



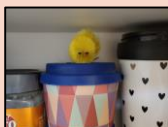
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term at Chiltern Wood School. I hope you all managed to have a nice Easter holiday and are looking forward to getting back into the school routine.

A huge thank you to The Friends of Chiltern Wood who have been working incredibly hard to raise money for the school and to engage in the community. The Easter Egg hunt managed to raise £388. On Wednesday night they were busy again with the Harry Potter Quiz at The Spindle and Thread in High Wycombe. It was a great evening, (even if I didn't know any of the answers) with several staff teams and some parents coming down to take part. The staff made us all feel very welcome and were brilliant hosts. With the money from the quiz, Pot of Gold and raffle they made another good profit of over £700.



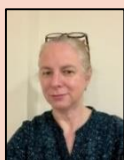
Before the holidays it was great to see so many staff being creative with Easter activities. The Orchard staff are shown above with a range of colourful spaghetti and rice, feathers, chicks and bunnies. Some of the Rainbow classes did Easter Egg hunts and one little chick found himself on a travel mug...



Finally, some of our pupils were able to attend a HAF funded holiday club run by Wycombe Wanderers Sport and Education Trust. It was very small, but went well and is something we are hoping to be able to develop moving forward for those pupils who receive HAF funding.

I look forward to seeing you all at some of the events this term.

Rachel Chapman



Calendar dates

SUMMER TERM – Tuesday 26th April – Wednesday 20th July

BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 2nd May

HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

SUMMER TERM 1

Parent Events

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th May - When Dreams Change 4 week course – Cressex site – 9.30am – 11.00am

4th May – Coffee & Woodland Walk – Downley site – 9.15am

12th May – Parent Forum – 9.30am – 10.30am – via Zoom

18th May – Supporting children and young people with eating, drinking and swallowing – **invitation only** - 12.00pm – 1.15pm – via Zoom

26th May – Respite and Grants workshop – 9.30am – 10.30am – Venue TBC

27th May – Little Wings Stay and Play – details TBC

Gemstones Department enjoying lunches back in the hall together!



News from around the school

Little Wings

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful holiday. We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back to school this week, looking refreshed and ready to learn. This term our theme is colours and potions. The children will be exploring how colours change when mixed, potion ingredients, colours in the environment and capacity. Our playroom will be transformed into a potions lab with vials, test tubes and pipettes to explore. Timetables for forest school and swimming may have changed going into the new term so please look out for updates from your class team. Claire

Gemstones

A lovely sunny day to start of the term.

Tuesday was special as some of the Gemstones classes returned to eating together in the hall, a big step following covid restrictions and a huge step for the Gemstones children who started with us over the last couple of years and have only eaten in the classrooms up to now.

Our Topic this term is Space and the Future, we will be looking at space through books and stories; fiction and non fiction. We will be preparing the children for transitions to new classes and in some cases, new schools.

The weather we hope will continue to improve so please could the children have named sunhats and sun cream in their bags ready.

Class newsletters will be coming out this week to give further details of timetables and class specific information. Sarah

Woodlands

Our topic for the term ahead is 'Forests'. I asked each class team which three activities/events they are most looking forward to this term. Here is what the said:

Meadow - Exploring the new forest themed sensory areas in the classroom, utilising the outdoor environment and sharing the 'Walking Through the Forest' sensory story.

Snowdrop - Forest School sessions with Lynn, the therapy dog visit and jungle animal themed art activities.

Forest - Story massage based on the Gruffalo story, rainforest themed music sessions and art activities using bubble wrap to make textured snakes.

Orchard - Gwyn from Positive Eye visiting Woodland Department, group interaction sessions and social awareness activities.

