**Chenies School Newsletter**

**Friday 11th November 2022**

**Headteacher’s News**

This week has certainly been an action packed one. It was really lovely to see so many parents at our Remembrance assembly this morning and at the workshare evening last night. It is always lovely to see how enthusiastic and proud the children are of their learning, when they have the opportunity to share it with people. The children from Van-Gogh enjoyed their Winter Olympics event at DCHS and Hepworth enjoyed a Greek food tasting session. I am delighted to tell you that the work on the roof has been completed ahead of schedule and we can look forward to the scaffolding coming down shortly.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week is anti-bullying week and there will be many opportunities in school to reflect on it. The theme this year is Reach Out. We will begin the week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday**. This is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler! On Wednesday all the children will be participating in a drama workshop.

**Rovings Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Roving Bookshop, your purchases resulted in us being able to spend £200 commission on further books for the school library. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Sahotay for the work she put into organising it.

**PE Kits**

Please can you ensure you child has their PE kit in school on the days they are due to have PE. I have been disappointed this week by the number of children who have not had their full PE kits in school.

**Safeguarding**

Please do sign up to the [National College online safeguarding resources for parents](https://thenationalcollege.co.uk/enrol/chenies-school) as detailed in last week’s newsletter. When you are registered, you will be able to set ‘Parent/Carer’ as your user type.

**ODBST**

I hope that you have had the opportunity to look at the information about the conversion to an Academy sent out with last week’s newsletter. If there is a particular question you would like answered at the consultation meeting you are welcome to email it in advance to the office and I can ensure the topic is covered. There will of course be an opportunity to ask questions at the meeting and I am happy to answer individual questions at any time.

**Artist of the Week**

This week’s artist was Eric Patton and chosen by Caelan. The sketch book theme was to draw something with both hands at the same time!

**Happy Birthday**

**Sienna M – 11th November**

**RJ**

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**PTA**

* If you’re buying items from John Lewis/Waitrose, M&S, Tesco or Sainsburys this Christmas, come and buy vouchers from us as we receive commission from this without it costing you a thing! Email: [pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk) or speak to Anshu Rai to do a one off payment or monthly sign up!
* Booking open on Classlist for next week’s pyjama night film club, Minions The Rise of Gru
* Friday 25th November - World Cup cake sale, please bake or buy!
* Christmas raffle tickets on sale now. We have some great prizes so worth buying some tickets online!
* If your child would like to fill and decorate a jazzy jar for the Christmas Fair, please do so and bring in on the morning of 2nd December.
* Don’t forget our “Dress the Head this Christmas” collection box will be at all of our events this term so please give generously to turn Mrs Powell into a Christmas pudding for the day!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell

**STARS of the week**

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| **Van Gogh** | **Emma** | **Theia** |
| **Monet** | **Srihan** | **Samuel** |
| **Hockney** | **Rocky** | **Arthur** |
| **Hepworth** | **Gracie** | **Luca** |

**Weekly Attendance**

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality of our students. Please continue to ensure that your children attend school every day and on time.

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| Van Gogh | 96% |
| Monet | 92% |
| Hockney | 93% |
| Hepworth | 98% |

**Class News**

**Van Gogh**

Hope you have all had a good week!

**Phonics**

The children have started to make progress in these areas, but it is really important that you continue to reinforce listening to sounds in the environment, rhyme, alliteration (initial sounds), segmenting and blending and sharing books.

To date the children have learnt the following sounds **s - a - t - p - i – n - m - d - g - o – c – k – ck – e – u.** This week we have learnt two new tricky words ‘**to** and **the**’. Please could you reinforce these at home.

Will continue to focus is for the children to be able to segment and blend confidently. It is important that they are hearing the sounds at the beginning of a word and the end of a word. Please continue to practice oral segmenting and blending with your child, to support their learning and applying of these sounds e.g. please pass be the b-a-g… can you put on your c-oa-t… it is time to go to b-e-d. Then ask them to tell you what sound they hear in words e.g. jam j-a-m, dog d-o-g etc.

