

Chenies School Newsletter

2nd July 2021

Headteacher's News

Staffing Next Year

It is hard to believe that we are now approaching the end of term and that the children only have a couple of weeks left in their current year group. I can now confirm that the staffing arrangements for next year will be as follows

	Teachers	Learning Support Assistants
Van Gogh	Mrs Sahotay Mrs Homewood (Thursday)	Mrs Muralidhar
Monet	Miss Blakeley Mrs Homewood (Friday)	Miss Hawkins Mrs Dharmapala
Hockney	Mrs Whittingham (Monday -Tuesday) Miss Groves (Wednesday - Friday)	Mrs Karim Mrs Board
Hepworth	Mrs Tillyer (Monday - Wednesday) Mrs Wilson (Thursday - Friday)	Mrs Walker

Year 6 Children Transferring to Amersham School

I have been informed that on Monday afternoon, you will be sent a student transition video which will include photos of the school, meet the tutors, and a plethora of other information about Amersham School. They will also be sending out the sign up forms for our summer camp this week. Please do check your emails for this information.

Netball Club

Please note that Monday 5th July will be the final meeting of the netball club this term.

Virtual Author Visit

I mentioned last week that the children in KS2 will have the opportunity next Friday to meet the author Ann-Marie Howell. If you would like to order a signed copy of her book/s please visit the [Chorleywood Bookshop website](#).

Summer Holidays

Our pupils in Years 3 to 6 may want to enter the [Chorleywood Mini Movie Makers competition](#). This is an exciting opportunity for years 3 to 6 to get involved in a local competition and make a short 1- 5min film.

If you are looking for additional activities to do in the summer holiday you can find lots of ideas on the [Buckinghamshire Family Information Service](#) page of the Buckinghamshire Council website.

The summer issue of [Raring2go! Watford](#) also has plenty of ideas for a fun-filled summer.



Happy Birthday

Jamie A – 3rd July



PTA announcement:

PTA meeting 8pm, 6th July, The Bedford Arms, Chenies Village. Agenda to follow, ALL welcome, (including new parents joining Sep 2022) come along to help shape the plans for how we raise £££ for the school!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell

STARS OF THE WEEK

Van Gogh	Samuel	Arthur
Monet	James P	Jamie
Hockney	Lily	George
Hepworth	Shrenik	Rosie

Class News

Van Gogh

Phonics: The children are working very hard on their phonics as we continue to re-visit and consolidate the Phase 3 and Phase 5 sounds and focus on applying these sounds to reading and writing. Please continue to work with your child on the sounds and tricky words. Our key focus is learning alternative sounds...

ai	ay	a-e	oy	oi	
igh	-	i-e	ir	ur	er
air	are		ee	ea	
ow	oa	o-e	or	aw	
ew		u-e	ou	ow	

Reading: We will be doing reading and phonics assessments over the next couple of weeks. Books will continue to be collected on a Friday and sent out on a Monday. Please continue to read and share books with your child daily.

Writing: Over the next few weeks we will be enjoying independent writing in our learning environment.

Math: We are consolidating previous number and space, shape and measure learning.

Our focus on TRANSITION continues! We will be talking a lot about moving up to Monet Class and hopefully visiting the class and meeting the children in year one who we will be joining. We will make this an exciting and positive time for the children but do let me know if your child raises any concerns at home about the transition so that we can address them in school.

Back to Front Day

On Friday 15th July we will be having a 'Back to Front Day' in Van Gogh Class. This is an opportunity for the children to come to school dressed up as a 'grown up' while the staff come in school uniform, even though some are worried about how we are going to get a school uniform to fit. We have talked about different professions and what the children would like to be when they grow up. It's going to be a great day and I know the children are very excited about it!

SHOW & TELL DATES:

Yellow House	9 th July 2021
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Reminder: Please ensure that your child is wearing sun cream as we are not allowed to apply it. Also please could you make sure they have a sun hat and a water bottle in addition to the drink they have in their packed lunch.

I know with the current situation things are different, but please if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

Reminder could every child bring in an old shoe box (or cardboard box of a similar size) as soon as possible to enable them to carry out a Science/DT project. If you have more than one at home to spare, that would be great.

Miss Blakeley will be returning back to school on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Hockney

In Maths they will be consolidating their learning from this year, going over things like addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods.

In English we will start our last unit of the year, looking at a variety of types of poems, working towards writing their own versions.

In topic they will we will finish up looking at the Romans, and they will learn how to draw an accurate map from a bird's eye point of view.

In ICT they will continue with their animation work, creating a small project using the style and software of their choice, pooling together all they have learnt so far.

As part of the topic of looking at the Ancient Romans, the children have recapped their knowledge on forces and have started a small project on making mini-catapults. I hope to dive further into this with the children, with the aim of working as a class on building a bigger "person" sized catapult that could launch water balloons. If anyone can help by providing some materials, I would be very appreciative. Things such as scrap gutter piping for the framework, and something like the inner rubber tube of a bicycle wheel. Many thanks in advance.

Hepworth

This week has mainly been about rehearsing our production.

Everyone is doing really well and stepping into their roles brilliantly!

Our aim is for all children to be ready to rehearse without scripts next week, so please encourage your child to learn their lines, along with stage directions for their character.

We have discussed costumes with your child today and we have sent a letter with costume ideas. Please help us with sending in anything you're happy to loan to other children in the class, as well as for your own child if possible. We would like all costumes to be in school by **Monday 12th July** at the latest. If you have any queries regarding costumes, please do send us an email via the office.

Next week we will continue with rehearsals, with children being assigned work on Google Classroom to complete when they are not involved in particular scenes. This will feature Guided reading work, working on calculations, topic based work and computing. Sports day should be a brilliant event on Wednesday and we know the house captains are looking forward to their role in this. We have an author session over Zoom on Friday and we are doing further investigations relating to materials in our science with Mr. F on Thursday.

As we near the end of term, we know that excitement and tiredness will kick in, please do encourage your child to talk to us if they have any concerns or worries and we will address them.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

Spring Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 4 th January
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	15 th – 19 th February
Term Ends	Thursday 1 st April @ 1.30pm

Summer Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 19 th April
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April
Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 st July @ 1.30pm

Autumn Term 2021

Inset Day	Wednesday 1 st September
Inset Day	Thursday 2 nd September
Term Starts	Friday 3 rd September
Half Term	25 th – 29 th October
Inset Day	Monday 1 st November
Term Ends	Friday 17 th December @1.30pm

Spring Term 2022

Inset Day	Tuesday 4 th January
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 th January
Half Term	21 st – 25 th February
Term Ends	Friday 8 th April @ 1.30pm

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts	Monday 25 th April
Half Terms	30 th May – 3 rd June
Inset Day	Monday 6 th June
Term Ends	Thursday 21 st July @ 1.30pm