The Den - Whole class music therapy sessions, 'The Great Outdoors' themed story massage and meeting Willow, the therapy dog. We are also looking forward to our parent event on Thursday 5th May. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions about this event. Amanda

Rainbow

Welcome back following the Easter break. We hope you all had a lovely holiday. Thank you so much for the updates we have been receiving, it has been really nice to see the photographs and hearing about the 'wow' moments from the holidays. If you do have anything you are happy to share, please do send these across to your class teacher and these will be included in the children's learning journals as appropriate. We are really looking forward to the summer term ahead. Our topics for the term are 'Science and Investigation' for summer 1 moving into 'Places we go - Beach and Holiday' for summer 2. We are also going to be looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and Sport Day, further information about this will come out at a later date. We look forward to working with you once again this term. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, Hannah

Treetops

It has been fantastic welcoming the students back and seeing them enjoying being back in classes. Eagle class have been working on their functional skills in maths. Hawk class worked really well at swimming on Wednesday and are getting much more confident in the water. Owl class have been enjoying their new story and Kestrel class had a very successful first swimming session at Downley. Have a good weekend. David

Hi Everyone,

We have lots coming up this term so do check out our **Parent Events calendar** (see Page 3).

Coffee and a Woodland Walk.

Picture this: The sun is shining, you've just dropped your child at school, relax, take a breath, collect a steaming cup of coffee, meet some other parents from the school, and then off you go on a guided walk into the beautiful woods where the colourful spring flowers are decorating the ground, the birds are tweeting in the trees and the leaves scrunch underfoot

If this sounds wonderful to you, then do join me next Wednesday at 9.15am at the Downley site for Coffee and a Woodland Walk. Parents from both sites are welcome.

When Dreams Change Course

Feeling fed up or stressed with your life?

Maybe it's not turned out how you expected?

Maybe you feel like you're just parent, carer, partner, employee and have lost your own sense of self?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then do come along to our When Dreams Change Course, which starts this coming Tuesday at 9.30am at Cressex. This is a 4-week course specifically written for parents and carers of children with additional needs.

Why not take the time over the next 4 weeks to meet with other parents going through similar experiences, and explore the following topics together:

- How to handle expectations and reality
- Stress and the importance of self-care
- Building support networks
- Your skills, talents and identity
- Identifying your dreams for the future

Previous attendees have said how lifechanging it has been and a total wake up call!

Sign up by emailing me today on
webber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW ON PARENTMAIL

Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25th April				Parent Volunteers 9-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
2nd May	Bank Holiday	When Dreams Change 4 week course 9.30am-11am Meeting room 1 at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	Coffee and Woodland Walk from Downley site - meet outside the main entrance at 9.15am. Coffee will be provided. Led by Liz, Parent Ambassador	Parent Volunteers 9-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
9th May		When Dreams Change 4 week course 9.30am-11am Meeting room 1 at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador		Parent Forum 9.30-10.30am Venue: on Zoom run by Parent Ambassador	
16th May		When Dreams Change 4 week course 9.30am-11am Meeting room 1 at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	Supporting children and young people with eating, drinking and swallowing - invite only. 12-1.15pm on Zoom run by Helen & Leanne from our SALT team	Parent Volunteers 9-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
23rd May		When Dreams Change 4 week course 9.30am-11am Meeting room 1 at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador		Respite & Grants Workshop 9.30-10.30am on Zoom run by Wendy Taylor, Acting Deputy Headteacher and Liz Webber, Parent Ambassador	
30th May			Half Term		



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COFFEE & WOODLAND WALK

ALL PARENTS WELCOME

ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY
FROM 9.15-10.45AM

STARTING FROM DOWNLEY SITE

HOT DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER
WALKING BOOTS/TRAINERS/WELLIES
RECOMMENDED

RUN BY LIZ, PARENT AMBASSADOR




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WHEN DREAMS CHANGE

GROWING HOPE

4 week course for
parents and carers
exploring what happens
when dreams change
and how we process
and adjust our
expectations to our
child's additional needs.

On Tuesdays from 9.30-
11am at the Cressex Site
Starting on 3rd May for 4
weeks.

Facilitated by Liz, our
Parent Ambassador
To book a place, e-mail
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