



# Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has finally begun to feel like summer with some lovely hot weather these past couple of weeks. As usual, at this time of year, remember to apply sun cream, send your child in with a hat, and convey anything relevant and important to staff teams in relation to the heat and your child.

There has been the start of our Sports Day activities – which looks a bit different for each department – over the past fortnight too. There are lots of great activities going on, and children have thoroughly enjoyed the physical challenges. Thanks to parents for their donations from sponsorship; this is still live, please use ParentMail wherever possible. Each department is raising money for its own cause – however, Woodland department's focus will be a shared focus for us as a school after this event in terms of fundraising. This is to install hoists and tracking equipment within the department – see page 2 for the link, or you can use the QR code below:



This month, Vicky Clanfield – our School Business Manager – reaches the milestone of 25 years working for Buckinghamshire. Vicky is an essential part of our school team and is vital in looking after everything within the school from finance to health and safety and just about anything and everything that happens within the school that does not take place within the classroom. Congratulations to Vicky, and many thanks to her for all her years of hard work.

Just a brief note about Covid – Public Health England have advised that we don't relax restrictions in schools any further at the current time, and hence we have reversed our decision about having face to face sessions for parents this term. We will wait and see with regard to transition work and end of term celebrations – we hope to stick to our original plans.

The funeral for Sarah New, the teaching assistant who sadly passed away recently, will be held next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12:15 pm. Places are limited at this time and the family have allocated these, although I understand the service will stream if you wish to follow it (I'll e-mail this out via Parentmail). The family have requested that no flowers are sent, but donations to the Make A Wish charity are welcomed. Equally as a school we intend to develop one of the outside areas in her memory – Sarah was particularly skilled in setting up sensory trays, and we want to ensure this is a feature of the development. Sarah's family are happy for donations to be made to this instead – I'll share the details of this in due course.

My thanks to those parents who have been in touch expressing their sadness at the news – I will be sure to pass on all sentiments at the service.

Best wishes for the weekend, Bradley

## Summer Term 2021

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Coffee Morning for Cressex and Downley Parents**

On: Tuesday 22nd June 2021  
At: 9.30-10.30am  
Venue: On Zoom

Come online and meet other parents at school!

## Update from the Parent Ambassador

Like many of you, I was so looking forward to having in person events and training for this half of the term and the chance to meet you "in real life", however following advice from Public Health England, we are having to continue online. Please note that the First Aid course cannot run online so will be rescheduled.

Nevertheless, we still have some exciting training and events coming up in the remainder of the term:



- 22nd June - Coffee Morning 9.30-10.30am on Zoom.
- 1st July - Parent Forum at 10am on Zoom.
- 13th July - Recharge - Creative Arts at Home - 9.30-10.45am on Zoom.
- 7th July - Self Care for Parents - finding little ways to keep your cool with your kids in the Summer holidays - 10-11am on Zoom.
- 15th July - Puberty Workshop 9.30-11.30am on Zoom.

## News from around the school

### **Rainbow**

It has been brilliant to see the children enjoying the different outdoor spaces such as adventure play and the swings and trampolines again. The children have loved going back to these activities and there has been lots of excitement. Last week we held our Rainbow sports day. As previously shared this was an OT based obstacle course centred around five different themes. The children were fantastic and participated really well in the event. Thank you to all the Rainbow team and the OT team in particular Pippa and Susan for making the event the success that it was. Thank you for the sponsorship money that has already come in. There is still time to send it in if you haven't had chance yet. All of this will be going towards some new durable outdoor OT equipment for the department. Have a lovely weekend. Hannah

### **Treetops**

The last couple of weeks we have had lovely weather so the students have been able to enjoy lots of outdoor activities including using outdoor fitness equipment, forest school both on site and off site and doing some community walks. Unfortunately we postponed sports day due to the weather forecast looking unpredictable. Thank you for those parents who sponsored the students, the parent mail account is still available should you wish to send any sponsorship. The class teams will be sending you some photos home after the event. Have a good weekend. David

### **Woodland**

'Next week, Woodland Department will be taking part in 'The Big 5 Challenge' for Sports Week. Each class has planned activities to take place throughout the week. The outdoor sensory trail will be visited by each class on Thursday, with the opportunity to visit the trail for a second time on Friday. The sponsorship money raised through this event will go towards ceiling hoists and overhead tracking. Thank you very much for the donations we have already received. Donations can be made through your Parentmail account  
<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/login> or by cheque (please make payable to Chiltern Wood School). If you wish to pay by cash please contact the school whereby we will organise a Paypoint letter for the full donation amount.'

