

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2023

Headteacher's News

I hope that you all enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the Christmas holiday and wish you all a very happy new year.

The term has got off to a good start and it is lovely to see the children back in school with plenty of energy and enthusiasm for learning. For me one of the really heart-warming things has been the number of children who have already talked enthusiastically about the books that they received for Christmas and are now enjoying. We know reading for pleasure contributes significantly to academic attainment so please do keep encouraging your child to read each day or ensure you read to them.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome Miss Shine to our teaching staff and Mrs McQuilliam to the office team. Both members of staff are looking forward to getting to know you, so please do introduce yourself to them.

Legends of Football Competition



**'Legends of Football' Competition
IS NOW LIVE**

The Elms Sport In Schools are pleased to announce that their 'Legends of Football' competition is now LIVE.

The competition is open to pupils in Years 3-6 only.

For your child/ren to be in with a chance of winning a training session with Gareth Southgate at a top London Premier League Ground in Summer 2023, enter our fun & exciting competition.

We wish everyone the best of luck.

To enter the competition, please go to the following website link:-
<https://www.theelms.co.uk/competition/>

Full competition details and rules can be located on the above website.

The 20 winners will be announced in April 2023 (5 children from each year group – KS2 only)

The Elms Sport in Schools logo is located at the top right. A soccer ball graphic is at the bottom right with the text 'Legends of Football' and 'THE ELMS' below it.

The Elms are sponsoring the [Legends of Football competition](https://www.theelms.co.uk/competition/) for children in Years 3-6 (KS2 only) to participate in and win the wonderful prize of an hour's training session followed by a Q&A with England Coach, Gareth Southgate, at a Prestigious London Stadium.

The pupils need to answer seven multiple choice questions and complete a 'tie-breaker' question which will involve the children writing a paragraph of no more than 100 words. The event will be a wonderful experience for pupils and parents, and you do not have to be football skilled to enjoy the occasion. Please do encourage your child to enter.

Forest School

Year 4 will start their sessions on Monday 9th January. Please ensure that children come to school wearing trousers suitable for climbing and with appropriate outdoor clothing, including sturdy shoes. School sweatshirts should still be worn, but preferably an older one rather than a brand new one!

Message for Buckinghamshire's Public Health Team

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

- It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.
- Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022 ; all primary school-aged children; some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on [NHS.UK](#).

Please remember

- Monday 9th January – Forest School starts for Year 4
- Wednesday 11th January - Swimming starts for Hockney Class
- Friday 13th January - PTA tuck shop

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



Happy Birthday

Jessica B – 11th January



Class News

Van Gogh

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope that you have had a good break.

Phonics: Next week we will be starting Phase 3 phonics. We will be learning a range of digraphs and trigraphs (sounds with two/three letters). Please note these can be tricky and therefore do need to be consistently reinforced so that the children are confidently applying their phonic knowledge to reading and writing words/sentences.

Week 1	j, v, w, x	We will be introducing letter names
Week 2	y, z, zz, qu	We will be introducing tricky words <i>he</i> and <i>we</i>

It is also important that we continue to consolidate Phase 2 sounds and work on segmenting and blending, hearing initial/middle/end sounds and rhyme.

Reading: This term the children will be bringing home their reading books on **Fridays** which should be returned to school the following **Thursdays** to be changed. Please ensure that you write in the reading record every time you hear your child read or share a book with them, so that books can be changed. The children will also be bringing home a library book every Tuesday, once again please ensure these are returned the following Tuesday for the children to pick another book.

Writing: The children are very excited about writing, they are discovering that they can segment and blend to write simple words and sentences. Please continue to encourage them to write at home, remember they will use their phonic knowledge to spell words and should be praised for having a go.

Maths: We have continued to work on mathematical vocabulary related to addition, learning how to read/write simple number sentences and make up stories using objects and drawings.

This week we will be chanting numbers to 10/20 and will be learning about number 6 and 7:

Conservation of a number: Number of objects in a set does not change even when they are moved around.

Composition of a number: Number are made of two or more other smaller numbers involving a 'part' and a 'whole'. Learning to 'see' a whole number and its parts at the same time.

Subitise: Look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting.

In addition to this we will be looking at 2D shapes with 6 and 7 sides (hexagon & heptagon) and as we consolidate previous shapes learnt we will be looking at patterns when describing the properties, for example the number of sides and corners are the same. We will also be opening up our snack shop where the children will get the opportunity to buy their fruit and drink by paying for it using 1p, 2p and 5p coins.

Topic: Our topic this term is: Chinese New Year - Food from Around the World

This week we will be talking about celebrations we have already learnt about and look at similarities and differences, comparing Harvest, Bonfire, Diwali, and Christmas. This will lead us into introducing Chinese New Year 2023, The Year of the Rabbit.

Show and Tell

Next week we will start Show & Tell. The children can bring in something of interest or related to the topic that they would like to share with their peers. Please do not send in toys or anything that is of value as the school will not be responsible for any damage or loss. There will be a box out for the children to put their item in for safe keeping.

