

# Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

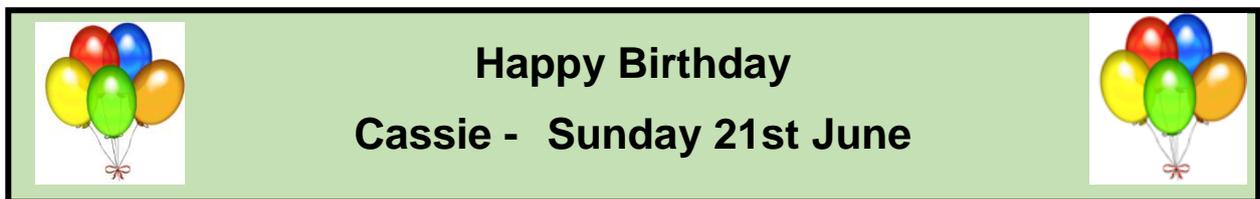
## Headteacher's News

### Visits to School for Years 2,3,4 and 5

I am pleased that many of the children who are unable to come to school at present have signed up to come in and visit their teacher and collect some new library books. The children and teachers who have met this week have really enjoyed the opportunity to catch up in person. We did not let the torrential rain on Wednesday and Thursday prevent the meetings but are certainly hoping that next week's planned meetings will take place in the sunshine! There are still spaces left for anyone who has not already signed up. If you are unable to book an appointment please contact Mrs Burchell in the office who can help you.

### Virtual Sports Day

We are going to be holding our sports day next Wednesday in school and would like the children at home to participate throughout the week so that their efforts can contribute to their house scores. Separate information will follow from Mrs Tillyer and the activities will be included in next week's home learning tasks.



### Community Cards

Year 6 along with children from 26 other schools have been participating in the Community Card scheme run by Buckinghamshire Council. Community Cards is a sticker-collecting scheme encouraging Year 6 pupils to encourage young people to get involved in their local communities. Although this year it has not been possible to host the visiting speakers from the local community that we would usually invite to school, the children have still thoroughly enjoyed the scheme and I would like to share with you a few of the children's thoughts about the different challenges and the impact they had on them:

*"They can be easy like respect but some can be equally hard like sustainable travel"* Abdullah

*"I enjoyed healthy lifestyle because it made me make goals for myself"* Chloe

*"I learned that the word 'racism' isn't only about skin colour"* Vinisha

*"I was most interested in the work about Dementia and helping people with it"* Jacob

### Reading for Pleasure

I hope that some of you have already encouraged your children to sign up for the Summer Silly Squad Reading Challenge but if you have not done so yet please click [here](#).

### Some reminders of why reading for pleasure important

- Reading for pleasure is more important to children's academic success than their parents' level of education or socio-economic status.
- Embedding a love of reading in children can help their wellbeing later in life.
- Studies have found that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of empathy, greater self-esteem and are better able to cope with difficult situations.

Within the reading challenge website there is also a [book sorter tool](#) which enables children to enter their age and the sort of books they enjoy to generate a list of recommended books.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend and keep reading!  
Suzanne Powell

Photographs from This Week



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Inset Days**

## **TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020 / 2021**

### **Autumn Term 2020**

Inset Day

Inset Day

Terms Starts

Half Term

Inset Day

Term Ends

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term 2021**

Inset Day

Term Starts

Half Term

Term Ends

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April @ 1.30pm

### **Summer Term 2021**

Inset Day

Term Starts

Half Term

Term Ends

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July @ 1.30pm