



Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start by showing you some of the amazing art work that I now have proudly displayed in my offices. I asked the classes to do some work for me to have up to show everyone what talented students we have and it has been fantastic to showcase some of our students.



Cressex

Downley



Liz and I have spent some time this week creating the first ever 'Chiltern Wood Chats'. This will be a series of informal chats that Liz is doing for parents to meet some of the staff in a range of roles across the school. Lisa in the office has done a brilliant job of getting it up on the website really quickly and you can find it in the Parents Section under 'Chiltern Wood Chat'.

My class highlights this fortnight have been:

- Painting with Meadow Class
- Start of the day and bucket with Buttercup Class
- Helping out in Owl Class and seeing some amazing drawing from Raees
- Helping out at lunch time with Kestrel Class
- Friday afternoon with Daffodil Class

Please keep a look out for a Friends of Chiltern Wood meeting at the start of next half term. I look forward to meeting a few more parents then, either in person or virtually.

Finally, a few goodbyes. Charlie from the office, Lucy Snook and Hannah Hope from Squirrel Class and formerly Little Wings department lead. We wish them well in their new and exciting roles. We also welcome back Kathryn Edwards to Squirrel Class.

Have an enjoyable half term holiday,

Rachel



## Calendar dates

**TERM STARTS** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening

**HALF TERM** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**SPRING TERM** – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Hello all,

Firstly, we would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year and a huge 'Thank You' for all your efforts at our Christmas Bazaar back in December. It was such an amazing event and we were truly humbled by everyone pulling together to raise money for our ever-deserving pupils.

Now that we've settle into the New Year, Friends feel the time is right to get back together to discuss future fundraising ideas for the school. We would also like to get to know the wonderful parents that dedicate their precious time for our worthy cause.

Therefore, if you are free on Thursday 3rd March 2022, virtually or face-to-face, we would love for you to come and join us for a cup of tea and a slice of cake. This could be to share your ideas, get to know us or even to find out what we're all about... you are more than welcome! We will also be welcoming Rachel to our meetings, who is keen to be a part of a wonderful cause.

The meeting will be 7pm at the Downley site, however if you are unable to attend this face-to-face, we will also have a virtual Zoom link so you can join us:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5190570179?pwd=T21xTzIhCZTMwaVh5RWQvTDFMMnBmdz09> Meeting ID: 519

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Passcode: CWS

Please do pass this message onto anyone that you feel would be interested in attending.

We look forward to seeing you soon,  
Sara & Sharon  
Co-Chairs FC

# News from around the school

## Rainbow

Thank you for your continued patience and support that you have given throughout our bubble phase. It has been lovely this week for the children to have some of the usual sessions including Forest School and walk outs, hopefully more classes will be able to experience this next week. Next week is parents evening, your child's class team will be in touch in terms of how this will look and appointments that are available. We hope you will be able to book an appointment to hear about the progress your child has been making since the last time. If I do not see you before I hope you all have a lovely half term. Have a lovely weekend, Hannah

## Little Wings

I'm pleased to say little wings is no longer a bubble due to covid cases significantly decreasing over the past week. Thank you so much to all the parents for your support. Forest school and swimming have started again so please bring in the relevant kit if your pupil is going off site. We've been very pleased to see the sun coming out this week as we can now start more outside learning! Claire

## Coppice

As we approach the final stretch to this half term, I would like to share with you some of the work that has been going on across the department.

Red Kite class have been enjoying their sessions at Booker gym where they have been exploring different ways to move on gym equipment.

Meanwhile Falcon have been learning about the world around us by exploring the celebrations of Chinese New Year and Valentines day. Deer class have been exploring trains as part of our transport topic.

Squirrel class have had to shift to remote learning this week which I know isn't easy so thank you for all your support. Keep your eyes on Parentmail and Classdojo for updates. Salma

## Treetops

In eagle class the students have been learning about e-safety and understanding about safe use of the internet. They have also been doing some fantastic work with the SALT team using a program called 'word aware'.

Owl class have been enjoying music sessions and showing some fantastic engagement. Kestrel class have been doing some lovely art work linked to their story 'Messy Morgan' and Hawk class have been making fantastic progress in their swimming sessions. Reminder community cafe continuing every Thursday- please send in 50p. Have a good weekend. David

## Woodlands

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day and we are busy planning fun activities to do during this day. It will be an optional dressing up day. We are looking forward to talking to you at the parent and teacher meetings, most of which will be taking place next week. Amanda

## Gemstones

Some amazing work on authors happening in every classroom, weaving baskets Eileen Browne's Handa's surprise in Opal, Julia Donaldson witches hats being made in Sapphire. and finding out facts about Eric Carle in Ruby class. We are planning exciting events for world book day so stay tuned for more information and be prepared to dress up as a character if you are comfortable to do so.

An appeal please ahead of Shrove Tuesday; our frying pans are looking a bit tired and need replacing. If you could donate a frying pan or pans to gemstones, please send one in with your child. Many Thank you's.

Hope to see some of you for parents evening next week we are so proud to show you all our hard work! Sarah

## Health and Therapies

Hello everyone,

We are thinking about e safety in our newsletter this week, and wanted to share with you some useful resources from credited sources:

Follow this link to find a social story to explain to your children about being safe on the internet: [Online safety | Ambitious about Autism](#)

Here is a useful website for The Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity, who can help with toileting and bowel and bladder conditions in children

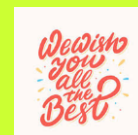
<https://www.eric.org.uk/>

Follow this link to a credited website used by Occupational Therapists to find helpful information and suitable resources to support sensory needs, fine and gross motor skills etc <https://www.griffinot.com/>

Please do contact the therapists if you want to discuss these more.

Thanks, The Health and Therapies Team

## We wish Farewell and Good Luck to Charlie, Lucy and Hannah



# EVENTS



Have you missed a training that you really wanted to go to, but couldn't?

Well, we have a couple of new sections on our website under Parents called Training/Workshop Recordings and Chiltern Wood Chat.

Under Training/Workshop Recordings we currently have an excellent training from Geri on Sensory issues available for you to watch. Please note that there is a specific login and password to access the page, which was sent out last week on Parentmail or you can contact myself on [lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk) or the school office to obtain it!

We won't be able to record all the sessions, but we will when we can. There's a whole document about when we will and won't record, which is available on this section of the website. Please don't let this put you off attending the training sessions though as we will always ask permission before recording.

The second new page is called Chiltern Wood Chat and will feature short videos chatting with various different people from different professions relevant to our children and parenting. First up is a video with our new Headteacher Rachel, where I'll be finding out more about what she's been up to since she started and what her plans are moving forwards. Do check it out!

On a separate note, we have the chance to design our own bespoke mindfulness/self care course for parents with a tutor from Bucks Adult Learning. I sent out a link to a survey on parentmail last week to get your views. If you haven't completed it, but would like to have say, please do so ASAP. The link is also available on the Chiltern Wood School Events page on Facebook.

Bye for now,

Liz Webber  
Parent Ambassador

