# **CHENIES SCHOOL**

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### From the Headteacher

Dear parents/carers

The holidays are finally upon us. It's been a long and busy term and the children have worked so hard, especially during these last few weeks when they have been preparing for the festivities, carol concerts and the nativity – all of which were lovely and very worthwhile. We hope that you have enjoyed watching the children perform and thank you for supporting them. The children are all exhausted (as are the staff) but we are very proud of how they have continued to live up to the school values – particularly showing courage, kindness and resilience as the term has gone on. One class member of Hepworth has also been performing in the Pantomime at the Elgiva in Chesham showing remarkable stamina. Well done to all of them!

Behind the scenes there has been a lot going on too, we had all the guttering and drains cleaned, the heating has been fixed, and works in the hall foyer will be completed in the new year. The school has had three audits this term – finance, GDPR and most recently H&S, so the office and premises staff have been kept busy too!

We hope that you can all enjoy the Christmas break now, relaxing and spending time with your family and friends. Please keep safe and see you all again on the 7th Jan when the children return to school.

I would also like to say a HUGE thanks to our very small but dedicated PTA who work so hard raising funds for the school. The Christmas fayre was great success. Thank you again.

Merry Christmas and a wishing you all a very happy new year.

amazing fun filled term with trips to the Science Museum, Chiltern Open Air Museum, **Amersham** Museum and a whole school trip to the pantomime to watch one of our own children perform. We have had lots of visitors from Electric Umbrella, Roving Books and Emily Breen (BCC Eco Focus).





### **HOCKNEY:**

Our Hockney class worked with Laura Silverstone (CCSP Education & Engagement Officer). After an introduction to chalk streams, the children conducted research and created a story and script. They spent a day filming by the river, and the CCSP education team edited and produced a fantastic film (available now on FB & YouTube). They have had a wonderful trip to the Amersham Open Air Museum and have been wonderfully crafty this term.

#### **HEPWORTH:**

We welcome three new children to our Hepworth class this term who are settling in really well. The class have visited the Science Museum in London, presented Radio Christmas here at school and had their own carol concert performance at St Michael's Church which was a real success. Hepworth have been focusing on forces, gravity and space and the environment this term.



### **MONET:**



Our Monet team have had a busy term with trips to the Chiltern Open Air Museum and to Central Baptist Church to sing carols. They have taken park in an interactive Royal Ballet performance at school and have recently had their wonderful nativity 'Hey Ewe'. Our Monet children also joined in our Radio Christmas special to sing a song and they did an brilliant job.

# PTA NEWS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE = WE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE £1383.50





### **Events**

Our PTA has been busier than ever this term with tuck shops and bake sales galore. The Bats and Beasties walk was a sell out, the Halloween Disco was ghoulishly good and there was even wreath making for the adults. The Christmas Fayre was really well attended and such a great success. An incredible £1383.50 was rivalling 2023's income of £1410. A massive thank you to everyone involved and to everyone who has supported the PTA events throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you!









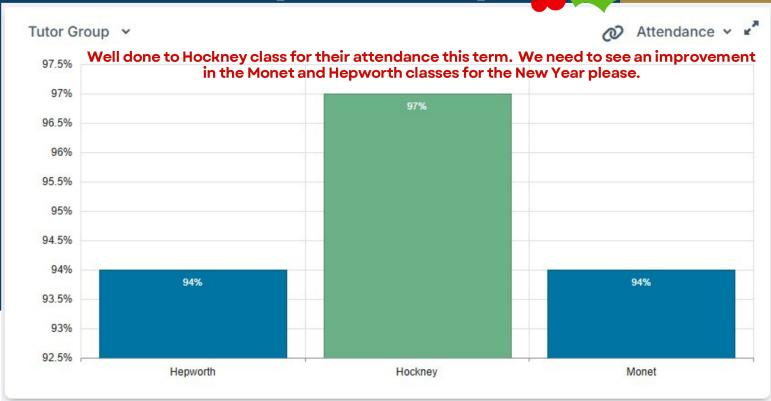
Amazing creations from our PTA Christmas Fayre

Our lovely PTA are a small but mightly team and would love some extra help. You do not have to join the PTA just be a helper. We urgently need someone to manage the secondhand school uniform and for 'worker bees' that can help with bake sales and setting up and running of events. If you can help please pop an email through to pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk or speak

pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Ricketts in the school office.



## Attendance (this term)



### **SCHOOL DATES 2025:**

Sun, 5 Jan - Book school meals on ParentPay
 For week beginning Mon, 13 Jan

- Mon, 6 Jan INSET DAY (School Closed)
- Tue, 7 Jan First day of term
  - Breakfast Club starts
  - Please send all children in in PE uniform
- Tue, 7 Jan Afterschool Multisports
- Please note all other afterschool clubs start the week beginning Mon, 13 Jan
- Wed, 8 Jan BMT Guitar Lessons (Mr Norton)
- Fri, 10 Jan BMT Piano & Trumpet Lessons (Ms Silsby)
- Mon, 13 Jan Drum Lesson (Ms Dann)
- Mon, 13 Jan Forest School (Hockney)
- Mon, 13 Jan Afterschool Nature Club starts
- Tue, 14 Jan Afterschool Activity Club & Multipsorts
- Wed, 15 Jan Afterschool Art Club (Mrs Ricketts)
- Thu, 16 Jan Afterschool Chess Club (Mr Bains)
- Fri, 17 Jan Afterschool Karate (Sensai Ashley)
- Please note recorder lessons will now be commencing at the slightly late date of 3 Feb 2025



A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS MADE DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL THIS TERM. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR EVERY PENNY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION YOU CAN DO SO VIA PARENTPAY.

### Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas



From all the team here at Chenies School we wish you a very happy Christmas with your friends, family and loved ones and a very Happy New Year. Here's to a great 2025.