



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,

These last few weeks have flown by with lots of exciting lessons and activities taking place.

However, we have also had some incredibly sad news with the passing of the wonderful Stanley from Meadow Class earlier on this week. The class team in particular have been amazing, supporting each other and the family. Our thoughts are with the family as they reflect on the life of their wonderful son, and I would encourage us all to give our own children a special cuddle this weekend.

I was incredibly proud to show the Mayor of High Wycombe, Cllr. Arif Hussain, around our school last Tuesday. He visited both sites and we saw as many pupils and staff as we could fit in. Hawk Class made some delicious cakes for him to eat, which you can see below, and Teddy and Billy in Sapphire Class gave him a warm welcome.



Mr Mayor said, "What an amazing school, what amazing staff", and I couldn't agree more. ☺

It has been great to see Snowdrop Class heading out on a weekly shopping trip to Tesco's to get ingredients to cook with. In addition, Emerald Class has been to Tring Museum this week and some of Owl class have recently been sailing. It is wonderful to see our school getting out and about in the community.

We say farewell at half term to Rachel Miller in Little Wings as she moves to a school that is closer to home and Sally (SaLT) as she heads off to a different specialist setting. We will miss them both very much and wish them all the best with their new adventures.

I could tell you how many weeks it is until Christmas, but instead I will tell you that it is just six weeks until our Christmas Fayre on 26th November – look out for more information from The Friends of Chiltern Wood.

I look forward to seeing some of you next week at Parent Forum and Parents Evening.

Take care,

Rachel Chapman



Calendar dates

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

Half term holiday

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

News from the Parent Ambassador

Things are in full swing here preparing for the Professional's Fayre on Wednesday 9th November from 9.30-11am in the School Hall at our Downley site.

If you attend one thing this term, then this will be the best one to come too.

We have a variety of professionals from a many different backgrounds coming along to share information about their services for children and families with additional needs.

Coming along, we have local respite providers, children's activities and sports clubs, post 16 & 18 colleges and work placements, healthcare providers and therapy organisations, family support and information teams, and even a hairdresser! Plus, we have lots of flyers and leaflets from the groups who weren't able to send someone!

It's a drop in exhibition so don't worry if you can't arrive by 9.30am.

I'm sure that there will be something for everyone so put November 9th in your diary and come along to our Professionals Fayre to find out more!

We also have our Parent Forum coming up this week on Tuesday 18th October from 10-11am online. Do come along and join myself, Rachel and Wendy. The meeting details will be sent out shortly on Parentmail. 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

Hi all, we are coming to the end of our first half term of the school year and I cannot be prouder of how much your children have grown, made fantastic progress and settled beautifully in their class routine. I will also take the opportunity to thank you all! You are the super heroes in the story. We, as a team, are delighted to keep working with you to achieve the best outcomes for your child. Thank you.

A couple of announcements, next week (20th of October) we will have face to face Parents evening in school. Could you please check your Parent Mail and book your appointment please? Also, if you are unable to attend face to face as you may live very far away from the school, could you let your class teacher know as we might be able to offer you an alternative. The last day of this half term will be Friday the 21st of October and we will finish at normal time. We will see you all back on the 31st of October. Best wishes, Patricia.

Gemstones

Greetings from Gemstones !

The whole department have been busy learning new routines, building up good positive working relationships, adults and children included.

On top of the usual routines some of us have been able to make the most of horse riding, yoga and some little class outings.

Betha has kindly passed on some photographs of Horse riding.

If we don't see you before, I wish everyone a happy half term! Sarah

Rainbow

It has been a wonderful term so far and we're all really impressed with how well the children have settled into new routines. I had the pleasure of completing a learning walk on the department and was delighted to see how well engaged the children were in a range of highly motivating activities with lots of opportunities for communication. Please remember to send in any photos of your children's 'Wow!' moments and/or any fun activities they access over the half term. These can be sent in via Dojo or sent in with your child. These will be added to your child's learning journal and really help to build the bigger picture and show the progress children make at home too. Please do remember to book parents' evening appointments for next week, these will be face to face and only offered after school on Thursday. If you are unable to make this, please contact your child's teacher to explore possible alternatives. Wishing you all a wonderful half term when it comes. Sam

