



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe how fast this year has gone and what a wonderful rollercoaster journey it has been.

As we reflect back over the last few weeks we have had a wide range of events and activities taking place:

- Class trips
- Sports Days
- ChilFest (see photos on the following pages)
- Garsington Opera Trip to see The Bartered Bride
- Prom
- Leavers' Discos
- Celebration Assemblies

These are just some of the amazing ways we enhance the pupils' everyday learning experiences and celebrate together.

I have been working from home over the last couple of weeks having had foot/ankle surgery. This has given me a fantastic opportunity to reflect on what an amazing team we have across the school. from Senior Leadership stepping up and covering, to departments and classes all pulling together, therapy teams developing plans for next year and all supported by the wonderful admin team. It is such a privilege to lead a wonderfully supportive team of individuals that all do their jobs to ensure all our pupils get the best experience at school.

The parent survey results also showed this with 100 parents completing it (approximately 50%).

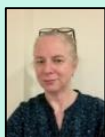
- 99% (65% strongly agreed, 34% agreed) said that their child was happy at Chiltern Wood School, with 1% saying they did not know.
- 88% (63% strongly agreed, 25% agreed) that the teaching is of a high quality, 12% were neutral.

It has also given us areas to work on which we will be putting into our School Development Plan for next year, the main one being home learning.

Finally, I want to thank you all as families of our pupils, for your ongoing support for Chiltern Wood School.

Have a wonderful summer,

*Rachel Chapman*



## Calendar dates

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 23 – INSET DAY**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 23 – INSET DAY**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 23 – INSET DAY**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 23 – First day back**

**Please Note: There will be partial and Full class closures on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 23.**

***Please see below list of classes***

- **Forest – Full Closure**
- **Seahorse – Full Closure**
- **Orchard – Full closure**
- **The Den – Partial Closure**
- **Starfish – Partial Closure**

## Attendance reminder

Please can we remind parents that all pupil absences have to come from home via phone to the office or dojo to the class. **Please do not ask your taxi driver to pass a message on** as we cannot accept this. Many thanks Wendy - DHT

## Gemstones

Dear all, What a year it has been! It is nearly the summer holidays and nearly time to reflect on what an incredible journey we have been on this term. Over the last couple of weeks, Gemstones have had many exciting things taking place. From a full-on Sports Day to class trips, going to the opera and much more - it certainly has been busy! I have loved hearing about WOW moments that pupils have recently achieved, such as: the outstanding behaviours Emerald class exhibited during their Odds Farm trip, the team work and resilience of Opal class during Sports Day, the superb listening from Sapphire class on their safari trip and the good choices Ruby class made during their trip to TVAP. The end of term comes with happy memories but also sadness as some of our pupils are leaving, ready for their next adventure. We wish all the 2023 leavers the best of luck and hope they continue to flourish. Have a great summer and we will see your lovely children in September! Sara.

## Woodland

I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to everyone who has a part to play in the running of Woodland Department this year, from the Teachers to the learning support assistants, the Therapists, the caretaker, and the senior and extended leadership team. It has been a wonderful year to be a student in Woodland, and I have had the pleasure of seeing the engagement, enthusiasm and above all else, fun that goes on in all the classes through the week. Some of my highlights of the year have been the Christmas film Premiere and of course - Chilfest. I cannot wait to see what exciting things get put into the mix for next year! For now, I hope you all have a safe, healthy and happy summer holiday, and a reminder to look after yourselves too, as I know you all put so much of your energy into your young people but make sure you make time for a cuppa and a biccy - stick some of the Woodland Youtube vids for the children while you do so! Best wishes and see you in September, Kara.

