



ParentLink

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final ParentLink for this academic year and a chance for us all to reflect on what we have achieved.

This week has seen sports events take place across the school. You can see and read more about these in the department updates on the next page. I am also looking forward to a range of events at the end of this week and Monday next week, where we will get to celebrate together and say goodbye to the students that will be leaving us.

A staffing update was sent out last Friday. One thing that was missed off was that although Emin is not leaving us, he will be stepping away from his role as swimming teacher. He will still be around to support our new swimming teacher/instructor and will continue to help maintain the pool.

We are aware that the temperatures are due to soar next week and we are doing all we can in school to keep the pupils cool and regulated. We have also been in contact with the LA and will be sending out further guidance.

You will all have received your children's reports and had an opportunity to meet up with staff at Parents Evening. It was lovely to see a few parents at the Cressex site and have a chat.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their continued amazing work to make the school such a wonderful place. In particular we thank those who are leaving us over the summer for all their hard work and dedication, we wish them all the best as they move into a different phase of life away from Chiltern Wood School.

Finally, as parents and carers I would also like to thank you for making me feel so welcome. I have learnt so much, not just about the school, but also about myself since I joined you all in January. It was been such a great start and I look forward to many more adventures in the next academic year.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer.

Rachel Chapman



Calendar dates

Autumn Term 2022 – Wednesday 7th September to Tuesday 20th December 2022

INSET days

Friday 2nd, Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th
September 2022

Half term holiday

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

News from the Parent Ambassador

Hi everyone, So as the end of term draws near, I would like to firstly thank our team of Parent Volunteers for all their hard work this year. They are a small team, but have accomplished so much from preparing materials for use in the classroom; clearing and tidying garden areas; and the biggest job of all, sorting out the library. They have been busy categorising all the books, colour coding them and creating sections within the library which will make it easier for the children to find books on specific topics, and to tidy them away to the correct section after use. I am sure that the children appreciate all you do for them, as much as we do! THANK YOU! If you are interested in joining our small, but incredibly lovely team on Thursday mornings from 9-10.30am, then please get in contact with me either via the office or via e-mail lwebber@chilternwood.bucks.sch.uk We would love to have more parents join us! We work hard, but we also chat and support one another too! Now the six weeks of Summer can be daunting for parents, however there are lots of different activities out there to do with your child, from places to visit for day trips, to family events, and also activity days where you can have a break whilst your child has lots of fun. The best place to find out more is on the Bucks Families Information website: <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/things-to-do/> There is a section specifically for SEND activities, as well as sections for holiday activities, where you can see specifically what is happening in your area over the Summer. The HAF Programme (Holiday Activities and Food) has lots going on over the Summer from activity days with pigs to cooking and craft days, and various sports days including the Wycombe Wanderers Multisports day at our Cressex site. This is specifically for children from low income families, although some of the projects will accept children where the parent can afford to pay for the activity. With rising costs elsewhere, it's worth checking whether you qualify. You can make use of free activity days, via the HAF programme, if you are in receipt of one of the following: Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 the guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). For more information, take a look at: <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/advice-and-support/buckinghamshire-haf/> You may also want to check out our Respite leaflet and the Respite and Grants Workshop recording, on our training recordings page under the Parent Ambassador page on the website, for further information on respite for the Summer. Date for your diary: Professionals Fayre on **9th November from 9.30-11am** - come along and meet with a variety of organisations, colleges, charities and sports clubs, who provide services for children with SEND in our area. Finally, I would like to wish you all a super Summer holiday with your children. Do make sure that you fit in time for you as well - self-care is super important! See you in September! Liz

Did you know, every time you shop with AMAZON SMILE, you are helping to raise funds for our charity FRIENDS OF CHILTERNWOOD. You just need to shop at smile.amazon.co.uk to keep helping us on this mission. Thank you.

News from around the school

Little Wings

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who attended our sports day on Thursday and / or parents evening. It is a real joy to be able to share the children's achievements over the past year with you; Each baby step that the children achieve is a step towards living as independently as possible in the future (even though it might seem far away now!). Well done to all the children for achieving their sports day goals and thank you to parents for helping us raise money in order to purchase much needed playground equipment. I hope we can get a total to you as soon as possible! To those who are moving on from Little Wings next year, we wish the pupils the very best of luck for their ongoing journey with us at Chiltern Wood. To those who will be staying with us, we look forward to having the pupils back in September. As you may already be aware, Patri will be taking over the role of Little Wings Department Lead in September and I know she's really looking forward to getting to know the Little Wings families in due course. I wish you all a wonderful summer! Claire

Gemstones

I am sitting writing this surrounded by leavers t shirts, goody bags, sports day medals and end of term goodies. All signs that the end of term is nigh. I cant quite believe that the end of this academic year is ending. We will be saying goodbye and good luck to our leavers on Wednesday morning, they are all ready to move onto new settings, others are looking forward to moving to new classes. We hope for those of you that could join us that you enjoyed our sports event. We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September, we welcome our new Gemstones parents and look forward to meeting you in September when we are planning a new parents stay and play and welcome morning. Sarah

Treetops

Thank you to those parents that came along to sports day. The students all enjoyed the activities which included egg and spoon race, obstacle race, walking race and using the fitness and adventure play equipment. Over the year students have made huge amounts of progress and it has been great to see them developing their communication, confidence and independence skills. Unfortunately, this term we have to say good bye to Ian from Eagle class who is retiring, he is one of our longest serving staff members. Thank you to all your hard work and wishing you a very restful retirement. This term we say good bye to some students who are leaving us. Remsha, Priyanka, Tarah, Awais and Ibrahim it has been fantastic watching you grow in confidence and independence at Chiltern Wood and we wish you all the best of luck in your new adventures. David

Rainbow

What a year we have had in Rainbow and it has been so wonderful to finally start getting you back into our classes with us. Your children, as always, have made us incredibly proud. Every day, we see new 'wow' moments in terms of personal targets, communication, regulation and social interactions to name but a few. We are so lucky to teach your children and have them in our department! This year we say good luck but not goodbye to a few of our children as they move onto their new departments. We have loved being part of your journey in school and watching you grow into the incredible young people you are today. It is not a goodbye as we can't wait to see you in the playground and catch up on all you are doing. We wish you every success and happiness. It is quite strange for me writing this last newsletter as your Department Lead, for the last four years it has been my privilege to support you and your children in this role and I have been so proud of what the Rainbow team, in partnership with yourselves and the children, have achieved. Thank you all for the support you have given me. I am excited to see what comes next for Rainbow under Sam's leadership! I wish you all the most amazing summer, stay safe and make some incredible memories. Hannah

Coppice

Sports day had been a huge success, we had a lovely turn out from parent and the children had an amazing time. We still have open our parentmail sponsorship form if you have contributions to make. We are hoping to raise money for a outdoor basket swing on the quad

This is officially my last newsletter as I will be leaving at the end of the year. I would like to thank you all for all your continued support. I am truly going to miss working here. I am leaving with an abundance of amazing, funny memories.

Wishing you all the best. Thank you

Woodlands

We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday at 9.45am for our Caribbean Carnival and Leavers' Assembly. If you didn't send a white T-shirt into school to be tie-dyed, please send your child to school wearing brightly coloured clothing. You may wish to wear bright colours too. According to the weather forecast, it appears that we have planned Caribbean weather for the event! Depending on temperatures of the school hall, we may keep the event short to help prevent anyone from getting too hot. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Maplewood and Chiltern Wood Schools, and feel extremely fortunate to have worked with such fabulous pupils, wonderful parents and a super staff team. I will treasure many special memories. Amanda