

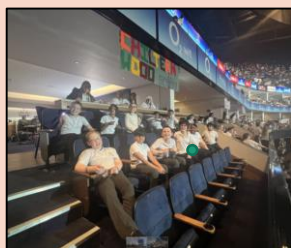


Dear Parents and Carers,

At the time of writing this the sun is out and the pupils have been able to get outside to explore, exercise and play a bit more. Unfortunately, some of our outside areas are a bit sad and unloved, particularly in the main playground at the Downley site. As a way of generating some much needed resources we are encouraging as many people as possible to join staff and families on a Chiltern Three Peaks challenge. Don't worry, we have a range of walks that you can do or you could do a local walk to you at an appropriate level. More information about this will be sent out soon.

Those amazing Gemstones pupils have been up at the O2 singing as part of Young Voices. A quote from Sara A sums it up beautifully,

*"All of our students were exceptional ambassadors for the school and really did us proud."*



Well done everyone.

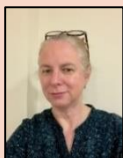


I continue to have such wonderful experiences and this week I was able to have a go at using EYE GAZE Assisted Technology, that some of our pupils use as a form of communication. It really was fantastic, but I don't think I was as good as the pupils!

It was good to see some of our parents and carers at the Parent Forum this week. It is a good way to meet each other and discuss some of the things that are happening in the school.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Rachel Chapman*



## Calendar dates

SUMMER TERM – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## SUMMER TERM 1

### Parent Events

17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> May - When Dreams Change 4 week course – Cressex site – 9.30am – 11.00am

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

26<sup>th</sup> May – Respite and Grants workshop – 9.30am – 10.30am – via Zoom

27<sup>th</sup> May – Little Wings Stay and Play – details TBC

## News from the Parent Ambassador

We know that for parents and carers caring for a child with additional needs can be very difficult and draining physically, emotionally and mentally. We are aware that the thought of the holidays can fill parents with dread, particularly the 6 weeks in the Summer. We know that this can be a hard time for children and young people without their usual routine of school. However, help is at hand, there are many different options available from day time and evening to overnight respite care and holidays. It can be hard to know where to start when looking at this so Wendy and I are running a Respite and Grants Workshop on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30-10.30am on Zoom. We will be sharing information on:

- What is respite and what are the different types?
- What respite options are available in our area and how to access and pay for it?

We will also be looking at and sharing information on:

- What are grants and where to find them?
- What types of grants are available and what can they fund?
- Tips and tricks for applying for grants.

So do come along and find out more. Liz

## News from around the school

### Little Wings

Ladybird Class and Bumblebee Class had a visit from our new therapy dog Nellie on Thursday morning. Nellie was a delight; very calm and comforting to the children. She didn't mind at all when the children poked and prodded her, and even followed the commands some of the children gave her! Dragonfly and Butterfly will be seeing Nellie on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Little Wings will be hosting a stay and play in celebration for the Queen's Jubilee. This will take place 1.30-2.30pm and more details will follow in a letter soon. Claire

### Gemstones

Gemstones are planning to hold a Jubilee Street Party on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 1:30pm. Our Jubilee Choir will launch the afternoon with a song or two then we will sit down for a street party together. We are inviting the children to come in wearing red, white and blue and for voluntary contributions of snacks and cakes.

We would like to invite parents to join us for tea and cake and to take part in a few Jubilee themed party games. Look out for more details in the next week or so.

It will be great to see you all face to face at last! Sarah

### Woodlands

Many happy returns to Junaid who has recently celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Several of us remember when Junaid started in the nursery class about 15 years ago and have seen him grow into the fine young man that he is today. Junaid celebrated his birthday with his friends in school, and his family celebrations at home coincided with Eid.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come into school last Thursday to join in with the class-based activities. We were delighted to welcome parents back in school after so long! Audrey will be contacting parents of pupils in The Den Class to rearrange the visit. Amanda

### Coppice

I would like to take a moment to share a few highlights over the last couple of weeks. Deer class and Squirrel class continue to take part in cooking lessons with Chef Michael. I know this has gone down a treat with parents and children!

Falcon class have started their dance sessions which have been lovely to watch!

Red Kite have been visiting the local community during their travel training sessions.

We will be celebrating the Queens' Jubilee - Keep an eye out on your parent mail and class dojo for further information. Salma

### Treetops

The last couple of weeks students have been enjoying the nice weather and been able to get outside to complete gardening tasks, Forest School walks and PE activities. The last week of term classes will be doing activities linked to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, class teachers will be sharing with you what they are doing and taking lots of photos. Have a good weekend. David

### Rainbow

The children are really enjoying our new topic of science and investigations. Activities and sessions have included exploding flower pots, dinosaur storytelling, creating lava lamps, watching volcanoes erupt and weather exploration to name but a few things. As you can imagine these have been highly motivating for our children and have linked beautifully with our SCERTs ethos. The joint therapeutic work has shone through once again in terms of links to communication such as PECS and AAC to regulation supports such as through our body awareness groups and our use of music. As the warmer weather (hopefully) starts making more of an appearance please can I encourage you to send in sun hats for your children and complete a sun-cream form. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, Hannah

### Health & Therapies Team

Hi everyone, the therapy team have been working hard with the teachers the last two weeks to set PPP outcomes for all of the children. This has been really great, and we have had some great discussions on how to support the children at home and in school moving forward. Please do get in touch with therapies if you have any questions or require support.

The Health and Therapies Team.



**GROWING HOPE**

## WHEN DREAMS CHANGE

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 [lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk)



# RESPIRE & GRANTS WORKSHOP

## Not sure where to start?








### Then come along to this session with Wendy & Liz

## On Thursday 26th May 9.30-10.30am on Zoom

<div>  <h1>PARENT EVENTS</h1> <p>SUMMER TERM 1 2022</p> <p>FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW ON PARENTMAIL</p> </div>					
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		





Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Board has a parent governor vacancy and will be holding an election to fill the position. Please look out for the leaflet and application form which will give you all of the information.

There is also an interview on Chiltern Wood chat which may answer some of your questions or you can contact Rachel or myself.

Many thanks

Ann Waterman

**Chair of Governors**

### Nellie the Therapy Dog visiting Little Wings Department