Coppice

Coppice department continues to be keeping the students very busy with a variety of engaging activities. Squirrel class have been enjoying swimming at Downley, Deer class have been working on their communication when looking at Kes Grey books. Red Kite class have been looking at micro stories and Falcon class have been enjoying their new sensory story. Have a good weekend. David

Woodlands

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that Stanley Leaver from Meadow class has passed away peacefully. Stanley was a key member of Meadow Class for the past 5 years and was always smiling and giggling and wanting to chuck the teachers in the bin! His favourite lesson was comMUSICation and making us sing Tiny Tim on repeat until we could sneeze no more. Stanley will be sorely missed by the whole Chiltern Wood community and remembered for the bright little (and big!) star he was. Kara.

Treetops

The last couple of weeks students have been enjoying taking part in lots of community activities including travel training, boat trips, walks to the shops and swimming. Classes have also been enjoying taking part in cooking activities making a variety of things including quiche, pasta bake and cakes for our Community cafe where Hawk/Eagle were selling their cakes to students and staff in our department on Thursday. Our first Community Cafe for parents is on the 10th November at 1.45pm on the Cressex site. We look forward to hopefully seeing you then. Have a good weekend. David

Gemstones
Horse riding at
RDA



Treetops
Enjoying a boat trip!



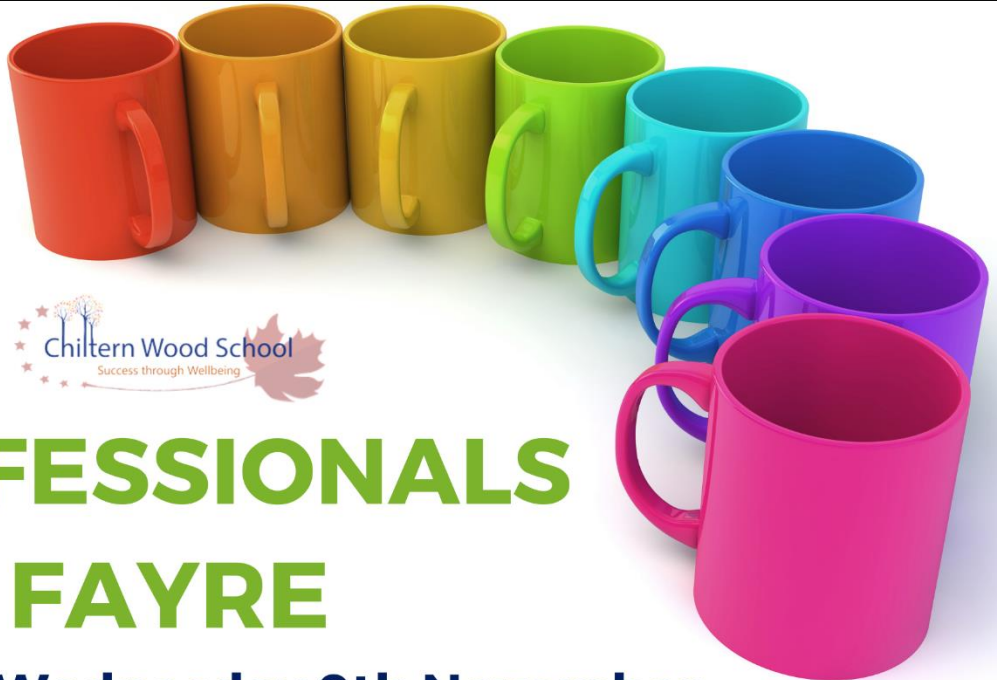


PROFESSIONALS FAYRE

We have many organisations coming along including:



**Wednesday 9th November
9.30-11am at Downley School Hall**



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Come and meet a variety of professionals who provide services to families with children with SEND.

Parent Forum

Focussing on the needs
of your child

Join us

On: Tuesday 18th Oct

At: 10-11am

Venue: Online

For Parents from

Downley & Cressex



Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Headteacher's Update
3. Parent's experience of support focus group
4. Professionals Fayre
5. AOB/questions from parents





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,
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