michelle doesn't know about the site and its history, a great wealth of knowledge on the changes to the buildings and the schools' growth over the years. A Big thank you for all you have done for the pupils at the school.

All the team's admin, finance, catering, premises and mid-day have worked extremely hard over the last term and a well-deserved rest over Easter is in order. Vicky

Parent Ambassador

Our Parent Events Calendar for next term will be coming soon. Keep your eyes open on Parent mail, our website, Facebook page and the school noticeboards to hear all about next term's exciting events! Liz

Celebrating Dennika's 18th Birthday



Comic Relief – Red Nose Day 2021



Rainbow Sensory Pod



Updated Rainbow Playground



Music Therapy

