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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the last time of writing we were all enjoying the Platinum Jubilee, I hope you all had a wonderful half term. We are now well into the last half term of the summer and we have lots of exciting things planned for the end of term.

I have been lucky enough to spend some time in Dragonfly and Butterfly class recently and seen some of the wonderful learning that the pupils and staff do together. My signing and singing are both improving.

On an impromptu visit to Sapphire Class I was given a wonderful drawing by Jamie, that his friend Athena had done. It was so lovely I wanted to share it, I love the detail of the characters that are floating up with the balloons.

Drawing by Athena
Sapphire Class



The Friends of Chiltern Wood School are working extremely hard to get everything ready for Downley Day on Saturday. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported them, it makes such a difference. We hope to see as many of you as possible there on Saturday afternoon.

Earlier this week the local nursery school brought a group of children to do some signing/music with Meadow and Opal classes. It was a great success and they will continue with weekly sessions as it really benefitted everyone involved.

I am currently reading and commenting on reports ready for them to be sent out later in the term. It has been such a privilege to see such a range of exciting activities and engagement in learning taking place across the school.

Have a great weekend,
Rachel Chapman



Calendar dates

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

Encouraging Self Care – 6th July, 10-11am

News from the Parent Ambassador

Hi everyone,

The past couple of weeks have been very busy for me supporting parents, creating a new Respite leaflet, advertising activities, attending the Total Communication workshop and working with our Parent Volunteers in the garden/vegetable area at the Cressex site. Here are a few before and after photos of their work.



If you are free on Thursday mornings from 9-10.30am and would like to help at school, then do e-mail me on lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk We do a variety of jobs to support the school including gardening, preparing materials for the teachers (laminating, cutting etc), and we have been involved this year in categorising the library books. The Total Communication workshop was run by Sally and Leanne from our SALT team. It was sadly only attended by a couple of parents, but they enjoyed having the opportunity to ask lots of questions relating to their children, and found the workshop very helpful and interesting. The next events we have coming up are: Parents Forum and Leavers Celebration - do come along and have a cream tea with us and share memories of your child's time with us. The details are on the poster. Encouraging Self Care (dressing and toileting) - 10-11am on zoom on Wednesday 6th July. Further details will be sent out via Parentmail. I do hope that you can join us for these. Liz

News from around the school

Little Wings

As you'll notice, we seem to have finally reached summer at last! The children will still be learning in the outdoor areas so please start sending in sun hats and cool footwear. We also recommend you put sun cream on the children before they leave home so they're ready for the sun as soon as they arrive. If you're not already doing so, please send in a bottle of water every day. If your child only drinks squash, please send some in so we can refill their bottles and make sure they remain hydrated.

Date for your diary: We will be hosting a sports day event on the afternoon of Thursday 14th July! Claire

Gemstones & Woodlands

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who were able to join us for our Jubilee Street Party on the Friday before the half-term break. It was wonderful to be able to host an event like this after such a long time of not being able to have visitors in school. It was an enjoyable, sunny afternoon, enhanced by beautiful singing and smiley faces. Sarah & Amanda

Health & Therapies Team

This week, we welcomed parents to our Total Communication workshop, led by Sally and Helen from the SALT team. There were lots of interesting discussions and the parents discovered some new resources to support their children's communication at home. We also discussed the importance of home being for downtime (for parents and children)! Key take home message: all forms of communication are valid! The Health and Therapies Team.

Coppice

As the weather warms up, please can I remind everyone to ensure that children are wearing sun cream, hats etc and that all clothing is labelled with their names, thank you.

Over the next few weeks children are going to start to prepare for sports day. We will be doing a sponsored event like we did last year. Please look out for letters and sponsorship forms due to be out next week. Thank you! Salma

Treetops

We hope you all had a good half term. The students have enjoyed being back particularly with the nicer weather we are now experiencing. Reminder please send in hats and sun cream. Owl class have been enjoying their sensory stories this week, Kestrel class have been enjoying their feelings story about a panda. Eagle class have been doing some work with Chiltern Rangers in the community. Hawk class have been working on their road safety when walking to the shops. Date for your diary- sports day on the 12th July at 1.45. Hope you can make it. Have a good weekend. David

Rainbow

Thank you for those of you who came to our recent stay and play sessions. It was great to have you back in our classrooms and to share the time with you and the children celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Our next event will be Sports Day. This will be held on Friday 15th July in the afternoon, please do save the date! Next week we say goodbye to one of our teaching assistants in Rainbow, Justyna in Buttercup class. We thank her for all she has done in her time with us and we wish her every success for the future. Have a lovely weekend. Hannah

We know it's hard to understand children's behaviour and find the best ways to support them as they grow up. If you need support, are looking for advice, or have a parenting question, you'll find everything you need at [MyFamilyCoach.com](https://www.mychildcoach.com). My Family Coach is a free website produced by experts in child behaviour, parenting, and education. They have over 20 years of experience working with schools to understand children's behaviour. Their training is used in 5,000 settings, training over 100,000 individuals each year. The website is full of resources on popular parenting topics, such as screen time, bullying, and mental wellbeing. They have a wide range of blog posts, podcast episodes, and videos available, along with bookable 1:1 coaching, courses, and classes. My Family Coach provides support when you need it most. It's simple to sign up and completely free to register. Wendy



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.

The deadline for applications is Monday 4th July 2022.

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



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



Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Cream Tea & Sharing Memories
3. Headteacher's Update
4. Parent Events Update
5. Summer Holiday Activities
6. AOB/questions from parents

Parent Forum & Leavers Celebration

Focussing on the needs
of your child

Join us for a cream tea

On: Thursday 30th June

At: 9.30-10.30am

Venue: Downley Site

For Parents from
Downley & Cressex

