



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly sad week as we heard that Zaynah Shah from Meadow class has passed away over the weekend. There are no words to describe the loss that is felt when a child dies, and we can only send our very best wishes, deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to her family and all that knew her.

As many of you will be aware we have also seen an increase in the number of positive Covid cases seen within the school. For the first time, we have seen transmission within a class group, affecting one class in particular which has had to move away from in school learning. This really has been a last resort, and reminds us that it is still the case we need to be vigilant with handwashing, spotting symptoms, regular testing where possible and following any guidance from track and trace or public health. It does feel somewhat depressing and worrying to be so mindful once again of this threat, particularly when we consider the rates of infection in some of our European counterparts. At the time of writing we very much hope to go ahead with our Christmas Bazaar, but – as with anything organised currently – there is the risk that any events involving gathering together may need to be postponed or translated into a virtual event. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Christmas Bazaar – my office is currently overflowing with gifts, chocolates, and other goodies; it requires very strong willpower at times!

I'll be in touch early in the week next week about arrangements for the Christmas Bazaar,
Bradley Taylor

[Here is of a beautiful photo of Zaynah..](#)



Calendar dates

Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December 2021



Thank you for your support with the Morrisons Good to Grow voucher scheme, we have raised a total of 2856 tokens enabling us to get some lovely gardening equipment for the children.

FCWS has registered for Amazon Smile. if you order products from Amazon, please visit via smile.amazon.co.uk, select Friends of Chiltern Wood School and Amazon will give 0.5% of the net purchase price as a charitable donation to FCWS. Don't forget, you must visit via <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1001048-0> !

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News from around the school

Rainbow

It was brilliant being in class for our most recent learning walks in the different classrooms. There was SCERTS embedded to an extremely high standard in every single class with some fantastic opportunities to develop pupil communication, independence and regulation. This week you will be receiving your child's updated PPPs and also BSPs. Please do contact your class teacher if you have any questions about these. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who have been making an array of resources for us! We have recently updated our colour coding linked to the PECS books and this has been a big job so your help in getting these prepared has been a great help. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, Hannah

Woodland

Zaynah's family have been in our thoughts and prayers. Zaynah hadn't been in Meadow Class for very long at all, but had already touched the hearts of those who met her.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and friends to our Christmas event 'Sarah's Seasonal Sensory Tray Celebration'. Please see the separate email for further information. Here is a reminder of the date and time slot for your child's class:

Snowdrop Class - Monday 29th November at 9.30am

Forest Class - Monday 29th November at 10.45am

The Den Class - Monday 29th November at 1.30pm

Orchard Class - Tuesday 30th November at 9.30am

Meadow Class - Tuesday 30th November at 10.45am

Please bring a face covering to wear, use hand sanitiser as you enter the school building and do a lateral flow test on the morning of your visit.

We hope the Orchard Class staff members who are unwell feel better very soon. Amanda

Little Wings

It has been lovely to see all of the children engaging in children in need activities this week. This has included sensory play, creative activities and incorporating Pudsey into their art. A reminder that it is the Christmas Bazaar on the 27th! It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible. Hannah

Gemstones

We are beginning to plan Christmas events for later this half term.

We were really hoping to perform it to you face to face this year but we think it would be sensible to record the performance and share it with you on the Website, we will be starting to practice these songs so beware of some Christmas singing around the house !

A huge plea to sell raffle tickets for the Friends of Chiltern Wood. The team are working hard to raise money for our school and would really appreciate your help.

Topaz class have been busy making bird feeders this week, to feed our feathered friends this winter.

Although there was a hungry squirrel under the tree this morning! Photo below. Sarah



Health and Therapies

Hello everyone! The therapies team have been having some wonderful sessions with the pupils. In particular, Owl class have been participating in the OT obstacle course every Wednesday this term, run by OT, with great support from the staff team. We have seen some lovely progress with the students being able to access equipment that they had initially found difficult. Photo attached.



Food & Drink - Raffle - Stalls - Choir - Silent Auction - Pot of Gold - Games - Father Christmas

Chiltern Wood School Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 27th November 2021

4pm - 7pm



The Massage Company created a special voucher just for the staff and parents at Chiltern Wood. This Christmas voucher is priced at £49.95, but for every voucher sold through the link, TMC will make a £10 donation to CWS fundraising efforts! The link is this: <https://highwycombe-massagecompany.giftpro.co.uk/vouchers/50-minute-massage-chiltern-wood-school-vip-payback-voucher-highwycombe/>

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW ON PARENTMAIL

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Nov		First Aid 9.30am - noon Venue: Cressex run by Bucks Adult Learning	Recharge Wintry Walk 9.30-11am Venue: tbc run by Parent Ambassador	Parent Volunteers 9.30-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
8th Nov			Sensory Workshop 9.30-11am Venue: tbc run by Geri Pincock, OT	Parent Volunteers 9.30-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
15th Nov		Annual Review Workshop for parents at primary to secondary transition stage 10-11am on Zoom Run by SENDIASS team		Parent Volunteers 9.30-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
22nd Nov			Managing Behaviour Workshop 9.30-11am Venue: tbc Run by Community Learning Disability Nurses	Parent Forum 9.30-10.30am at Downley site for parents from both sites run by Parent Ambassador	
29th Nov		Annual Review Workshop for parents of children at post-16 transition stage 10-11am on Zoom Run by SENDIASS team		Parent Volunteers 9.30-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
6th Dec		Christmas Coffee Morning with mini how to cope with Christmas Session 9.30-10.30am Venue: tbc run by Parent Ambassador		Parent Volunteers 9.30-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
13th Dec				Parent Volunteers Christmas Lunch 12-2pm Venue- tbc run by Parent Ambassador	



Does your child's behaviour leave you feeling like this?

Then come along to the Learning Disability Nurses' Workshop:

Positive Thinking in Managing Behaviour

On Wednesday 24th November
from 9.30 - 11.30am
Venue: Cressex Site

Annual Review Workshop for Parents of children in years 10 and upwards

Run in conjunction with Bucks SENDIASS team

We'll be looking at the Annual Review Process and particularly thinking about the transition phase Post-16.

On: Tuesday 30th November 2021

From 10-11am on Zoom

(details will be sent out via parentmail)