## Coral

I can't believe it is the end of the year already! I want to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers for all your support this past year. We have had a really successful term, our department trip to TVAP was a huge success, it was great watching all the children have fun, participate in the different activities, interact and play alongside each other. Our Coral Big 5 sports event was a massive success and we raised a phenomenal £340 towards musical instruments, thank you so much! I hope you all have a restful summer! Kim

## Coppice

Hello everyone! We are reaching the end of another fantastic year in Coppice. It has been a real pleasure to be part of our students' growth and development in the last months. The last couple of weeks of this term have been full of events. Owl class joined some Gemstones students in order to spend an enjoyable evening at the Opera. We also hosted our Sports Day on Thursday, where we had an interesting afternoon full of races and showers. This week we had our Prom evening in order to celebrate some of our students' journey at Chiltern Wood School. We had a lovely time dancing and making memories together and we wish our leavers all the best in their future! I am forever grateful to my amazing Coppice team, our students' families and everyone who contributed so we could make this possible. Have a lovely and well-deserved summer holiday! Gracias! 😊 Sarai

## Treetops

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone for your support and involvement in your child's education. I am so grateful for the time and effort you have put in to ensure that your child is receiving the best education and care possible. I wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you and your child in September! Magda.

## Little Wings

Hello everybody! We have come to an end and we, Little Wings staff, have wonderful memories of a full year of challenges, progress, success, adventures and beautiful relationships with your children and families. We just want to thank you all for all your support working together for the best interest of your children. We cannot wait to see you back in September but also, we cannot wait to have a well-deserved summer holiday. Have a wonderful break and see you all back in September the 6th. Best, Patri

## Rainbow

It has been such a wonderful year watching all your children grow. I have carried out many learning walks and observations across the department this year and it was been amazing to see not only the learning that has been taking place but the beautiful relationships between staff and children. Good luck to those children moving departments and we look forward to welcoming everyone else back In September. Wishing you all a wonderful Summer. Sam

# Staffing Update

## July Staffing Update

We will be welcoming several new staff members in September and will be interviewing for some of these positions over the summer. We may also have other staff decide to move on to new roles over the summer. However, I would like to update you on the following roles:

Staff that have moved into SSAs at Cressex

- Olivia, Sahara and Jenny

We are also very excited to welcoming back Michelle Eggett to the role of specialist teacher for Speech & Language in September.

We say farewell and good luck with your new adventures to...

Cressex staff:

- Jess
- Molly (although we are hoping she will still be able to work in her university holidays)

Downley staff:

- Kim
- Sameera (The Den TA)
- Judith – moving to a casual contract



We continue to be fully staffed for our therapy provision across the school.



This photograph of some of the Woodlands Staff Team was shared with Janet, the governor for Woodlands department and I thought it shows wonderfully the supportive way we work as a team.

Thank you Janet and Kara

## Parent Ambassador Update

As Summer holidays approach, I know that some of you may be feeling nervous about the coming 6 weeks out of routine. I know that this can be a very difficult time for parents. I have created a Summer Holiday Coping Strategies sheet, which I sent round via Parentmail earlier this week. Do check it out for ways to make life easier for yourself.

I have also sent round lots of information regarding summer holiday activities (including ways to get discounts or help with accessing activities) and also summer holiday events that are going on across Bucks this Summer. Do take a look as there are so many lovely things happening - my favourite is a free Disney themed Proms in the Park in Aylesbury on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, although do bring ear defenders for the fireworks at the end if your child needs them! Liz





# ChilFest 2023



On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June the Downley site put on ChilFest. This was a huge festival style event to raise money for the Memorial Garden. Adults decorated the Hall, Sensory Room and Library to create a Main Stage Area, Zen Zone and a Creative Area. The learners had an opportunity to have glitter, tattoos, face paint and massage as well as dance the day away. One of the highlights of the day was the TheraTappers, who consisted of our OT assistants. They dress up as Minions and performed a sensational tap dance routine which everyone loved.

It was much appreciated that the Mayor came to open the event in the afternoon and then stayed for the rest of the day. It was wonderful to see the way he interacting with the learners beautifully and even danced with them! We also had an incredible singer and a masseuse who volunteered their time for free.

Amazingly we made....£304 just through donations on the day. This doesn't include the £75 for the sale of wrist bands. None of this would have been possible without the staff and parents who donated their time and money. Huge Thank you!"





# SUMMER VIBES 2023

**WHEN:**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
IN THE SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS: 9AM - 3PM**

**ACTIVITIES:**

COLOURING  
PLAYDOUGH  
SMALL TOYS AND MORE  
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