

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 14 February 2020

Headteacher's News

Daily Mile

After half term we will be resuming the daily mile between 8.45am and 8.55am. As we will still be unable to use the grass and it could be slippery we will initially make it a daily walk around the playground. Van-Gogh should walk around the astro turf, Monet class should go to the back playground, Hockney will use the upper playground and Hepworth will use the lower playground.

School Library

I am looking for volunteers to help keep our library tidy. If you have an hour to spare please could you speak to the school office? We need people to check the books on the shelves are in order and to rotate displays of books so that children get to see a variety of ones that might appeal to them. Depending on what time people are available there may also be an opportunity to help children change their library books. This does not have to be a weekly commitment, even if you can only manage once a half term then please let the office know as we can organise a rota.

Half Term Reading

There is a lot of research to support the fact that the children who read most go on to achieve higher levels of attainment as they become older. Please do encourage your child to make the most of some extra free time at half term to read a book. I have been giving out books in a Monday assembly and encouraging the children to talk about them the following week. If your child would like to talk about the book they read in half term either during an assembly or to their class please encourage them to bring it to school and tell us all about it. I would also appreciate photographs of children reading books in different places for a display so if you happen to take a good picture of your child reading then please send a copy into the office. We will also be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March and asking children to come to school dressed as a book character, children may like to give some thought over half term about who they would like to dress up as.

Work Share Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you at our work share evening. The children really do gain a sense of pride and enjoy talking to you about what they have been learning. In addition the opportunity to explain something to someone else further develops that learning.

Parking

Following an incident outside a school last week the Fire Brigade were delayed reaching a vehicle that was on fire due to double parking by parents/cares dropping off at the school. As a result of this I have been asked by the County to remind you to park safely and considerately.

I recognise that due to the roadworks dropping off and collecting has been more difficult this week. Thank you for either parking further away or moving your cars quickly. The good news is that I have been told as a result of the work we can look forward to an increase in our school broadband speed.

Outdoor Learning

Hockney and Van Gogh enjoyed an afternoon of Den Building this week. It was really lovely to see the amount of teamwork and cooperation going on between the two year groups.



I wish you all a happy half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th February.

Suzanne Powell

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Van Gogh – 91%	Monet – 89%
Hockney – 84%	Hepworth – 96%

STARS OF THE WEEK

Van Gogh	James Powell	Joseph Walton Dawes	Leonardo McCall
Monet	Ewan Densley	Ciaran Singleton	Evie Silverstone
Hockney	Fawn Knott	Rosie Wakeman	Aris Gholami Papkiadeh
Hepworth	Harvey Law	Eva Teruggi	Shrenik Madavapeddi

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh Class News

This week we have had great fun in our role play area. The children have been learning a story which they acted to our parents at Stay & Read. The highlight of the week has been building dens with Hockney in the wildlife area.

Reading

We will not sending home reading books over the half term but encourage you to continue sharing books with the children.

Library books this term will be changed every Friday. Please note that your child will not be able to bring another book home until they have returned ones borrowed previously.

Phonics: Please continue to work through the Jolly Phonics sounds, practice segmenting and blending to read and write CV and CVC words. This week we will continue to reinforce... l ll f ff s ss c k ck j v w x y z ch sh th ng nk and introduce qu ai ee igh oa oo.

Tricky Words: Set 1/2/3/4/5 on the high frequency list – Please work with the children to consolidate these.

Maths: Counting: Next term we will be starting to look at addition and subtraction using apparatus

Shape: Reinforcing the names of 3D shapes and reinforcing vocabulary to describe the properties.

Money: In our snack shop we are encouraging the children to pay for their snack using different coins.

Days of the week

Topic: At the beginning of the we will continue with our topic is Healthy Me. The children will be learning about keeping healthy, a good diet and personal hygiene.

REMINDER: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
3 rd April	x	x	28 th February
6 th March	13 th March	20 th March	27 th March

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Stay & Read session I hope it was useful. I would also like to thank you for your ongoing support the children are doing really well.

Have a great half term.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet Class News

Maths Yr 1 – Measuring objects around the class using cubes and string. Yr 2 adding and subtracting two digit numbers.

Literacy – Finishing off work on our fiction unit ‘A twist in the tale’. Focussing on developing story ideas and writing their own version of a traditional tale.

Science – Looking at the food chain. Introducing carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.

History – Looking at different castles around the UK. Learn parts of the castle, castle life and reasons for use of materials to build.

Hockney Class News

The English focus will be on non-fiction, using the Shang Dynasty as inspiration for their work.

In maths we will finish off looking at fractions and move on to decimals.

In Science the children will start their new topic of plants.

In Geography, children will continue learning about geographical features such as volcanoes, and events such as earthquakes and how these things are linked to the movement of tectonic plates.

In ICT they will be learning to create pieces of digital art.

Hepworth Class News

We have had a great half term and the children have worked hard in their assessments. We are pleased that so many of the children are challenging themselves and this is making such a difference to their work.

After the break, in English we will be working on our writing using the Alex Rider stories as a stimulus. We will also be challenging the children even further in their grammar and reading work.

In Maths we will be starting to look at fractions, decimals and percentages and how these tie in together. If you're out and about and notice percentages in the shops, talk to your child about what these may mean and perhaps work them out.

In Science we will be starting our new topic - Changing State. Our Maya exploration continues with finding out about everyday life for the Mayans.

We will also be learning lots of new songs for the music festival.

Please note, we are not sending home any English or Maths homework over half term, but it is essential that your children continue to read over the break (and record this in their reading record!) and also practice their statutory spelling words. There are lots of games on ActivLearn and learning all their tables will, as ever, be useful!

We hope you have a lovely break!

Diary Dates for 2019 – 2020 *new dates in green*

Monday 17th Feb - Friday 21st Feb	Half Term
Saturday 29th February	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 2 nd March	Dogs Trust in for the morning – whole school
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Wednesday 11 th March	Hepworth Tag Rugby at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Friday 13 th March	EYFS Spring Walk 9am
Friday 20 th March	Mums in School Afternoon 12pm - 3.15pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Hockney – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Monday 30 th March	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Tuesday 31 st March	Hockney - Tri Golf at The Misbourne
Thursday 2 April	PTA School Disco 6pm - 7pm R & KS1 / 7pm - 8pm KS2
Friday 3rd April	PTA Film Club 1.30 – 3.15pm Term Ends at 1.30pm
Monday 20th April	Children Return to School
Saturday 25th April	PTA Grown Up Disco
Wednesday 29 th April	Monet - Athletics at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 30 th April	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening
Tuesday 5 th May	Hockney – Cricket at Chiltern Hills Academy
Friday 8th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 12 th May	Hockney –Swimming Gala 9am-11am
Saturday 16th May	PTA Duck Race
Monday 18 th May-Friday 22 nd May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May	Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd June	EYFS Stay & Get Physical
Wednesday 3 rd June	Monet Games day at The Misbourne 9.30am-2.30pm
Thursday 11 th June	Work Share Evening 3.30-5pm Y5 Parents Secondary Transfer Information Evening 6pm
Saturday 13th June	PTA Chesham Carnival
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day 1pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 9 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Friday 10 th July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 9am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Friday 17 th July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm

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