

A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 20th January 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

I am sure that those of you who attended Monday's Young Voices event at the O2 Arena will agree with me that it was an incredible event. For those of you who are not familiar with this occurrence, Young Voices is the largest children's choir concert in the world. Our pupils performed alongside thousands of other children as a single choir to a captive audience of family and friends. It was an amazing experience and one of the best ever in my entire career! Thank you to all the children who took part as well as the parents who supported our pupils. Mrs Harrison and Mr Harvey-Mott worked incredibly hard with our choir to ensure their performance was at the highest level – thank you to you both on behalf of the children. Mrs McCarthy accompanied the school to the O2 Arena and supported the choir- thank you so much for giving up your day! I know that Mrs Harrison in her curriculum update has written more about the event.

Following in the music theme, Mr Harvey-Mott would like to share an upcoming free event which might be of interest to any musical student out there– please click [here](#) to find out more!

I know that I did ask previously whether any parent may be interested in becoming a school governor. We are still looking for a parent governor to complement our highly skilled governing body. So, if you are interested, please contact [Mrs Jenny Faulkner \(Chair of LGB\)](#). School governance allows you to develop your skills both personally and professionally, which can be added to your CV. Skills including: strategic planning, experience on a board, holding senior leaders to account, finance, and maintaining oversight of potentially budgets, human resources and performance management, project management, marketing, communication and teamwork, and decision making. In addition, you will get an insight into the management of our school and gain an in-depth understanding of how decisions are made.

I always try to keep up with the newest trends but sometimes it is impossible. It was brought up to my attention that some pupils bring to school quite expensive Air-Up bottles. They are designed to trick one's brain into thinking (through a sense of smell) that a flavoured water is being consumed. We always encourage children to bring just a plain bottle filled with water. Can I please politely request that the expensive Air-Up bottles are saved for the weekend only. I am very grateful for your cooperation with this matter.

I reminded the children today in assembly about the importance of manners, which I am very pleased to say are generally very good at Woodside. Please continue to remind your child about the importance of good manners at all times i.e. saying please, thank you and holding the doors open to others. Thank you in advance and your support is very much appreciated.

Last but not least –in this week's newsletter, I have attached information for anyone within our community who may be interested in becoming a teacher. Teaching is a wonderful career - yes it can be challenging, but I cannot emphasise enough that, in my view, there is not a more rewarding career than being a teacher. No two days are the same and the knowledge that we, on some level, can shape young minds – is very powerful indeed. So please if you are interested, get in touch with the Chepping View Primary Academy SCITT ([number and website provided](#)).

I hope that you will have a lovely weekend,

With my warmest wishes,

Dorota Milner

Request from Eco-council

The Eco-council re-launched “nude food” today (zero or re-useable packaging). If you have any spare lidded **Tupperware/containers**, please drop them into the office so we can re-distribute them to those that could benefit.

The children are also looking for donations of **cardboard egg cartons** to help with our composting. Again, please drop them into the office.

Thank you!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
21.1.23	Cross Country Event—Lowndes Park, Chesham *POSTPONED*
31.1.23	Year 3 trip to British Museum
1.2.23	Year 5 Cross Country at The Misbourne School
2.2.23	Year 3 Mega-Fest Rugby at Dr Challoner's
7.2.23	GB Athlete Visit
13.2.23— 17.2.23	Half Term break
21.2.23	Bags 2 School Collection
1.3.23	Yr5 Trip to Living Rainforest
4.3.22	Cross Country Event—Little Misenden
20.3.23- 24.3.23	Yr6 Residential
30.3.23	Year 3 Dance Festival at Dr Challoner's
31.3.23	Break up at 1.30pm on Friday 31st March. No Hideout Zone afterschool club on last day of term. Breakfast club is still available. Return to school Monday 17th April.
1.5.23	Bank Holiday
5.5.23	Year 4 Tri Golf Festival at Chiltern Hills Academy
8.5.23	Additional BANK HOLIDAY- His Majesty's coronation
9.5.23	Year 3 Tennis event at Dr Challoner's
17.6.23	PTA Summer Fair—SAVE THE DATE
	Link to 2023/24 term dates on website

House Point Totals

This Week	260	240	213	241
Since Start of Term	3074	3278	2893	3228
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Mrs Harrison's Curriculum Update

Young Voices



Wow- what a spectacular day we had on Monday! It was absolutely incredible. On Monday, our choir took part in Young Voices at the O2 Arena. There were over 9000 children singing and the atmosphere was electric. We all came together to sing many songs which we have been busy practising since September. We were joined by a street dance crew, a group of beatboxers and the amazing violinist, Anna Phoebe. We also got the opportunity to sing 'Proud' with Heather Small (M People) and recorded the chorus for a track that will be released at the beginning of February to coincide with Children's Mental Health Week. Phenomenal is the word I've been using to describe the day and it was one of the most exciting and enjoyable things I have taken part in during my career as a teacher!



I was so incredibly proud of our Woodside children. It was a long day, but they sang with enthusiasm and smiles and made the most of each and every moment. It was an absolute joy to be there with them. I have to also thank Mr Harvey-Mott for joining us for choir rehearsals each Thursday; Mrs McCarthy for giving up her own time to come with us; and Mrs Nickless and the office staff who have helped behind the scenes with the admin.





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Are you interested in becoming a primary school teacher?

