



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of term and it was great to see so many of you at the Christmas Bazaar last Saturday. I would really like to recognise and thank all the staff who stayed very late on Friday evening to make the Downley hall look so magical. As ever, the staff demonstrated amazing talent and by the time of the Bazaar there were multiple gazebos and fairy lights in place. It felt truly wonderful to have a 'normal' event at a time when so much gets cancelled, and it was lovely to see so many familiar faces. Thanks to all who came along and had some fun on the games, bought something new, put a bid into the silent auction or bought raffle tickets. Quite aside from the great social occasion, the team raised in excess of £3,500 which is an excellent result in the current climate. I would be in danger of missing people off the list if I were to thank individuals, but my grateful thanks to everyone working on behalf of the Friends for such a lovely event.

Bradley Taylor



if a child has a medical appointment during school time, please can you provide evidence for our records. Parents can also show messages from NHS portal as we are aware that everything tends to be electronic.

Calendar dates

Term dates: **Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December 2021**

Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Coffee Morning with mini session "How to cope with Christmas" from 9.30-10.30am. Venue: Cressex

Last day of term
Friday 17th December

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News from around the school

Rainbow

Another busy couple of weeks have passed in Rainbow and the children continue to explore our topic in creative ways. These have included fun with food activities, sensory exploration, developing fine motor skills through feeding pretend animals and working on numbers and labelling. Please can I remind you with the colder weather to ensure children come with the appropriate named clothing as we are still encouraging outdoor play. Have a lovely weekend, Hannah

Little Wings

We have set up a Christmas party role play area in the Little Wings playroom this week and we are looking forward to seeing the pupils engage with hanging decorations on the tree, talking about colours and interacting with each other. We are looking forward to integrating this with class activities that all support our 'celebrations' theme. Hannah

Coppice

As we approach the last stretch to the end of the term it is time to start to celebrate the accomplishments that have been made over the course of the term. I have seen some beautiful work in Falcon class where time and timetables are being used to support functional learning. Deer class have been exploring how to use describing words. Squirrel class have been enjoying their swimming sessions are now so much more confident in the water. Red Kite class have started to gear up for Christmas creating Christmas art to be displayed in the classroom. Salma

Treetops

The last few weeks there has been lots of fantastic learning taking place. Both Hawk and Eagle class enjoyed going to St Katherines this week where they were planting onions and they also enjoyed swimming on Monday at Handy Cross. Kestrel Class have been enjoying working on their counting skills and attention autism sessions. Owl class have been enjoying lots of sensory art sessions and showing lots of engagement in their OT sessions. Reminder Parent event on Friday 10th December. Owl and Kestrel class invited from 1.15pm to have tea/coffee and buy some Christmas items made by Eagle class in the dining hall and then at 1.45pm spend some time in your son/daughter's class completing Christmas activities. Hawk and Eagle invited from 1.45pm and then 2.15pm spend some time in classes. Look forward to seeing you next Friday. David

Gemstones

There has been such amazing swimming in Emerald Class that Una-Lynne had to present them with their swimming certificates.

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and families for your support in the Christmas Bazaar purchasing raffle tickets, providing some amazing prizes and for coming along to this event.

Get your Christmas jumpers ready! We are having Christmas jumper day on Friday 10th December, please bring a donation of £1.00 which will be donated to charity. Sarah

Woodlands

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for our 'Sarah's Seasonal Sensory Tray Celebration'. The event was a great success and the vast majority of pupils engaged enthusiastically in the wide range of sensory experiences on offer. For some pupils, coping with being in the hall with so much going on was a real achievement in itself. It was super to see the pupils communicating some clear likes and dislikes about the contents of the sensory trays!

Health and Therapies

Hi everyone. We continue to be very busy working with all the children towards their therapy goals, and are really enjoying working with them. Our Music therapists have been coming in to deliver some fantastic sessions, and SALT and Music Therapists have been working together in Butterfly class to deliver a lovely weekly session! Leanne



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/>

'Sarah's Seasonal Sensory Tray Celebration



Emerald receiving their swimming certificates



Butterfly class music therapy session



Christmas Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 14th December
From 9.15-10.15am
In the dining room at Cressex

Open to parents
from both sites

