



# Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a real focus for the Professionals Fayre since half term and therefore most of this page is devoted to this. Liz and Wendy have worked incredibly hard for the event to be a huge success, I am incredibly proud of what they achieved. I think this quote from a parent sums it up:

*"I just wanted to say well done to everyone involved in organising the Professionals Fayre. I thought it was excellent and clearly very well attended. I got quite a lot out of talking to organisations I have meant to contact at some point but hadn't got around to and I also spoke to some I think could be great for my family and which I had no idea existed!"*

I was lucky enough to join Eagle Class last Wednesday to share some of their delicious Mexican Bean soup and corn bread that they made with Chef Michael. Not only did they make some amazing food, they were also very good company.

We hope you like our new Staffing Update section in the Newsletter. This will update you on staff changes and also give you a chance to get to know a couple of staff a little better by way of a staff profile.

I look forward to seeing more of you at the Christmas Bazaar.

*Rachel Chapman*



## Calendar dates

**Autumn Term 2022 – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
September to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

David from Treetops  
came to The Professionals  
Fayre



At our recent forum, we were delighted to welcome back Gemma Driver, who used to be a teacher at the school. Gemma is now studying for a doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Gemma came along to see if any parents would like to be involved in the development of her research work. Gemma writes: "Dear parents, I am a previous teacher at Chiltern Wood School and am now studying a doctorate. For this, I am researching how parents of children with a learning disability experience support. I am looking for parents to be involved in the project, to make sure the research is as helpful as possible for families. We hope this will help improve support in the future and want you to have your say in that! This would involve us meeting for a focus group, at a time that works for you, so that you can share your views before we go ahead with the project. You do not need any knowledge of research, it is just a chance to tell me what you think! If this is something you might be interested in, or you have any questions, please contact me at [gdo0187@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:gdo0187@surrey.ac.uk). " Coming Up..... Over the next few weeks, I will be sending out a parent survey regarding parent events and parent engagement. The aim of the survey will be to see if our current communication and events are working, and if not, how we can make things even better. Finally, one more date for your diary is our next Parent's Forum on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 9.15-10.15am at our Cressex site.

Liz

## News from the Parent Ambassador

We were delighted to welcome professionals and parents to our Professionals Fayre yesterday at the Downley site. It was excellent to see lots of different conversations going on between parents and local organisations, as well as between the organisations' themselves. It was wonderful to hear from both parents and professionals how helpful the fayre was in providing them with information on organisations and support for their children that they didn't even know existed. If you weren't able to join us yesterday, I will be sending out further information on who was there, and what is out there for you and your family in the coming weeks.

# News from around the school

## Little Wings

Hi all, it's beautiful to see you all back again after half term moreover, how well they pupils have settled back into their routine. It feels like we have never had a week off.

As the weather is getting colder and wet, could you ensure that your child's class has wellies and a couple of spare clothes in case of emergency, please? Our bank of spare clothes is running low so, could you also ensure to return any of the spare clothes you may have received at the end of the day? Thank you 😊

On another note, the Christmas bazaar is around the corner! School staff have been working very hard to make this happen and it will be beautiful to see you all around on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November between 2.00 to 6.00 pm.

Best wishes, Patri.

## Gemstones

The second half of the autumn term has begun and more than a sprinkle of Christmas in the department.

The Christmas Fayre is approaching and preparations are underway. Please come along and support the school, is it a wonderful event. I know that the team would welcome more contributions for the raffle and tombola. Class staff are beginning to prepare the Christmas play.. which promises to be a wonderful end to the Autumn term! Sarah

## Rainbow

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after half term, they have all settled back really well. Thank you to all of you that sent in 'Wow' moments from the holidays, it's always so lovely to see what the children have been up to. This term, our topic is Celebrations. We have already been completing lots of fun Diwali, Halloween and Bonfire night activities which have really engaged the children. We have also had Nellie, our therapy dog in to see some of the children which was a real success. Sam

## Coppice

It has been great seeing the students back after half term and continuing to make lots of progress in class. This has included Red Kite class enjoying attention autism sessions, Falcon class enjoying their maths sessions using numicon and are working well with their communication books, Squirrel are working well in cooking sessions making fruit kebabs and Deer have been enjoying their Science lessons learning about different animals. Thank you for all your hard work, have a good weekend. David

## Woodlands

It's been lovely seeing the weather turn autumnal over the last few weeks. We hope you are enjoying the fresher air and chances to go out and roll and crunch over leaves. There has been lots of wonderful things going on around school, including lovely new interactive displays for our Whizz, Pop, Sparkle! topic. It was also lovely to see some of you at the professional's fair, I was wowed by how much there was on offer, I hope you were too. Kara.

## Treetops

On Tuesday we had some of our students from Eagle and Owl class attend Chilterns Champion Schools Award at Sand Banks Nature Reserve. The students had a great day and worked hard clearing footpaths and cutting back branches. They then had lunch with lots of other schools and then enjoyed the presentation where Chiltern Wood was awarded a plaque and certificate for their fantastic help with Chiltern Rangers. Well done to those involved. Hawk class have started working with Chef Michael this half term and made some spicy soup and this week mini quiches. Kestrel class have been enjoying PE lessons with Matt. Have a good weekend. David



# Staffing Update

## STAFF PROFILES

Magda and Ewelina both joined us in September. Read below to find out a bit more about them.



**Name:**

Magdalena (Magda)

**Role at Chiltern Wood School:**

Kestrel Class Teacher

**An interesting fact about you:**

I love reading. It is one of my favourite hobbies and something I do for fun.

**What do you like most about working at Chiltern Wood School?**

Working at Chiltern Wood School is very rewarding. I am very happy every time I see the progress my students make. Their smiles make my day! I also really enjoy working with the support teachers in Kestrel Class. We make a dream team!



**Name:**

Ewelina

**Role at Chiltern Wood School:**

TA Forest Class

**An interesting fact about you:**

I love to spend time with my family. Traveling is my great passion. In my free time, I and my family discover new places.

**What do you like most about working at Chiltern Wood School?**

I am pleased to work in Forest class, the staff are very kind and helpful. I learn every day and training which the school is organizing are interesting because this knowledge is useful. Most importantly, the children are wonderful and I am grateful that I have the opportunity to work with them.

## November staffing Update

We welcome to the school the following new staff...

### Mid-Day Supervisors

- Hana H, Kirsty D, Vicky M and Christine D
- ### Teaching Assistant
- Kaydonna J







# Become a Parent Volunteer

Support your child's  
education through  
supporting the school,  
whilst meeting other  
parents and having fun!

We meet on Thursday mornings from  
9-10.30am at Cressex site

For more information or to join our team,  
contact Liz Webber, our Parent Ambassador by  
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