

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 18 September 2020

Headteacher's News

House Captain Elections

Even our House Captain elections have happened differently this year. To maintain our class bubbles the children recorded a video of themselves presenting their election speech and then they were shown to the classes. I would like to say how proud I am of all the children who put themselves forward for election and spent time preparing their speeches. There can however only be one successful candidate in each house and our congratulations go to the following children who have been elected by their house:



Blue House
Sienna Butcher



Green House
James Dalkin



Red House
Shrenik Madavapeddi



Yellow House
Harvey Law

School Council and Eco Warrior Elections

School Council and Eco Warrior elections will be taking place next week. There is one place available for each year group on the School Council and Eco Warrior team. If your child would like to stand for election, please encourage them to prepare a short speech to present to their class on Tuesday 22nd September, explaining why they should represent the class.



Happy Birthday

James Powell and Rohan Rab – Today



Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be happening virtually on Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October. More details will follow in due course.

Playground Equipment

As the children are spending playtime in their bubbles we have ordered some new playground equipment to ensure that we can keep it separately and that the children have plenty to do at playtime. The new swing-balls have proved particularly popular! I would like to thank Mr Butcher for donating lots of new tennis balls.

If you have any Top Trumps cards at home that you would be willing to donate to the playground boxes or anything else which is suitable for outside play please can you send them in to school?

Chorleywood4Refugees

A state of emergency has been declared following the fire at the camp on the Island of Lesbos. The situation is desperate in Greece and there are now 13,000 homeless in need of urgent supplies. A national appeal has been launched details of which can be found at:

<https://helprefugees.org/news/october-collection/>

If you could manage to donate a few items from the list below, Judith Palfreman, one of our Governors will be in the school playground on the mornings of Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October and the children will be able to put your donation directly into the boot of her car.

Items in Need (for family use):

- Nappies
- Toothpaste
- Roll-on Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Bars of Soap

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend
Suzanne Powell

Message from Mrs Dinwiddy - booking a Packed Lunch

Please book a packed lunch on ParentPay if you would like the school to provide a lunch for your child. For children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 please book under "KS1 Lunches" (there is no charge for this lunch). For children in Y3, Y4 and Y6 please book under "KS2 Lunches" where you will be charged £2.85 (unless you qualify for Free School Meals).

We would be grateful if you would book your lunches up to half-term where possible so that we can pre-order the correct type of packed lunch from the caterer.

Message from the PTA – YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU! PTA Meeting Tue 29th Sep and AGM 13th October

Welcome back everyone and a special warm welcome to new parents at Chenies - we look forward to meeting you soon. Along with most charities, the current situation has hugely restricted the activities and fundraising of the PTA. We hope to find some new ways to raise money, whilst having some socially-distanced fun soon!

We would like to provide formal notice of the PTA Annual General Meeting, to be held on Tuesday 13th October at 8pm. For obvious reasons we plan to use Zoom (which can be downloaded for free on iPhone, Android, PC or Mac). The AGM is a critical part of ensuring we maintain our charitable status, as well as providing an update of our finances and activities. It normally only takes around 30 minutes. We need to have at least 18 non-committee attendees for the meeting to proceed, so we would really appreciate it if as many of you as possible could join us please.

We are also seeking a volunteer to take on the role of trustee. This role will ideally be filled with someone who has already been actively involved in the PTA. Please let us know if you would like to find out more!

The AGM will be followed by a brief social chat (with a drink of your choice if you wish) to get to get to know any new parents and hear any suggestions for future fundraising.

Additionally, we will be holding a regular PTA meeting on Tuesday 29th September at 8pm, again by Zoom. As with all PTA meetings, all parents and teachers are encouraged and welcome to join. Details to follow in next week's newsletter.

Finally, if you aren't already on it please sign up to Parents@Chenies School on Facebook to follow all our news.

Katy Williams and Catherine Crouch

Co-chairs, PTA

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh Class News

Another positive week as the children started to get into following rules and routines. It has been great to see them working together and building new relationships. We've had a few interesting conversations! This week we have been looking at the rules and expectations across the school. The children then came up with our own class rules which focused mainly on showing respect, keeping safe, working as a team and being supportive to our friends.

Our topic over the next few weeks is 'ALL ABOUT ME'. During this time, we will be encouraging the children to talk about their families, interests, likes, and dislikes. We will also be looking at what makes us unique and how, even though we are different we have lots of similarities.

REMINDER - EYFS Workshop:

Thank you to the parents who have already signed up to attend the workshops. Just to remind you that there are still places available for the EYFS workshops on Thursday 24th September 2020 and Thursday 1st October 2020. We will be starting around 9am straight after dropping off. The session will last the whole morning as we will be consolidating three workshops. These have been a great success in the past and parents have found them useful in supporting their child's learning through reception class. If you are interested, please could you let the office know if you are interested in attending.

Autumn Timetable:

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		9.15 – 10.15			10.30 – 11.45			1.30 – 2.30	
Monday	Register and Brain Break	Phonics Handwriting	Daily Mile & Brain Break	Snack	Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	Lunchtime	Register and Brain Break	Focused Activities Child Initiated Play Dance	Story & Home
Tuesday		Phonics Handwriting			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Wednesday		PE Mr Malik			Phonics Handwriting			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Thursday		Phonics Handwriting			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Friday		Phonics Handwriting			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play			Show & Tell Child Initiated Play	

PE:

The children will be having a PE on Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. They do not need a PE kit for Monday's dance lesson.

Walks:

Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies (to be left in school) and a coat, as we do often go for walks and spend a lot of our day outside.

Timetable: Please note that I will be out of class on Thursdays and Mrs Powell will be covering all day.

