



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was less than two weeks ago that a large team of staff worked together to do the refreshments at the Downley Day. We had great fun and a wonderful day being part of the community. We also managed to raise £770 for the school.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes, visited the stall and helped before with the planning and also on the day.

We are looking forward to our upcoming sports events. Each pupil will receive a medal that has been designed and made by the pupils of Alfriston School. We are very lucky to have had such beautifully crafted medals made by the students from another local SEND school.



We are also looking forward to our students having some time at either their new schools or new classes next week. We hope you all have a great time getting to know each other.

Finally Helen and Sally our SaLT Team Leads have shared an important link to help us all respond to the Government Green Paper on SEND. So far the response has been quite low, so I would encourage as many people as possible to share their thoughts on the new proposals to the Government by 22nd July.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Rachel Chapman



Calendar dates

**SUMMER TERM – Tuesday 26th April –
Wednesday 20th July 2022**

Sports Day Events – Further details to follow:

Treetops – Tuesday 12th July

Little Wings, Coppice and Woodland – Thursday 14th July

Rainbow and Gemstones – Friday 15th July

Encouraging Self Care Workshop

6th July – 10am to 11am – via Zoom

News from the Parent Ambassador

Hi everyone,

There are several fantastic events coming up over the next week:

A Day with Newbold Hope, which is this Saturday (2nd) online and the following Saturday in London. This is a whole day to gain the skills, confidence, strategies and knowledge to help your child with their extreme behaviour! Both days are particularly suitable for family members of children who are autistic, as well as those who have other SEN. Please see the posters below for further details. There is a cost for attendance. Rachel has heard Yvonne Newbold speak before and highly recommends her.

To book a place, go to:

https://newboldhope.simplero.com/page/256132-a-day-with-newbold-hope?fbclid=IwAR1YEJPRyTd-dmnWjzr6jNRbHGKjJCZvPqhK5-6i8WD-AfijNnbDnIFS_b8

Encouraging Self Care (Toileting and Dressing) Workshop with our OT, Geri, on Wednesday 6th July at 10am on Zoom. Come along and learn more about how to support and encourage your child to become more independent.

Second-hand Uniform

Do you have spare good quality, clean Chiltern Wood School uniform that no longer fits? If so then we would love to have it. Please drop it into the office at your school site (Cressex or Downley) next week on Monday and Tuesday. Our parent volunteers will then check it, sort it and have it available for you to purchase for a £1 per item before the end of term.

We had a lovely celebratory cream tea and Parents forum on Thursday this week. It was brilliant to hear stories and memories of your child's time at the school. We hope that as your child's moves on from our school that they have a smooth transition to whatever they are doing in the next season of their life. Liz

News from around the school

Little Wings

On Thursday 14th July Little Wings will be hosting our sports day. The idea is that the children do 5 exercises over 5 days in order to raise money for the department. We hope to be able to purchase some new playground equipment so please share and gather as many sponsors as possible! The sports event will finish on Thursday where you will be invited in to see the pupils complete their tasks and receive their medals. Please can parents refrain from taking any photos on site. The class teams will take photos and share them as appropriate on DOJO this is for everyone's safety and in line with school policy. Photos of pupils must not be placed on social media. We hope to see you there! Claire

Gemstones

The end of the schools year seems to suddenly pop up on the horizon... there are a few events planned which you might want to add to diaries...

We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday 15th July for the finale of our Big Five Sports event. Gemstones are raising funds to develop our playground spaces, which are in dire need of improvement. So, would welcome any sponsorships or contributions.

We are planning an end of year Disco for Monday 18th July, details to follow.

We would also like to invite parents of leavers to a leaver's assembly on Wednesday 20th July at 9.30am.

We will be celebrating the achievements of the children moving on from Gemstones, and presenting them with a leavers t shirt, book and goodie bag. Look out for more details next week.

Well done to Opal class for taking part in Kitefest on Wednesday, they all returned buzzing from taking part in the festival with other local schools. Sarah

Treetops

Students the last couple of weeks have been enjoying the nice weather outside and taking part in lots of outdoor learning. Next week students will get to meet their new teachers and receive transition booklets. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about the class your son/daughter is going into. We also have a presentation I am doing at 12.00 on Thursday 7th July if you would like to know more about Treetops Department. Reminder sports day is on the 12th July at 1.45, we look forward to seeing you for this and please if you have not already fill in the sponsorship form. We are planning on using the money we raise for more outdoor equipment. Have a good weekend. David

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Rainbow

We have a busy end of term coming up with events for our children. Our transition afternoon on the 5th of July will provide the children with the opportunity to spend time in their new classes with their peers and staffing team. We also have our Sports Day on the 15th of July. This is a sponsored event and we would really appreciate any money you can raise to support our department in buying new outdoor equipment. The link in order to donate was previously shared with you on Parentmail. Next week, on Wednesday 6th July at 2pm, we will also be holding a meeting, in person, where you can come and find out a little bit more about how we support our children in Rainbow. This will be for parents of children who will be in Rainbow next year. I hope you have a lovely weekend. Hannah

Woodlands

We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday 18th July at 9.45am for our Woodland Caribbean Carnival Parade and Leavers Event. Please see the separate letter for further information. We have been busy preparing for the Big 5 Sponsored Sports Event which will be taking place during the week commencing 11th July. You should have received a letter about this event and also a sponsorship form. Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions about these events.

Health & Therapies Team

Helen and Sally, the SALT Team Leads, have recently responded to the SEND Review. This describes the new proposals that the government are making to provide support for children and young people with special educational needs. This paper will affect the support for all children and families in our school, and we would encourage all parents to respond to the consultation - this is your chance to give your views and share your experiences of the SEN system. The Disabled Children's Partnership have created 6 Simple Questions, to help parents and families give their opinions - you can find this here: <https://support.disabledchildrenspartnership.org.uk/en-gb/have-your-say-on-reforming-send-services>





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

		<h1>PARENT EVENTS</h1>				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 Pincock, 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



6 simple questions on reforming SEND services | Disabled Children's Partnership

We have to demand a fairer and more just system of support for disabled children and families. The government is looking to reform disabled children's services through a set of proposed policies in the 'SEND Green Paper'.

support.disabledchildrenspartnership.org.uk

Opal Class taking part in KiteFest

