

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Coronation Celebration Day

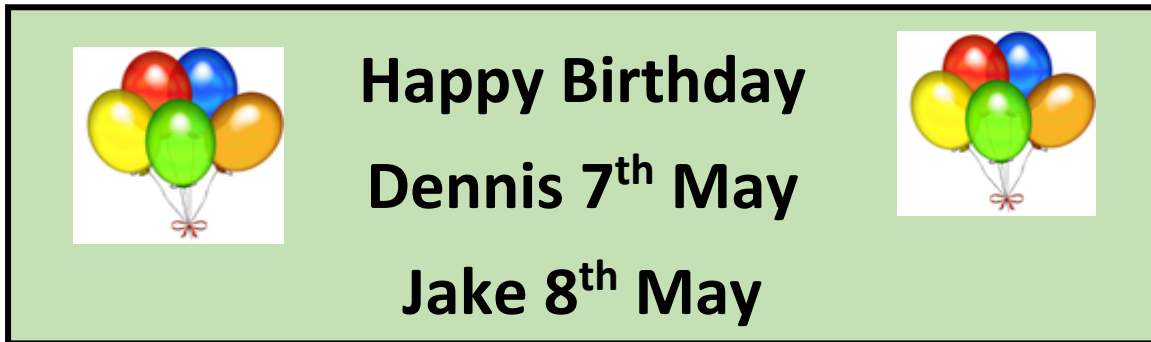
The children have enjoyed our Coronation celebration day and we hope you enjoy looking at some of the photographs.



Please find attached a poster for Transition to Teenager in Girls Project: Online Research.

We hope you enjoy any celebrations you have planned for this historic weekend!

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher



### 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.

Van Gogh	95%
Monet	97%
Hockney	90%
Hepworth	94%

### Class News

#### Van Gogh

Another great week, with the children growing in their learning every day!

#### Phonics:

We are approaching the end of Phase 3 and the children have found the digraphs/trigraphs in Phase 3 tricky. Please continue to work with your child at home to consolidate reading words/sentences with these sounds. It is also important that they are confidently applying these sounds in their writing.

Week 8	Consolidating Phase 3 sounds Spelling words with k/ck s/ss f/ff l/l	Tricky Word: her
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#### Reading:

Please continue to share books with the children as well as hearing them read. This week we have been learning about the key features of Non-Fiction text e.g. Contents Page, Glossary, and Index Page etc. The children have really enjoyed learning key facts about different things e.g. sharks, plants, occupations etc.

## **Writing:**

Next week we will be writing a diary about The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

We are continuing to work the children extending sentences by using adjectives, starting to use a capital letter at the start of a sentence and a full stop at the end. It is also important that the children are consistently applying the Phase 3 sounds and tricky words in their writing. Please continue to encourage the children to write at home.

## **Maths:**

This week we were outside using non-standard measures to measure the playground, apparatus etc. Next week we will continue explore measure further by comparing weights and size of objects and consolidate 'time' as a form of measure e.g. how long does it take to run across the playground.

## **Topic:**

The children have used different mediums to create paper for their collage and next week will create their own artwork using the techniques Eric Carle used for his illustrations. Our Van Gogh Painting this month is: Café Terrace at Night

Show and Tell - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Red House

## **REMINDERS:**

- As the weather is changing please ensure that the children have hats in school.
- Stay and Get Physical: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 @ 9.15

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

## **Monet**

Monet Class are very excited to be selected for the National Gallery's Take One Picture exhibition this summer. It will be a selection of work from the current Year 2s and Year 3s that will be exhibited in the gallery. I'm very proud of them all and the amazing work they produced in response to 'Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' by Vernet.

Next week Year 2 will be completing their end of key stage assessments. This is nothing to worry about and there is nothing to prepare for (apart from the usual daily reading and doodle maths). The children are already familiar with the booklet style assessments having done some practises very recently all in a relaxed and calm atmosphere.

Year 1 will be spending some time in Van Gogh Class with fun maths and phonics activities during the sessions that Year 2 are completing their assessments.

