# Chenies School Newsletter Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

#### **Headteacher's News**

I hope that you were able to enjoy the half term break and that everyone is now looking forward to the return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We have reviewed our risk assessment and our day to day procedures from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March will replicate those we put in place for September. The main exception to that is that the children in Hockney will be in taught in the hall for the foreseeable future, so as to maximise the use of space.

#### **School Lunches**

After negotiations with our catering supplier we are now in a position to offer hot meals which will be served in individual foil trays. If you would like your child to have a lunch provided by school you must have completed and submitted the google survey sent out today by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. We will not be able to accept any orders after that date and if an order has not been received your child will have to bring a packed lunch, from home

As a reminder the times for dropping your child off from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the turning circle are as follows:

Hepworth & younger siblings 8.30am - 8.40am

Hockney and younger siblings 8.40am - 8.50am

Monet 8.50am - 9am

The collection times are as follows, Please do not arrive before 3pm as this causes traffic queues onto the road. If you have more than one child please collect them at the time stated for your oldest child.

Van Gogh/Monet: 3pm - 3.10pm
 Hockney 3.10pm - 3.20pm
 Hepworth 3.20pm - 3.30pm

#### Children will need to bring the following to school

- Asthma inhalers/medication if needed
- KS2 Pencil Cases (It should contain a blue pen, writing pencil, coloured pencils, an eraser, a pencil sharpener (with its own collecting pot) and a glue stick.)
- A named water bottle
- Coat ( no additional bags please)

#### World Book Day -Thursday 4th March

Attached to this newsletter is a list of suggested activities for your child to do on World Book Day. This will replace the usual remote learning lessons for the day. We will not be providing any live google meet sessions on Thursday or Friday next week and we hope that the children will use that additional time to read for pleasure. Remote learning tasks will be set on google classroom as usual.



# **Happy Birthday**

Arthur (Monet) - 3<sup>rd</sup> March



#### **Junior Bake Off**

I know many of our children have enjoyed the additional opportunities they have had to cook during the lockdown. I have therefore also attached details of information we have been sent about an opportunity to audition for Junior Bake Off.

#### Oscar's Walk Update

In my previous newsletter I told you about Oscar walking 100 miles to <u>raise money</u> for charity (The Citizens Advice Bureau). I am pleased to say so far Oscar has walked 93 miles and is due to finish tomorrow. He has raised an incredible £1,425!!! He's also been on Radio 3 counties and Bucks breakfast, giving a shout out to Chenies School each time! Well done Oscar, we are so proud of you.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Suzanne Powell

#### **PTA update**

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a restful half-term break.

First, a big thank you to everyone who has continued to support our fundraising efforts. The **lottery** has been up and running since November and we are on track to raise over £1500 a year from this. Congratulations to all our winners too! If you would like to join please click here: <u>Support Chenies</u> <u>School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery</u>

Thanks also to everyone who kindly made pledges or donations for the class wish-lists sent out before Christmas

Please don't forget to continue using the **voucher scheme** and **EasyFundraising**. Please contact Kate Rab <u>PTA@chenies.bucks.sch.uk</u> if you would like to buy vouchers for M&S, Sainsbury's, Tesco, or John Lewis / Waitrose. And **EasyFundraising** gives donations from over 4000 online shops – sign up through this link and we'll receive an extra £5! <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/AYBI1K/">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/AYBI1K/</a>

We are also pleased to say that the installation of smart boards, which the PTA funded half, has now been completed in all classrooms – improving the learning experience for all when children return to school soon! The PTA has continued to cover the costs of several important subscriptions, including the text message service.

We are not sure when we will be able to run our normal events and are looking at fun virtual ways to raise money and have some fun – including the **Chenies Virtual Balloon Race** coming soon!!

Our next PTA meeting will take place on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @8pm** – as well as providing an update on our fundraising and spending, we'd love to hear your ideas. The meeting will be followed by a virtual social event. All are very welcome to join.

Thanks for all your support!

Katy Williams, Catherine Crouch & the PTA committee

# TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

# **Spring Term 2021**

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Inset Day} & \text{Monday } 4^{\text{th}} \text{ January} \\ \text{Term Starts} & \text{Tuesday } 5^{\text{th}} \text{ January} \\ \text{Half Term} & \text{15}^{\text{th}} - 19^{\text{th}} \text{ February} \\ \end{array}$ 

Term Ends Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April @ 1.30pm

# **Summer Term 2021**

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Inset Day} & \text{Monday } 19^{\text{th}} \text{ April} \\ \text{Term Starts} & \text{Tuesday } 20^{\text{th}} \text{ April} \\ \text{Half Term} & 31^{\text{st}} \text{ May} - 4^{\text{th}} \text{ June} \end{array}$ 

Term Ends Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July @ 1.30pm

## **Autumn Term 2021**

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Inset Day} & \text{Wednesday } \mathbf{1}^{\text{st}} \text{ September} \\ \text{Inset Day} & \text{Thursday } \mathbf{2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ September} \\ \text{Term Starts} & \text{Friday } \mathbf{3}^{\text{rd}} \text{ September} \\ \text{Half Term} & \mathbf{25}^{\text{th}} - \mathbf{29}^{\text{th}} \text{ October} \\ \text{Inset Day} & \text{Monday } \mathbf{1}^{\text{st}} \text{ November} \end{array}$ 

Term Ends Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December @1.30pm

# **Spring Term 2022**

Inset Day Tuesday 4th January
Term Starts Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January
Half Term 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February
Term Ends Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April @ 1.30pm

## **Summer Term 2022**

Term StartsMonday 25th AprilHalf Terms30th May – 3rd JuneInset DayMonday 6th June

Term Ends Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July @ 1.30pm