Words you can help your child practice at home.

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| Please remember the children need to segment the words and then blend them to read/write. The words in red are our tricky words which cannot always be segmenting and blended and need to be learnt by sight. | | | | | |
| sit | and | sad | pin | dad | mat |
| pat | pan | it | as | on | gap |
| at | I | dig | mad | tip | in |
| dog | lip | can | an | is | top |
| sat | got | not |  |  |  |

**Library Books**

Please note library books are changed every Tuesday, if you wish to keep the book a little bit longer you may do.

**Maths**

Next week we will continue to write and form number THREE accurately and consolidate the TRIANGLE – I am a TRIANGLE I have THREE straight sides and THREE corners. We will introduce the term ‘third’ and start to look at the composition of number 3 (different ways of making three). We will talk about addition and subtraction ad apply this in our snack shop.

**Topic**

We are continuing to learn about fireworks, Guy Fawkes and firework safety. Listening to sound escapes and explore using paints to recreate firework art. We will also introduce other festivals e.g. Diwali – Festival of Lights - Story of Rama & Sita and discuss and compare cultural differences. Our discussions will be based around celebrations where ‘light’ is important e.g. Bonfire, Chinese New Year, Candles on a cake or at Christmas.

**General**

Please support your child to practice getting undressed and dressed independently, including doing up zips and buttons.

**Request**

We are looking out for 100-piece jigsaw puzzles for the children.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

**Monet**

It was lovely to see so many of you on Thursday and I hope you enjoyed visiting the classroom and sharing some of the work we have been doing this term.

Next week we will be continuing with our autumn theme by writing our information texts about autumn using headings, pictures, labels and captions. If you have some non-fiction books at home, please encourage your child to see if they can spot the different features of non-fiction books.

We will also be recording the weather, rainfall and temperature in science and planning to make our own wind gauge. Please bring in any spare plastic carrier bags that can be cut up and recycled at school for this. In Art we will be continuing with our mixed media seasonal trees. In geography we will be looking at and creating our own simple maps using a key.

In maths we will be telling the time to the hour and half hour, moving on to quarter of the hour in Year 2 with analogue and digital clocks. We will also be consolidating ordering the days of the week and the months of the year and understanding how long 15, 30 and 60 seconds are.

Some children will have brought home a riddle in their reading folder alongside a poem and their reading books. Please encourage your child to read the riddle looking carefully at all the sounds learned in phonics that week and make a guess at the answer. The answer will be revealed on Monday!

Please also remember to bring Christmas scripts back to school each day and to practise at home using a very loud, clear and slow voice. Asking your child to try reading in a different room but so you can still hear them helps and is a lot of fun.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

**Hockney**

Thank you to all of you who came to our workshare evening. The children have been so excited to share with you all the work they have done so far.

In maths next week, we are going to continue to focus on multiplication and division in year 4. We will be focusing on 3, 6, 9, 11 and 12 times table. In year 3 we will start to work on multiplication and equal groups. We will also revise arrays and multiples of 2 and 5.

In English next week, we are going to be making a plan for a school tour and write it up. The children will have an opportunity to do a ‘live’ tour for a pretend visitor. We will be writing a factual description of a place in our school e.g. the library, hall, and playground. We will also include information about what happens there.

In history, we are going to be describing ways in which life changed from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age. We are going to be discussing some of the consequences of the developments in technology during the Bronze Age too.

In science, we are continuing our work on magnets. We are going to be investigating which objects magnetic and which are non- magnetic.

Please continue to support your with their Doodle learning. Doodle tables will help the children practise their times tables, which is our maths focus.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Moghaddam and Mrs Whittingham

**Hepworth**

Hepworth have had another good week and it was really fun watching them develop their  
Greek dancing skills in PE! They were so good at trying new foods during our tasting experience too and lots said that they liked the new things that they tried!

Next week the children will continue building on our group Greek dance in PE, whilst in our  
Ancient Greek Topic they will be finding out about Elgin's marbles.  
In English, the children will be honing their debating knowledge to participate in a final  
debate on whether education should be taught online, rather than in schools, which should  
prove interesting! Later in the week our SPAG focus is on adverbials of time, place and number or tense choices. Our spellings will be words with silent letters.

