

# Chenies School Newsletter

## 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Headteacher's News

I would like to share with you how pleased I am with the children's behaviour during playtimes at the moment. They have been taking good care of all the new equipment, looking after and encouraging one other and persevering when learning new skills such as braiding. Our playtimes really do demonstrate that 'Chenies is a caring place to learn'

### Music Mark

As you know I place great importance on the value of music in our children's lives and one of the highlights of this week for me was receiving an email to say that in recognition of our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that we place on music we have been nominated for membership of the Music Mark Community by Buckinghamshire Music trust.

### World Mental Health Day

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day. We have been talking about the importance of well-being in school with the children and the things that they can do to ensure good mental health. Our particular focus has been on relaxing, getting enough sleep, connecting with others, learning new things, spending time in nature and looking after your body. There are many other suggestions for adults and children on the [Mental Health Foundation website](#), which you may wish to look at.

### Wanted

If you have any oddments of wool or ribbon that we can use for playtime activities we would appreciate you sending them in. Hepworth class are also in need of brown cardboard packaging such as you would receive if a single book was sent through the post. They will be using these to make gas masks as part of their world war two topic.

### KS2 Pencil Cases

Please can I remind you that children in KS2 are expected to bring in their own pencil case It should contain a blue pen (preferably a gel or roller ball style rather than biro), writing pencil, coloured pencils, an eraser, a pencil sharpener (with its own collecting pot) and a glue stick. Some children are now missing items so please can you check with them if they need anything topping up.

### School Photos

Whilst the deadline date for earlybird and proof orders has passed, you can still place orders online with no late order fee. Orders placed online will be dispatched within 48 hours.

### Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly is due to take place next Thursday at 9am in the school hall and at present I am still hopeful that parents will be able to attend. If however I am advised next week by Public Health to reassess that decision the collection of items for the Chiltern Foodbank will still happen and can be brought in on Wednesday or Thursday next week. The foodbank have asked for the following items:

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Sponge Puddings
- Tinned or Packet Custard

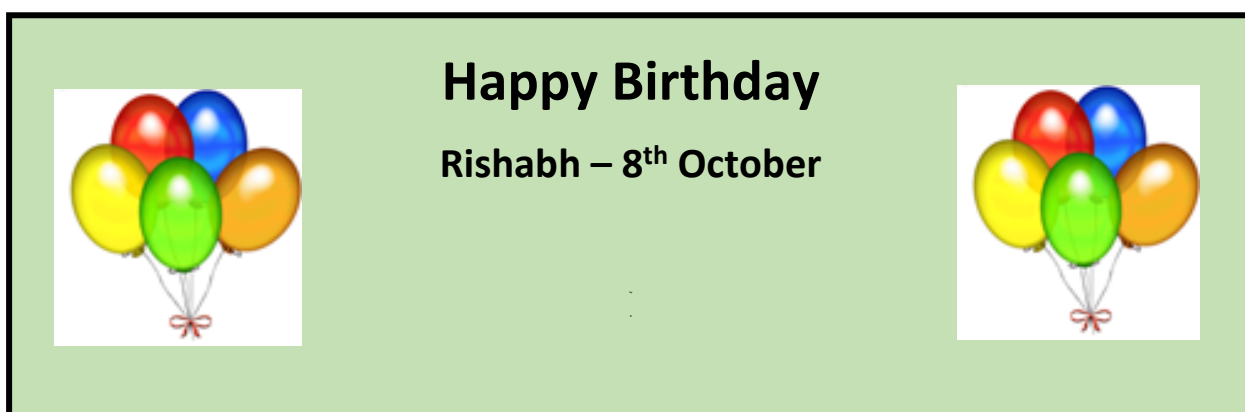
- Tinned or Packet Macaroni Cheese
- Biscuits
- Chocolate, Sweets, Christmas treats
- Toiletries (Soap, Deodorant, Shower gel, Shampoo – Mens and Ladies)

### **Parents' Evening Appointments**

Parents' evening appointments are now available to book through the school website. Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment. If you have forgotten your log in details please contact Mrs Burchell in the school office.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell



### **STARS of the week**

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Srihan</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Oliver V-L</b>	<b>Harris</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Olivia M</b>	<b>Marcel</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Blessy</b>	<b>Jamie F</b>

## Class News

### Van Gogh

Another great week but you can see the children are starting to get tired as we slowly draw towards half term. The children have tried hard getting used to a more structured timetable and learning. We have continued to practice for the Harvest Assembly which the children are very excited about. We started to talk about autumn and the changes in the environment.

### Phonics

We will continue to work on S A T P I N M D G O C. In line with focusing on **initial sounds** in words and **oral segmenting and blending** (Phase 1).

Example: Initial sounds... Make some 'Silly Soup' and add things around the house that begin with **s-a-t-p-i-n-m-d-g-o-c** sound. What things can they find that begins with the initial sound as their name.