We will also be covering our usual topic areas in the afternoons next week. In science we will begin to collect weather data which will include weather, rainfall, temperature and wind

direction. In art we will be continuing with our printing unit and in history/English we will begin our fact file about Beatrix Potter. If you have any old white fabric (sheets/pillow cases) you no longer want or need, please bring them in for us to use in art.

Please return reading books to be changed on a Tuesday morning. If your child in Year 2 is reading other books at home (fiction, non-fiction or poetry), please could you or your child record these as well in the reading diary. This is very useful for me to see other texts they are reading at home and is a good starting point to discuss books on similar themes and by the same author.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

### **English**

This week children in Hockney have been focusing on grammar and have enjoyed making their sentences more interesting by using conjunctions of cause. They have also learnt about adverbial phrases. Next week we will be focussing on planning and writing our own personal stories. Discuss with them, if they had to share a personal story about themselves, what it would be about.

### **Maths**

Year 3 will be continuing their learning on time. They will learn to read a digital clock and tell the difference between am and pm. Year 3 will learn strategies to answer questions on calculating days, months and years.

Year 4 will be completing their learning on money. Next week they will be solving problems with money and begin their new topic of Time.

### **Topic**

In History this week, children learnt about "Why Romans invaded Britain?" They were particularly interested in the Roman army and we had a lovely discussion why the Roman army was so powerful.

In PSHE, we will discuss the importance of maintaining oral hygiene and dental health, including how to brush and floss correctly.

In RE, we will continue our discussions answering the question "What are the differences between private and collective worship? How might believers benefit from each?"

### **Homework**

Please remind children to complete their homework every week. Maths Homework is set on doodle maths. This week there will be Coronation activities for children to complete.

Enjoy the Bank holiday weekend

Miss Shine & Miss Moghaddam

## Hepworth

This week, Hepworth have spent a lot of time revising Maths and English in preparation for SATS (and NFER tests) next week. We have been impressed by their dedication, collaboration and hard work – well done everyone! However, we have also had some ‘down time’ playing rounders in the sunshine, which was great fun.

Next week is, of course, SATs week for year 6, and year 5 will be sitting NFER assessments at the same time. Children do not need to do any revision, we would rather they enjoy the long weekend and come to school feeling positive, refreshed and ready to take the tests. (If children do wish to practice anything they can access work/games via Google Classroom, Top Marks, or the BBC Bitesize website.)

We do ask that over the weekend, and during the week itself, children get a good night's sleep (9-12 hours), eat a balanced diet (including drinking plenty of water) and spend time doing things they enjoy, so that they are relaxed and positive each day. A good breakfast is also very important – brains need fuel to perform at their best!

Research suggests that slow-release carbohydrates, such as whole rolled porridge oats, whole grain bread or low-sugar muesli, provide sustained energy so can be beneficial. Protein, such as milk, yoghurt or eggs, is also advisable to keep children feeling full for longer. This website below has further information about eating well particularly in regards to exams.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/food\\_exam\\_performance](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/food_exam_performance)

As always, please remember the importance of keeping hydrated. Even mild dehydration can lead to tiredness, headaches, reduced alertness and diminished concentration. One study of university students found that those who took drinks, especially water, with them into the exam performed on average 5% better than those who didn't. So, please ensure your child has their water bottle with them every day to enable this.

We know that the children will do their best to show what they are capable of this coming week, so please praise them for their hard work and efforts. We are very proud of them, as we are sure you are too.

During the afternoons next week, we will be doing Computing (Creating websites), PE and Music. On Friday however, when the tests are done and dusted, we will be revealing (drum roll) ... this year's summer production!!!

The children will be given a synopsis of the performance, so they can consider the parts they would be interested in. They will then take home their audition scripts, ready to audition the following Thursday. We know they are already excited at this prospect as they have been asking for clues for weeks, so it should be thrilling times for everyone!

We wish you all a wonderful long weekend,

Mrs Jones and Miss Shine

## DIARY DATES

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Hockney 1.30-3.00 pm Athletics The Amersham School
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Residential
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>PTA Non-Uniform day</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	School Class Photos
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Parent's Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	11am Leaver's Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic <b>1.30pm Term Ends</b>