You can also donate via our Justgiving link

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chiltern-woodschoo?utm\\_term=yzgejW6gb](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chiltern-woodschoo?utm_term=yzgejW6gb)

Amanda

### **Health and Therapies**

Hi everyone, the Health and Therapies team have enjoyed seeing the children back after their half term break. We hope you had a lovely time. Therapies have been meeting with teachers these last 2 weeks to discuss PPP outcomes for the children. This has been really productive. We hope you also find the outcomes useful to support your child's progression. Thanks. The Health and Therapies Team

### **Coppice**

Coppice Department have been busy keeping fit and being active by taking part in our Big 5 Sponsored Sports Day activities. I have seen some amazing activities going on over the course of the week. Look out for Sports day photo books and certificates which classes will be sending out.

Thank you to everyone (staff and children) who has already completed their sponsorship forms and donated via Parentmail. I am looking forward to seeing how much we have raised for the development of our outdoor areas. If you haven't yet managed to do this there is still time - please return sponsorship forms (if you need a new one let your class teacher know) and donate via Parentmail. Thank you for all your support much of this would not be achievable without you! Salma

### **Little Wings**

This week Little Wings have been getting involved in sports day. They have been busy dancing, running, scooting and hunting for treasure! The pupils have been managing this brilliantly and they will all have photo books coming home to show you the fantastic week they have had. We are still taking in sponsorship over Parent mail which will be going towards developing our outside area. Hannah

### **Gemstones**

Today, Friday 18th June we are holding our Sports event, the 5 Sports Challenge. We have moved all our activities inside due to the wet weather and the children are enjoying throwing, skipping, balancing and jumping! We are raising money for our Swing area which sadly needs to be redeveloped, please donate if you can. Sarah



## Parent Forum

Focussing on the needs of your child

Join us on Zoom

On: Thursday 1st July

At: 10am

For Downley & Cressex

Details for Zoom will be sent via Parentmail nearer the time



## Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Update on current situation
3. Feedback from annual review focus group
4. Parents' Questionnaire feedback & question
5. Parent Events/Training update
6. Opportunity to feedback on school practices
7. Chance to share thoughts on this difficult year
8. AOB



Summer holidays can be tough on parents and carers so why not come along and find out some tips and tricks for keeping your cool with your kids over the Summer.

## SUMMER SELF CARE WORKSHOP



JULY 7TH 2021 • 10 - 11 AM • ON ZOOM

Further details to be sent out via Parentmail



RUN BY YOUR  
PARENT AMBASSADOR



## RECHARGE: CREATIVE ARTS SESSION

ALL  
PARENTS  
WELCOME

NO SKILL  
NEEDED



ON TUESDAY 13TH JULY AT 9.30-10.45AM

OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL HALL AT DOWNLEY SITE

CRAFT MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED

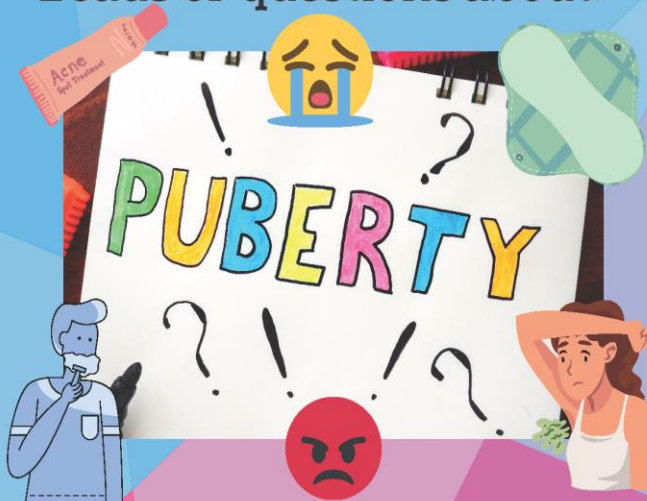
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

DO LET LIZ KNOW IF YOU CAN ATTEND BY  
E-MAILING [lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk)

RUN BY LIZ, PARENT AMBASSADOR



Loads of questions about:



then come along to the  
Community Learning Disability  
Nurses' Workshop

On 15th July from 9.30-11.30am

Venue: To be confirmed

To book a place e-mail  
[lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk)



# 'The Big 5 Challenge' 2021

