



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm not quite sure where this half term has gone but I have seen lots of great work from the pupils and staff across the last five weeks and I know there are lots more exciting things to come next term.

Firstly we need to say a sad goodbye to Leanne, one of our Speech and Language Therapists. She is moving to join the team at The Pace Centre and we wish her lots of love and luck in her new role. Rosie, our Woodlands OT will also be spending more time with her family and working closer to home.



Leanne



Rosie



Sam

Some happy news, congratulations to Sam, Daisy class teacher, as she gets married to Tony this Saturday.

I have been lucky enough to see some excellent teaching in Gemstones over the last few weeks. I have played 'Royal Guess Who' with Emerald class who came up with some fantastic questions to ask the Queen. Sapphire Class created aliens and had some great descriptive words such as bumpy, rough or shiny. Finally, Topaz class had a rocket, a starry ceiling and a choice of space themed songs.



I am hoping to get along to some of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the end of this week. Although as many are happening at the same time it will be tricky to be everywhere, the down side of having two sites!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday,
Rachel Chapman



Calendar dates

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

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

Pupils return to school on Monday 6th June

News from the Parent Ambassador

Hi everyone,

Just to give you an update on our parent events after half term, we have unfortunately had to cancel the following:

Transition Workshop - we know that this will be disappointing for many of you, however we will be covering this within the Professionals Fayre in early November.

Puberty Workshop - we will be looking at running this in the Autumn term.

You'll also notice from the calendar that there are less events on over the next half of the term so that time can be put into pulling together the Professionals Fayre. This is an event in early November, where we will have a variety of different organisations and charities coming in for you to meet and find out if and how they can help you and your family.

The next training coming up is our Total Communication Workshop on Tuesday 14th June from 9.30-11am. This is being run by our SALT team and will be in person at our Downley site. All parents are welcome.

I do hope that you have a wonderful half term. I know that being out of routine can be difficult for parents and children so do make sure to find time to self-care - you are no use to your child if you don't look after yourself! Just taking 5 minutes to stop and breathe and focus on your surroundings can make all the difference to your mental health. Bye for now! Liz

News from around the school

Little Wings

Thank you to all parents who attended our stay and play today. It is always a delight for us to see parents interacting with their children, as I'm sure it's nice for parents to see their children interacting with staff. Thank you for arriving and leaving promptly, I know the parking situation can be tricky. We hope you had a lovely time. If you were not able to make this parent event, worry not! We have our sports day on Thursday 14th July. Wishing you all a lovely half term and a great long bank holiday weekend! Claire

Gemstones

We have all been busy preparing for the Platinum Jubilee Street Party.

There were crowns and biscuits, bunting and flags being made and the whole department were practising God Save the Queen with Makaton signs. We all enjoyed the party and are looking forward to half term. I hope the holidays bring lots of fun with family and friends. Sarah

Woodlands

The whole of Woodland Department had a fun time on Tuesday morning, participating in a Colour Hunt sensory story led by Kara. It was wonderful to see the pupils engaging in the exploration of different coloured and textured items, and interacting so well with others.

At the time of writing this newsletter, we are very much looking forward to our Jubilee Street Party! Amanda

Health & Therapies Team

Thank you everyone for a fantastic first half to Summer Term. We have loved seeing the progress the children are making and the fantastic way they are engaging in therapy. We are saying goodbye to Rosie this week - who has been an Occupational Therapist in the Woodlands department for a number of years. We wish her all the best in her next adventure, and a big thank you for everything she has done to support the staff and children.

I (Leanne) am also leaving Chiltern Wood School this week. I would like to say thank you to every child, parent, and adult in our community I have had the pleasure of working with. It has been a joy to work with you all, and I wish you all the best going forward. The Health and Therapies Team.

Coppice

As we draw to the end of the half term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate all the amazing work that has been going on across the department.

Squirrel class have been having amazing fun with Chef Michael and exploring sensory space based tuff trays.

Deer class have been busy preparing for the Queen's Jubilee party making decorations and food. We have been up to Tesco's express to practice our life skills and buy ingredients.

Falcon class have now finished their dance lessons with the local university - I think we have some dancing stars.

Red Kite class have been continuing to develop their life skills out in the community with their travel training. Salma

Treetops

Thank you to all those parents that came in to the Platinum Jubilee Party with your class. We hope you had a good time. I know that lots of you sent in lots of food as well. This half term has gone super quick and the students have all worked very hard. Some highlights have included - travel training, transition visits to college for our leavers, swimming at Downley, sailing and lots of cooking sessions in classes. Have a great half term. David

Rainbow

The last couple of weeks have drawn a close to our current topic of Science and Investigations. This is a topic which the children have really enjoyed. Next term we will be moving on to looking at places we go with a particular focus on the beach. As I write this the class teams are preparing on welcoming you back into the classroom for the first time since COVID to celebrate with the children the Queen's Jubilee with a stay and play. Thank you to our Daisy parents with your understanding of the move of your stay and play until after half term. Last week we welcomed our Rainbow Governor to the department. David was able to spend time in each of the classes and meet both the children and the team. Thank you, David, for your time and support. During the half term Daisy class teacher, Sam, is getting married. We wish her every happiness. I hope you all have a lovely half term. Hannah



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

GROWING HOPE



TOTAL COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP


Run by our SALT team

Come along and find out about different ways to communicate with your child

On Tuesday 14th June
From 9.30-11am
At Downley

Open to parents from both sites




 PARENT EVENTS SUMMER TERM 2 2022					
FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW ON PARENTMAIL					
Week commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6th June				Parent Volunteers 9-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
13th June		Total Communication 9.30-11am Venue: Meeting Room 1, Downley Run by our SALT team		Parent Volunteers 9-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
20th June		Introduction to the School for Little Wings New Parents 9.30-10.30am Venue: Meeting room 1, Cressex run by Claire May		Parent Volunteers 9-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
27th June				Parent Forum & Leavers Celebration for those parents whose children are leaving us at the end of term! 9.30-10.30am Venue: Meeting Rm 1, Downley run by Parent Ambassador Open to all parents.	
4th July			Encouraging Self Care Workshop (Dressing & Toileting) 10-11am on Zoom run by Geri Pinnock, OT	Parent Volunteers 9-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
11th July				Parent Volunteers 9-10.30am at Cressex site run by Parent Ambassador	
18th July					
Summer Holidays Start					



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

Woodland Pupils had lots of Fun during Colour Hunt



Red Kite class out in the community practicing their travel training skills



Falcon class taking part in dance lessons with student from the local university

