



# Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today marks two weeks back at school and it has been great to see the school operating in a close-to-normal way. As a school staff we have been fortunate enough to receive our second doses of the vaccine during this period, and this – coupled with low transmission rates locally and nationally – has given us a degree of confidence that we might actually be on the way out of the pandemic. I am pleased to say that (touch wood) I have not had any reports of positive cases from either children or parents this term.

Unusually, I would like to celebrate the achievements of one pupil in my section of the newsletter today. Ariana Miah in Woodland department has made some amazing progress in her swimming, supported by the class team and Emin in the pool. She swam a length of our pool supported just by arm bands entirely independently. She moved her arms with balance and intent to swim the length – a truly remarkable achievement and one that has been buzzing around the department. Well done Ariana, and credit to all the staff working with her to support her achievement.

Just a reminder if you have not done so already to respond to the parentmail form about any thoughts or concerns you may have about where your child is placed next academic year – this is a focus of some of our work at the moment. Many thanks,

Bradley Taylor,  
Headteacher

## Summer Term 2021

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 – Bank Holiday  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – HALF TERM  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July



## Parent Forum

Focussing on the needs of your child

Join us on Zoom

On: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
At: 10am  
For Downley & Cressex

Details for Zoom will be sent via Parentmail nearer the time



### Agenda

coming soon



Have you ever thought:

- wouldn't it be better if.....
- or I wish I had been told this.....

about your child's EHCP and Annual Review Process?

If you are able and willing to join us as we reflect on the current process and share your views on parental guidance that has been created by County then we are hosting an online Parent Focus Group

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 10am on Zoom.

Please contact Liz on  
lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk  
to take part and make a difference for all parents at Chiltern Wood School.

## Annual Review and EHCP Parent Focus Group



## Coffee Morning

On: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

At: 10am

Venue: On Zoom

Further details to be sent out via Parentmail.

Come and join us  
for a chilled chat!





# Online safety at home:

## parents and carers newsletter



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### Chatting, being kind and making friends online

Primary-age children may not have previously had much experience with video chatting apps such as zoom, FaceTime and Skype, but may well be using them now for education or to keep in touch with family and friends.

To make sure your child has a positive experience video chatting online, read this [guide for parents and carers](#)

The internet has many positive opportunities for children to learn and play, but it can also be used in negative and unkind ways.

It's really important to speak to your child about being kind online, and how they can get help if they see or hear anything that makes them feel worried, scared or sad. Use these [conversation starters](#) to help your child understand the importance of being kind online.

The term 'online friend' can be used to describe people you only know through the internet, or those that you also know offline. Some children make friends online by meeting new people through online platforms such as gaming sites.

To help children have positive online friendships, read this [handy guide](#).

### Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

**Use 'SafeSearch':** Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child can access whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog.

Visit [Thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://Thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) for more information on keeping your child safer online.

## **News from around the school**

### **Rainbow**

It has been brilliant welcoming the children back to school and seeing them settle back into the school routines with their peers. We have had some environmental updates in Rainbow over the holidays. A huge thank you to the site team for the painting that has been completed in the corridors. Also a massive thank you to Jenny who came in during the holidays and added some artwork in our sensory room! You should have all received class newsletters from the Rainbow teachers. We have a busy term ahead of us but one that will hopefully be filled with lots of fun and opportunities. You should have also received an update with regards to staffing in Rainbow via parentmail. Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend, Hannah.

### **Coppice**

Welcome back for the Summer term- let's hope we get to see some more sun!

Highlights from the last couple of weeks include Deer and Squirrel class starting their new topic on Julia Donaldson books. Squirrel class made potions when exploring capacity and Deer class also went on an imaginary rocket journey to space. Falcon class have been working hard on their number skills; when I popped in this week they were counting to 100 and counting in 10s! Red Kite class have started to explore healthy and unhealthy foods too! Salma

### **Little Wings**

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a good Easter holidays. This half term the topic is Under the Sea. Children will be exploring this through sensory stories, small world play and artwork. We have also set up our playroom as an aquarium which the children have loved so far. Hannah

### **Treetops**

I hope you all had a good Easter break and enjoyed some of the nice weather. The students have all settled back well into their routines. Eagle class have enjoyed working with Chef Michael to follow instructions to make soup. Kestrel class made cheese scones with Chef Michael and continue to enjoy swimming on Fridays. Hawk class have been enjoying cooking sessions and have working on practicing their road safety in the community. Owl class have been enjoying music therapy and going swimming up at Downley. Have a good weekend. David

### **Parent Ambassador**

We have lots of events coming up this first half of the Summer. They are all on zoom.