Oral segmenting and blending: Pretend you are a robot and sound out words that they can blend e.g. I can see a c-a-t. Can you pass me the m-u-g? Go and put your c-oa-t on. Reverse roles and get the children to segment and you blend the words.

### Maths

Throughout we will be chanting numbers to 10/20 and continuing to reinforce:

- Number 1 - Counting out one - Matching numerals to written and spoken numerals – Circle (One curved side) – 1p coin
- Number 2 – Counting out two – Representing two - Matching numerals to written and spoken numerals – Semi Circle (One curved side and one straight side) – Practical addition (introduce number sentences  $1+1=2$ ) – Double one equals two – 2p coin ( $1p + 1p$ ) – Talking about pairs
- Counting numbers to 1-6 on a track

### Topic

We are learning about autumn and have been talking about the changes in our environment e.g. colour of leaves, weather etc. We have also focused on what some animals do during this time e.g. hibernate, migrate, collect food, wasp die etc.

Please continue reinforce the above as this will support your child's learning at school.

### REMINDERS:

#### Stay for an Autumn Walk – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15

Over the year you are invited to come and spend time with your child in their learning environment. 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

**SHOW & TELL DATES: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Green House**

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

Some pictures below from our walk today.

Mrs Sahotay ☺





## Monet

This week in Monet Class we have been busy reading lots of poetry, practising our subtraction, planning a Science 'smelling' investigation and beginning our self portraits. We also finished our whole class collage of Picasso's 'Self Portrait and Monster' which Monet Class loved piecing together.



Next week in English we will be writing our own poems focusing on verbs and sound effects to describe nouns. In Maths we will be adding and subtracting and looking at word problems, deciding whether to add or subtract to solve them. We will also be practising counting on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s and making sure we know our number bonds to 10 and 20 quickly.

In Science we will be carrying out our investigation to find out whether we can identify things by only using our sense of smell. We have planned how we are going to do this as a class and the children are all very excited to find out!

In History we will find out about Mary Seacole and her involvement in the Crimea War.

Home learning will be on Google Classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## Hockney

Next week in Hockney class we are starting a new non-fiction unit The Most Incredible Sport. In this unit, the children explore the big question: *What is the world's most incredible sport?* They will read the interactive eBook, finding information and distinguishing between fact and opinion. Next week we will focus on identifying features of journalistic reports, comparing different types of newspaper reports and listening and responding to a sports commentary.

In Maths we are continuing to focus on addition and subtraction of 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers using different strategies (column addition, column subtraction, partitioning etc).

In History we are going to be learning about what life was like in Ancient Egypt. We are going to be looking at different jobs that they used to do, how they built their houses, how they entertained themselves etc. We are going to be looking at the similarities and differences between our life now and the life of Ancient Egyptians.

Next week in Science we will be moving on to think about our complicated but very important digestive system. We will be identifying and describing the functions of the basic parts of our digestive system, trying to understand how all these functions work together to ensure that we remain healthy. To this end, we will also learn about what happens when a part of this system breaks down or doesn't work as well as it should. This work on digestion will lead us to focus on teeth and the role they play in digestion after the half term break.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

## **Hepworth**

We have had another good and busy week in Hepworth Class. We have been very impressed with how well the class have worked together this week. We've had some children working at home and blending their learning with Google meets, taking part in group work and discussions with us and children in the class so well done to those children as well.

Next week we will be completing some areas of learning ahead of assessment week in the final week of half term.

### English

Using all the knowledge we have gained through the story 'Friend or Foe', we are going to plan and write our own stories based on the experiences we have learned about World War two so far. In our grammar lesson we will be revising word classes. Our spellings will focus on prefixes – bi, cir, ex and our focus words are: beginning Britain desperate disastrous existence.

### Maths

We will begin our week learning about column addition. We will be exploring calculations where we add together both increasingly larger and multiple numbers. We will also spend time applying our learning to everyday problems. Later in the week we will explore and develop our understanding of square and cube numbers.

### Other subjects

On Monday afternoon year 6 will have forest school - please remember trousers and sensible footwear, with uniform on the top half of the body.

Year 5 will begin to make their cushions - Please send in any material that your child would like to use as the cushion base.

In Spanish we will apply our knowledge about food and drink by learning the story of 'La pequeña oruga gluttona', the Spanish version of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Our Science will see use consolidating our knowledge of parallel circuits and developing our own electric systems that could be used to power a room in different ways. In PSHE we will be finding out more about Anne Frank and in PE we will continue with gymnastics. Our RE lesson will include looking at how and why people use places of worship.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9am EYFS Stay and Share - Autumn Walk
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Secondary Transfer Test results day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Reading Workshop Hockney at 9am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Reading Workshop Monet at 2pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>PTA Halloween School Disco</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for children in school
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Hepworth trip to Holdenby House
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>PTA Wreath Workshop</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Non-Uniform Day</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair 12pm – 3pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends 1.30pm