



# Chenies newsletter

December 2023



**Dear Parents/Carers**

**Wishing you all a warm and Happy Christmas!**

We hope you have a lovely restful break. The teachers are really looking forward to their break as I am sure the children are. The transition to the ODBST has been smooth thus far and they have been very supportive of the school. We have had several visits from various members of their teams.

Here's hoping that that 2024 brings happiness to you all.

We have had a very busy half term –

In November we had the Diwali day with a dance workshop which all the children participated in the morning and in the afternoon they had Diwali activities.

EYFS and Monet class did a fantastically well performing 'The Sleepy Shepherd' for their Nativity production which was well attended and loved by all the parents and relatives who came to see it.

KS2 did a wonderful Carol service in St Michael's church, retelling the story of the Nativity and performing songs and poems.

Monet class walked up to the Baptist church to perform carols for the elderly people at the lunch club which they really enjoyed.

The PTA held the Christmas fayre which was well attended. Hopefully we will find out how much it raised for the School in the New Year.

We had Christmas jumper day and raised £53.60 for Children in Need. Well done everyone.

## **Goodbye and Thank you.**

Today we held our leaving assembly for the staff and for those pupils moving on.

We took the opportunity to celebrate our wonderful staff and thanked them for their dedication, hard work and enormous contribution that they have made to Chenies School. They will all be missed greatly.

We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Sahotay, Mrs Walker, Ms Shine, Ms Moghaddam and Mrs Jones.

Mrs Sahotay and Mrs Walker are part of the fabric of the school in particular and it will be difficult to fill their shoes. I would like to say a heartfelt "thank you" on behalf of all the pupils, past and present for all that they have done for the school over the years.

We wish them all the very best for their future wherever that may be.

### New teachers and handover

The new teachers for Van Gogh and Hepworth came in to meet the children and spent a day with the class and the teachers to handover and ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible.

Mrs Kiran will be teaching Van Gogh.

Mr Ashley will be in Hockney class.

Mrs Whittingham will oversee the two teachers who we have employed to teach Hockney class until Mr Bains can start in February. He will be their permanent teacher. Mrs Nyakila will continue to work in Hockney class and we have appointed another TA to support in there.

Mrs Sahotay also met with Miss Richer, our new SENCO to discuss SEN needs in the school to ensure that the handover is successful. Mrs Sahotay has done a fantastic job at getting all the SENCO information ready for her.

### Attendance for this term

**Van Gogh** 92.86%      **Monet** 94.25%      **Hockney** 93.78%      **Hepworth** 96.35%

We look forward to working with parents/carers to improve these figures across the next half term.

### Dates for your diary

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Children return to school

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Forest school starts again