Chepping View Primary Academy SCITT is a specialist provider of primary teacher training programmes to teach General Primary 3-7 years and General Primary 5-11 years, leading to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

Applications for our 2023/24 courses will be open, via the DfE.

We offer graduate trainees the highest quality primary school-based teacher training experience. There is also an option to study for a PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) with Oxford Brookes University.

We are a highly regarded ITT provider, and have exceptionally strong partnerships with up to 50 schools in Buckinghamshire, who support our provision and our trainees. Over the last 3 years 100% of our trainees have gained employment after finishing the course.

If you have a degree and are a career changer, returning to work after a career break, a graduate working as a teaching assistant or coming to the end of your undergraduate degree, and have the desire, motivation and commitment to pursue a career in teaching, or if you a school interested in partnering with us we would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with a member of the Chepping View Primary Academy SCITT team for an informal discussion about your interests and experience. Primary teacher training places are available to start in September 2023.

Or for more information please visit www.cheppingviewscitt.com Tel: 01494 535564 option 3
DfE sites <https://www.gov.uk/find-postgraduate-teacher-training-courses>
<https://www.apply-for-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/candidate/account>

Are you interested in becoming a Primary School teacher?

Chepping View SCITT are a specialist provider of outstanding Primary teacher training programmes, leading to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). We offer graduate trainees the highest quality, personalised, school-based teacher training experience. There is also the option to study for a PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) with Oxford Brookes University.

Primary Teacher training places are available for September 2023

If you are a career changer, returning to work after a career break, a graduate working as a teaching assistant or coming to the end of your undergraduate degree, and have the desire, motivation and commitment to pursue a fulfilling and rewarding career in primary teaching, we would love to hear from you.

We are partnered with up to 30 local schools. All schools work together to provide the best possible training and classroom experience

Training Primary School Teachers of the Future

Chepping View Primary SCITT

Find out more at our information events:

**Thursday, 26 January 2023
4.00 – 5.00 pm**

At Kingsbrook View Primary Academy,
Broughton, Aylesbury, HP22 7EE

**Saturday, 4 February 2023
11.00 am – 2.00 pm**

At Teach in Bucks Event,
Bucks New Uni, High Wycombe

**Thursday, 9 February 2023
4.00 – 5.00 pm**

At Chepping View Primary Academy,
High Wycombe, HP12 4PR

**Thursday, 23 February 2023
4.00 – 5.00 pm**

At Woodside Junior School,
Amersham, HP6 6NW



For more information:
email: kharrison@CVPA.school
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tel: 01494 535564, option 3



Finally, please click [here](#) to view the poster regarding the Teach in Bucks Recruitment Fair taking place on Saturday 4th February 2023 from 11am—3pm.

Safeguarding

This week, I would like to write to you about online safety. This coincides with the fact that the UK's online safety bill is now in its final stages. Hopefully the Bill will make social media companies legally responsible for keeping children and young people safe online.

It will protect children by making social media platforms:

- remove illegal content quickly or prevent it from appearing in the first place. This includes removing content promoting self-harm
- prevent children from accessing harmful and age-inappropriate content
- enforce age limits and age-checking measures
- ensure the risks and dangers posed to children on the largest social media platforms are more transparent, including by publishing risk assessments
- provide parents and children with clear and accessible ways to report problems online when they do arise

So, what can we do within our community to keep our children safe? Below are some things that parents can do to keep our children safe online

- **Talk openly with your child about their online activity**
- **Keep screens and devices where you can see them**
- **Know your parental controls** - for example, the SafeSearch Filters feature on Google will block sites with explicit sexual material. To turn it on, go to Settings/SafeSearch Filters. Although not 100 per cent accurate, parental controls can help prevent your child from seeing and accessing most violent or sexual material. See <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>.
- **Know who your children's online friends are**
- **Keep control of your family's digital footprint**- Every picture and personal detail that is posted and shared on social media and the internet contributes to someone's digital footprint. The big risk with this is that once information is shared publicly, it can be used in ways you may not expect and cannot control. You should also assume that anything that is put online is permanent (it can sometimes be deleted but not always before others have seen it and saved it). For this reason, children and young people need to be smart about protecting their images and information. The same goes for parents who regularly post pictures of their children online.
- **Teach your children to keep their location private**- Most apps, networks and devices have geo-tagging features which make your whereabouts public and can lead someone directly to you. These features should be turned off for obvious privacy and safety reasons.
- **Keep track of online time**
- **Be #SocialNetworkSavvy**

Wellbeing

Thank you to a parent who has kindly shared the [link](#) to a very comprehensive document from Buckinghamshire County Council containing helpful links for:

Finance, bills and support

Food, shopping and cooking

Refugee support

Community hubs and foodbanks

Money and budget advice websites

Support and general advice

Wellbeing

Apps

COVID-19 information and support

Gypsy, Roma Traveller

Extreme weather guidance

Missing persons

This has also been added to our website under the [Community /Community Support Programmes](#) section.

Flu Vaccinations

We have received a note from the immunisation team at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust to pass on to our community regarding the flu vaccine:

Due to unprecedented levels of flu/COVID-19 and other respiratory infections circulating in the community, the School Aged Immunisation Team would like to offer the children at your school a final opportunity to receive a flu vaccine if they have not already done so. Please contact the [office](#) if you would like to be forwarded this information.