The highlights:

Recharge - time out for parents - creative time to chat and have time for themselves - variety of dates

Zones of Regulation and Social Thinking from our SALT Therapists - 10-11.30am on 29th April.

Coffee Morning - 10am on 5th May

Parent Focus Group on the Annual Review Process and EHCPs - any parents interested in taking part in this then do let me know. - Thursday 6th May at 10am.

Epilepsy Workshop with Helen Watts - 10am on 19th May .

Supporting your Child's wellbeing - 5 week course by Bucks Adult Learning - this was very well received last term so they are running it again. Starts on 20th May at 10am.

Watch this space for a new Asian Women's Support Group/Coffee Morning starting towards half term! Liz

## **Woodland**

The pupils were engaging extremely well with their learning when I visited each class this week. The pupils in The Den and Forest Class were working on their individual physical development targets, which included the use of standing frames, walkers, rolls to sit on and a range of reaching/grasping activities. Well done to Zahraa for pulling herself up into her walker from a high kneeling position. Bluebell Class were busy planting seeds, feeling the soil and pouring water. Snowdrop Class were attending well to a new sensory story about pirates and treasure, especially when the pirate puppet bit their fingers! The pupils in Orchard Class and Meadow Class were working on their individual programmes including looking at lights, responding to textures, exploring sensory objects and taking part in Intensive Interaction. It makes me feel extremely proud to see the pupils so interested in their learning. Amanda

### **Gemstones**

The summer term has begun and the new topic, 'We're all going on a summer holiday' has started.

The theme continues in the playground with our new sandpit, which was welcomed by many pairs of eager hands exploring the soft sand. We hope we will be able to invite you in to share all our learning at the end of the term.

We have started work on our transition programme, with a focus on our year 6 leavers. We have good communication with the secondary schools and are making plans to visit in the coming weeks. Sarah

### **Health and Therapies**

A big welcome back to everyone! We hope you all had a good break ready for another busy term. The Therapies team would like to say a big thank you to Iza Walters, mother of Mati, who very kindly raised money for Occupational Therapy resources. This money funded the creation of Sensory Boxes for each class in Rainbow department, Kestrel, Owl and Hawk classes in the Treetops Department, and a box for the OT room in Little Wings Department. We are very grateful for your efforts Iza, and the children are all enjoying these in their classrooms now. Thanks, The Health and Therapies Team

### **Support Staff**

We have a new member of staff, Lisa Bedford joining the admin team on a temporary basis, to cover Victoria while she is away. Lisa will be at Cressex Monday and Tuesday swapping with Charlie and then Downley Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Lisa has a number of years' administration experience so I am sure she will be a great support over the next two months.

Caroline has completed and passed her Executive PA Diploma, fantastic achievement and a huge relief to reach the end after a very long year. Alongside her studies Caroline has also embraced her new H & S Co-ordinator role and passed her Asbestos, Legionella, Fire Awareness, COSHH, & RIDDOR courses. Tremendous effort.

Huge thank you to Andrew for all the decorating that took place in the Rainbow building over Easter. I know the Rainbow team are considerably grateful for his hard work and how it has lifted the appearance of the building.

Vicki G has passed the infrastructure stage of her School Business Manager studies and is well on her way to completing the course in style. Well done Vicki.

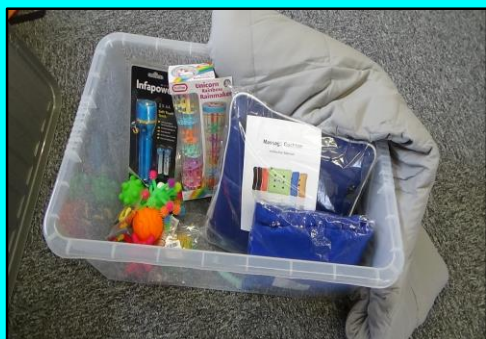
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## Photos from around the school...



### OT Sensory boxes



### Art in Rainbow Sensory Room

