



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful half term and are looking forward to the days getting longer and spring coming.

Thank you for all your support on the last Friday with the sudden school closure. It was good to know that everyone was safely at home and could keep in contact with the school staff if needed.

World Book Day created lots of smiles and it was wonderful to see so many characters around school. The Cat in The Hat, The Boy in the Dress, Snow White, a pirate, a wizard, a Very Hungry Caterpillar, Alice, a Queen and the Cheshire Cat and several others. I managed to snap a photo of Sarah R and Betha shared a brilliant photo of Emerald class all looking amazing.



Thank you to everyone who put in so much effort, it has been wonderful.

We also met as Friends Of Chiltern Wood School last night (Thursday). Thank you to everyone who could make it. Keep a look out for lots of exciting events coming up over the next few months.

It has been great to welcome several new staff members to our team at Cressex. Kathryn Edwards returns to teach Squirrel Class, Daniel, Gowri, Deepa, Freya and Aariane are all TAs. We have been really pleased with how well everyone has settled into the staff team.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Rachel



Calendar dates

SPRING TERM – Monday 28th February – Friday 8th April

EVENTS

Internet Safety Workshop

Run by Alison Watts from CEOP
On Wednesday 16th March
Venue: On Zoom
From: 10-11am

Think! Know is a national education and awareness programme developed by CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) using their unique experience and expertise in the online behaviours of children and young people. The workshop provides age appropriate information about online risks and guidance to help children and young people keep themselves safe online and shows parents what they need to be on the look out for. All information emphasises the positive aspects of the internet, whilst highlighting the risks and how to stay in control of them.

Cakes and Bakes from Around the World Coffee Morning

Bring along cakes or biscuits from your culture as we celebrate the wonderful diversity within our school community

On Wednesday 23rd March
from 9.15-10.30am
Venue: TBC

Meet and Greet with our Headteacher Rachel

Do join us for Coffee
On: Wednesday 23rd March
From: 7.30 – 9pm
Venue: Cressex School Hall

News from around the school

Woodlands

What a fun World Book Day! Some of the pupils chose to dress up and looked absolutely fabulous! The Meadow Class staff dressed up as characters from the well-known 'Dear Zoo story, which is a favourite amongst the pupils in this class. The costumes even had flaps to open, like the book! The Forest Class staff wore head boppers to be bugs from a sensory story about being in a garden. The recent Positive Looking training received by staff suggested staff members wearing head boppers to encourage visual interest during interactions. Activities in other classes included dressing up, sharing stories, and visiting the cosy, comfortable story sharing environment in the sensory room, which had been set up especially for World Book Day. Amanda

Little Wings

Welcome back! We hope you were all able to have some quality family time over the half term holidays. This half term the Little Wings topic will be traditional tales including: 3 little pigs, Goldilocks and the 3 bears, The gingerbread man. Don't be surprised if the children start repeating key phrases like fee-fi-fo-fum at home! Our role play room will be transformed into the Bears cottage with small, medium and big sized objects for Goldilocks to come and try. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children in their World Book Day costumes on Thursday. It was a joy to see the children enjoying sensory stories, puppets stories and some children created their own stories! Claire

Gemstones

What a busy week! We have celebrated Pancake day in style all across the department. Photos attached.



The corridor was rich with the smell of pancakes frying in pans and lots of fun was had.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day, with lots of exciting book based activities. It was lovely to see many book characters come in to school. Sarah

Rainbow

Welcome back, we hope you all have had a good half term. Thank you to those of you who have shared photos or wow moments from your break from school, it has been lovely to see and hear what the children have been up to. This week we have celebrated World Book Day, it was wonderful to see both staff and children dressing up or wearing clothes linked to their favourite characters. Photo included. This term sees the start of our new focused theme of 'Fairy Tales'. The teams have lots planned linked to a variety of different texts including planting and growing, exploring new tastes and textures and different sensory experiences. Have a lovely weekend, Hannah



Eagle Class won gold in Panathlon!

