



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term. It was great to see some of you at the Valentine Quiz on 9th February. We had a brilliant evening organised by The Friends Of Chiltern Wood and raised over £600 profit for the school.



You will have received a letter on Tuesday from myself and Ann (Chair of Governors) letting you know about some very exciting news regarding a third site for Chiltern Wood. We see this as a real positive for us to be able to share our good practice with more local children and a recognition of this from the Local Authority. Our current children and families have been at the heart of this decision, but we would like to invite you to a TEAMS meeting on Wednesday 28th February at 1:30pm to give everyone a chance to ask any question about this. A link for this will be sent out via ClassDojo.

We are looking forward to the Transitions Fayre which also takes place on 28th February in the Downley Hall from 9:30am onwards. This is a great opportunity for you to start thinking about the next steps after Chiltern Wood. We would encourage anyone who has a child who is over 11 years old to attend.

You will be getting information sent out via your Department Leads soon, regarding Comic Relief and World Book Day which both take place in March. I am hoping to add some interesting photos to the next newsletter!

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Rachel Chapman



Calendar dates

Spring Term: 5th Jan 24 – 24th May 2024

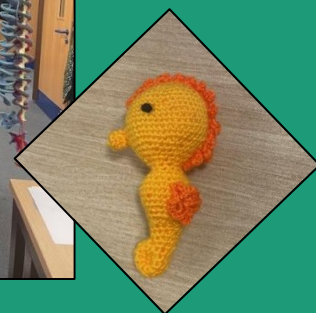
Parent Volunteers

Every Thursday (from 15.09.22) 9-10.30am

Attendance reminder

We continue to focus on good attendance for all our pupils and request that holidays are not booked in term time.

Coral Department have had some beautiful Seahorses and Starfish crocheted by a local Downley resident.



Newsletter Dates 2023-24

Please note the dates for the newsletters being sent out this year are:

- February - 23rd
- March - Thursday 28th (end of term)
- April - 26th
- May - 24th
- June - 28th
- July - Tuesday 23rd July (end of term)

News from around the school

Little Wings

I hope you all had a wonderful half term with your children. It has been lovely to get to know your children better since becoming the interim department lead. I have had the pleasure of carrying out several learning walks already and am blown away and the wonderful relationships your children have built with the staff. This term's topic is 'Once Upon a Time' and staff have lots of fun and engaging activities planned that I am very excited to see in action. SAM

Rainbow

I hope you all had a wonderful half term with your children. As always, we would love to see any photos of 'Wow' moments or activities your children participated with over the half term as these help paint a wider picture for children's learning journals. This term's topic is 'Once Upon a Time.' We have lots of fun activities planned, including our 'Get comfy and read' day on World Book Day. Sam

Treetops

I hope you all had a good break. Children seem calm and ready for this half term. The level of engagement and enjoyment from the students has been fantastic to see. Kestrel, Falcon and Red Kite Classes have been enjoying cooking with chef Michael this week. Hawk class has been learning about safety in travel training and Owl class loved their sensory story. Date for your diary – World Book day is on the 7th of March. Keep your eyes peeled for the letter with more information. Have a lovely weekend. Magda

Woodland

Welcome back after half term, we hope you all managed to get out to enjoy some of the rarely seen sunshine! We are continuing to enjoy our topic of countries and all the fun of smells, sounds and tactile experiences that we can link to it. Making a playlist at home of traditional songs from different countries would be a lovely way to link home and school, it is also really interesting to see the different responses to such a variety of music, sometimes their favourites aren't what we would expect! Do let your class teacher know if you have any surprising reactions so we can see if it is the same in school. Kara.

Coral

Welcome back to Spring 2. I hope you all had a restful half-term break. I can't believe that we are now over halfway through the year! Once again, we have a jam-packed half term with lots of fun and engaging activities with only 5 weeks to do them in! This half term we are continuing our Colour and Light topic with a big exciting ending to the term, Coral Colourful Catwalk. More details to come...Just a quick reminder that if your learner is using a device in school, please can this be charged the night before. Thanks, Izzy

Gemstones

Dear all,

I hope the pupils had a well-deserved half term break.

It was great seeing so many of you during Parents' Evening and hearing the wonderful progress the pupils are making in different areas. For those who did not manage to make it, and you would still like an update, please contact your class teachers.

We have many wonderful things upcoming in the department which will be put on your child's class dojo such as Comic Relief and World Book Day! Letters will also be sent out in the coming weeks.

I hope this half term brings us even more learning opportunities and happy memories. Sara A.

Staffing Update

February Staffing Update

New Starters:

- Julie - Teaching Assistant, Cressex
- Firdaus - Kitchen Assistant/MDS, Cressex
- Immaculate - Teaching Assistant, Cressex

Goodbye to:

- Ellie S
- Orlea M

They will both be leaving in the middle of March.

I'm sure you all join me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

And also leaving to begin their **Maternity Leave** are:

- Dee
- Sana S.

We wish you all the best as this next chapter unfolds for your families.

Congratulations to Abi E, Kirstie and Hannah who have had their babies.

Amy J



News from Governors



Dear Parents and Carers,

Let me introduce myself, I am Amy Symmons my son Jacob is currently in Year 9 at Cressex. I was appointed to the Parent Governor role in July 2022.

I am the Health and Safety Governor and link Governor for Little Wings department.

I have recently completed my visit to Little Wings department. As a Governor it's really important to make school visits during the school day, this means that we get to see many of the policies we agree, in action.

It was lovely to see that with help from the teacher and support staff the children have settled quickly into a routine for learning.

As I walked round the classrooms in the department the pupils were taking part in various activities, getting some fresh air in the playground and a firm favourite of Snack Time!!

Here's to an enjoyable Spring Term and hoping that the sun puts in an appearance at some point!!

Warmest wishes

Amy Symmons

Parent Governor.

For parents
and carers of
young
people aged
11+



It's never too
early to start
thinking
about the
future!

Wondering what is next after your child leaves Chiltern Wood?
Come along and find out what your options are at our:

TRANSITIONS FAYRE

Wednesday 28th February 2024
9.30-11am in the School Hall at our Downley site

We will have:

- Colleges
- Care Agencies
- Post-18 social activities
- Post-18 Health & Social Care
- Volunteering opportunities
- and lots more...



Congratulations to Emin on receiving a 10 year Certificate of Excellence for his Horizons work at the local Sports Centre, teaching swimming to children with Special Needs. Emin was our former swim teacher, but continues to work behind the scene with others keeping the pool at the level of standard we require.



Slough Disability Sports Taster Event

Let's Play & Connect!



Community
Sports Trust

Disability Football
Wheelchair Rugby
Multi-Sports
Inclusive Cycling

Free Event!

For more information

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For individuals aged 8-14,
suitable for all disabilities

Herschel Grammar School Sports Centre,
Berkshire, Northampton Ave,
Slough SL1 3BW

📅 Saturday 2nd March 2024
🕒 9am- 12pm

SCAN ME!



Register at [bookwhen.com/
sloughdisabilityevent](https://bookwhen.com/sloughdisabilityevent)

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

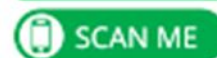
Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

If your child has had a temperature of **37.8 and or above** they can return to school after they've been **fever-free for 24 hours without antipyretics**.

Antipyretics are medicines such as liquid paracetamol (Calpol) and liquid ibuprofen (Nurofen).