In Maths, Hepworth will be building on formal methods of subtraction and moving onto  
problem solving with multi-step problems for addition and subtraction including money.

In Science, pupils will be re-enforcing their understanding of reflection before learning about refraction of light. Meanwhile in PHSE we will follow on from our work on different types of relationships and look more at the difference between gender identity and sexual orientation and everyone’s right to be loved. In RE we will find out more about the Muslim pilgrimage Hajj, to Mecca.

On Monday afternoon, Year 5 will be in Forest School again, whilst Year 6 will be learning  
more about Spreadsheets in Computing, as well as practising the weather and seasons  
vocabulary in Spanish on Languagenut.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones.

**DIARY DATES**

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| Monday 14th November | Anti-Bullying Week Odd Sock Day |
| Wednesday 16th November | Anti Bullying Drama Workshops |
| **Friday 18th November** | **PTA Pyjama Night Film Club** |
| Monday 21st November | Hockney Bench Ball - The Amersham School 1.30pm - 3pm |
| Thursday 24th November | Hepworth trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford  Online Consultation meeting with ODBST 6pm |
| **Friday 25th November** | **PTA World Cup themed cake sale** |
| **Thursday 1st December** | **PTA Wreath Making Workshop**  Hepworth -The Amersham School Dodgeball 1.30 – 3pm |
| **Friday 2nd December** | **PTA Non uniform day**  **PTA Christmas fayre** |
| Wednesday 7th December | Christmas Lunch  EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm |
| Thursday 8th December | EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am |
| Thursday 15th December | KS2 Carol Concert 2pm  KS2 Carol Concert 6pm |
| **Friday 16th December** | Christmas Craft Day  **PTA Christmas Film Day** |
| Monday 19th December | Class Christmas Parties |
| **Tuesday 20th December** | **Term Ends 1.30pm** |

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| **Wednesday 4th January** | **INSET DAY** |
| Thursday 5th January | Children Return to School |
| Monday 23rd January | Van Gogh Sports Event Movement to Music at The Amersham School 9.45 - 11.45am |
| Tuesday 24th January | Monet 9.30-11.30am DCHS Multiskills |
| Wednesday 25th January | Hepworth 1.30-3pm The Amersham School Handball |
| Thursday 2nd February | Hockney 9.30-11.30am DCHS Mega Fest Rugby |
| Monday 6th February | EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm |
| Thursday 9th February | Workshare Evening |
| **Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February** | **HALF TERM** |
| Thursday 2nd March | World Book Day |
| Monday 20th March | 9.15am EYFS Spring Walk |
| Friday 24th March | Hockney – Bikeability Level 1 |
| Monday 27th March | Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents |
| Thursday 30th March | Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm |
| **Friday 31st March** | **Term Ends 1.30pm** |
| **Monday 17th April** | **Children return to School** |
| Thursday 4th May | Monet Games at Dr Challoner’s High School |
| Friday 5th May | Hockney Tri Golf – Chiltern Hills Academy (tbc) |
| Monday 8th May | KS2 SATs Week |
| Thursday 18th May | Workshare Evening |
| Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May | PGL Residential |
| Wednesday 24th May | EYFS Stay and get Physical |
| Monday 12th June | Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College |
| Wednesday 21st June | Parent’s Evening 5pm - 8pm |
| Thursday 22nd June | Parent’s Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm |
| Tuesday 27th June | Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm |
| Tuesday 4th July | Transition Day |
| Tuesday 11th July | Reserve Sports Day |
| Wednesday 12th July | KS2 Summer Production 7pm |
| Thursday 13th July | KS2 Summer Production 7pm |
| Monday 17th July | End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home |
| Wednesday 19th July | EYFS Stay for breakfast  Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm |
| **Friday 21st July** | 11am Leaver’s Assembly  12pm Whole School Picnic  **1.30pm Term Ends** |