Reminders:

- Your child's first full week at school will commence on Monday 21st September 2020.
- Thank you to all of you who have sent in your Summer Holiday project. We are still awaiting on a few more, if you require another worksheet please let me know.

SHOW & TELL DATES:**AUTUMN TERM**

The children can bring in something they would like to share with their peers, this can be something they are interested in or something that is related to our topic. Please do not send anything that is of value as the school will not be responsible for any damage or loss. Under the circumstances all items should be placed in a named carrier bag.

Red House	Yellow How	Blue House	Green House
Friday 25 th September 2020	Friday 2 nd October 2020	Friday 9 th October 2020	Friday 16 th October 2020
Friday 23 rd October 2020	Friday 6 th November 2020	Friday 13 th November 2020	Friday 20 th November 2020
Friday 27 th September 2020	Friday 4 th December 2020	x	x

SPRING TERM

Red House	Yellow How	Blue House	Green House
x	x	Friday 8 th January 2021	Friday 15 th January 2021
Friday 22 nd January 2021	Friday 29 th January 2021	Friday 5 th February 2021	Friday 26 th February 2021
Friday 5 th March 2021	Friday 12 th March 2021	Friday 19 th March 2021	x

SUMMER TERM

Red House	Yellow How	Blue House	Green House
x	x	x	Friday 23 rd April 2021
Friday 30 th April 2021	Friday 7 th May 2021	Friday 14 th May 2021	Friday 21 st May 2021
Friday 11 th June 2021	Friday 18 th June 2021	Friday 25 th June 2021	Friday 2 nd July 2021

STAY AND PLAY SESSION DATES:

<p>Over the year you are invited to come and spend time with your child in their learning environment.</p> <p>Siblings are not allowed to attend these sessions, as we believe this is an opportunity for your child to share their experiences of school with you. The picnic is a family event and a good opportunity for us all to celebrate the end of the year and the children's achievements. Under the circumstances, please note that these dates are subject to change depending on government guidance on social gatherings. I will keep you updated on if these events will be going ahead.</p>	
Wednesday 14 th October 2020 9.15 – 10.30	STAY AND COME FOR AN AUTUMN WALK
Tuesday 24 th November 2020 9.15 – 10.30	STAY AND PLAY
Friday 5 th February 2021 1.30 – 2.45	STAY AND READ
Wednesday 24 th March 2021 9.15 – 10.30	STAY AND COME FOR A SPRING WALK
Tuesday 25 th May 2021 9.15 – 10.30	STAY AND GET PHYSICAL
Monday 5 th July 2021 8.15 – 10.00	STAY FOR A BREAKFAST PICNIC WITH SIBLINGS

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

English

In English we will be continuing to focus on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces consistently in our writing and retelling stories. We will also be looking at forming questions and using the correct punctuation.

Maths

In maths this week we will be adding 1-digit numbers by counting on, learning and practising our number bonds to 10/20 and adding/subtracting 10 from 2-digit numbers.

Topic

We will be learning about how animals grow, the life cycle of a frog and linking this to our artwork based on Monet's water lily paintings. We will also continue to find out more about Monet's life. We will be thinking about special people and special items in the home, trying to explain why they are meaningful to us. We will be regularly discussing how to be a good friend and thinking about strategies for positive play.

Hockney

Next week in Maths the children of Hockney will continue working on their place value knowledge and rounding of numbers. They will do so by using number lines, placing numbers on a number line and working out whether to round up or down to the nearest 10, 100, 1000.

In English, they will continue reading the Ottoline and the Yellow Cat book. Using this book for inspiration, they will practice their descriptive writing as well as recapping their conjunctions and clauses.

In computing children will learn how to log in and use Google Classroom. This is important as this is where homework and lessons will be posted in case of isolating at home due to Covid symptoms.

In Science the children will look at fossils and how they form.

In history they will look at the life of Stone Age people, and how we know and find out information about them.

Hepworth

Hepworth have had another good week and are really settling into working together and learning around the new topics planned for them. Well done children!

English

Our unit 'Mission: Save Pompeii' has started really well. The children have been fascinated to learn facts about the volcanic eruption and think about ways to help save the people in Pompeii, should they be able to travel back in time.

Next week the main focus will be on writing an information leaflet detailing how to prepare for a volcanic eruption. This will include learning about the key features of report and leaflet writing.

Maths

We will continue our Number and Place Value work, with further opportunities to practise comparing and ordering sets of numbers, this work will then be applied in problem solving contexts. Later in the week the children will learn about negative numbers - including ordering them, locating on a number line and using them in context including temperature.

The children have learned this week how to access a school email account on Gmail. They have been asked to try to access this at home and to let us know in class, not the school office, if there are any problems. Next week, they will learn how to access Google Classroom.

Other subjects

We will be locating and learning about Greece in our topic lesson.

In Spanish, we will learn different greetings to use.

In Science we will be finding out more about the solar system and the difference between geocentric and heliocentric models.

RE this week sees us finding out who Siddhartha Gautama was and how he became the Buddha. We will be learning more about how to participate effectively in discussions both in person and online in PSHE.

Our fitness training continues on Friday as we aim to improve our scores from last week.

All children should be reading daily and must remember to return completed books on a Friday, ready for new books to be issued on a Monday. They should also be bringing library books back on a Friday to change as well.

Please practise times tables too - the children have a weekly test on a Wednesday.

Have a lovely weekend whatever you are up to!
Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term 2020

Inset Day	Tuesday 1 st September
Inset Day	Wednesday 2 nd September
Terms Starts	Thursday 3 rd September
Half Term	26 th – 30 th October
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd November
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December

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