Thursday 12th January - RED HOUSE

Thursday 19th January - BLUE HOUSE

REMINDERS:

- Please ensure children have their PE kit in school from Monday 9th January 2023
- If your child is being picked up by someone other than yourself PLEASE could you let the office or the EYFS staff know.
- If you haven't already please return all reading books so that they can be changed.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

It has been lovely to see all the children after the Christmas break so eager and happy to return Monet Class. We have spent the last two days thinking about our Christmas holiday and looking ahead with our New Year's Resolutions. I've really enjoyed hearing what the children aspire to do this year.

Next week in English, we will be recapping and identifying statements, questions, exclamations and commands, exploring characters and making predictions in fiction texts.

In maths, Year 1 will be counting on and back to 100, identifying one more and one less than any number to 100 and reading numbers to twenty in words. Year 2 will be revising place value (understanding the value of each digit in a 2-digit number), ordering and comparing numbers using < and > and practising to count on and back in tens from any number.

In Topic (history and art) we will begin our Toys topic by making an observational drawing of a toy. Children are welcome (but do not have to) to bring in a soft toy from home next Monday which will be kept in the classroom at all times but there will be a selection to choose from if they would rather not bring their own in. Please make sure that any toys brought in are labelled, not expensive or too sentimental. We will do our best to make sure they are looked after but obviously accidents do happen. This will link with our science for this term which is materials by identifying and naming different materials.

In DT we will begin to look at how different toys move, in particular books which have sliders, levers and winding parts and in computing we will be experimenting with drawing lines of varying thickness focusing on January trees.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Wishing you and your families a Happy New Year.

English- We have started to read "The Iron Man", children have been excited to make their own predictions and discuss questions they would like to ask the iron man. Next week Children will be continuing to read the book and explore the language more closely, in particular to similes.

Maths- Year 3 and 4 will be continuing the Multiplication unit. Year 3 will be multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit. Year 4 will be continuing to solve multiplication problems and use their reasoning skills.

Topic- Children have started their new topic in History, The Tudors and will be looking at the timeline next week. They will be continuing *Sound* in Science. In PSHE, they will be looking at different communities and why being part of a community is important.

Spelling- Children will have their spelling test next week Friday and the spelling words will be on Google classroom.

Next week Wednesday 11th January, children be going swimming. Please make sure they have their swimming costume/trunks, goggles and swimming hat.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

Hepworth

Welcome back to the Spring Term in Hepworth! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and a fantastic start to 2023. We've had a lovely start to the term with two days in school - settling back into all the routines and starting our new topics and areas of learning.

Next week in English, we will begin our unit based on the text 'Oranges in No Man's Land' which is a great book and inspires fantastic writing. Our SPAG lesson will be based on expanded noun phrases and our spelling rule will be 'cious' words and words ending in 'ture'.

In Maths, we will be using BODMAS and working through the final stages of long division where we consider how to interpret remainders.

We will be introducing our next Science unit on forces and magnetism. In Music we will start the term by thinking about what part music plays in our world and what it means to us. In computing we will be learning how to animate screens for story telling using Scratch.

Our PE unit this term is Yoga and Fitness and we will begin this next week by focussing on our breathing whilst moving into different positions to stretch ourselves, using a whole body approach.

In RE we will be finding out more about the different beliefs people have about how our world was created after some fantastic discussions this week. Our PSHE lesson will continue on from the great work the children did this week on being safe online. We will also begin

our new topic based on Mountains - finding out more about different mountains and their features.

This term is full of hard work and challenge and we encourage you to support your child with their times tables, reading and completing homework.

We would also like to personally thank you for the very kind and thoughtful gifts we received at Christmas - you were very generous.

Please do pop in to see us after school if you have any quick questions or make an appointment via the office if you'd like a longer chat. Thank you for your support!

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11 th January	Hockney swimming starts
Friday 13th January	PTA Tuckshop
Friday 20th January	PTA Tuckshop
Monday 23 rd January	Van Gogh Sports Event Movement to Music at The Amersham School 9am – 10.30am
Tuesday 24 th January	Monet 9.30-11.30am DCHS Multiskills
Wednesday 25 th January	Hepworth 1.30-3pm The Amersham School Handball
Friday 27th January	PTA Film Club
Thursday 2 nd February	Hockney 12.30pm -2.30pm DCHS Mega Fest Rugby
Monday 6 th February	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
Thursday 9 th February	Workshare Evening PTA Valentine Disco
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Monday 20 th March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk
Friday 24 th March	Hockney – Bikeability Level 1
Monday 27 th March	Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 30 th 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 4 th May	Monet Games at Dr Challoner's High School
Friday 5 th May	Hockney Tri Golf – Chiltern Hills Academy (tbc)
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 th May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 nd May - Friday 26 th May	PGL Residential
Wednesday 24 th May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
Monday 12 th June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 st June	Parent's Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 th July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home

Wednesday 19 th 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