

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

Headteacher's News

Red Nose Day & Winning Jokes

Thank you to everyone who helped their child prepare a joke to make us smile this morning. I asked the class teachers to choose their favourite joke from each year group and am pleased to share them with you. I hope they make you smile as much as I did when I read them.

Van Gogh - Dylan T

Why did the orange stop on the middle of the road? Because it ran out of juice.

Year 1 - Jake S

Knock knock
Who's there?
Cows go
Cows go who
Nooo cows go moo!

Year 2 - Dennis L

Why are bicycles always falling over? Because they're two tired

Year 3 – Lily B

If slow old men use a walking stick, what do fast old men use? A hurricane

Year 4 – Isabella B

What do you call a pig that does karate? A pork chop

Year 5 – Adrian L

What do you call a sleeping bull? A bulldozer

Year 6 – Emily C

Knock knock
Who's there?
Ivan
Ivan who?
Ivan to eat your blood!

If you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief you can do so on our specially set up Parent Pay page by clicking [here](#).

Uniform Reminder

Please can I remind everyone that full school uniform should be worn on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and that PE kits should only be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition please remember that any child with longer than collar length hair should be tying it up and that only stud earrings are permitted to be worn in school. Earrings should either be removed for PE days or if a child is not able to remove the earrings yet they will be required to put tape over them for their own and others safety.

I appreciate that as children grow out of uniform obtaining new uniform and in particular shoes is a challenge in these times and I will therefore make allowances if people speak to me about the reason for not having correct uniform. I do however still expect our children to take a pride in their appearance and look smart. I am sure that I can rely on parents to reinforce this message with your child at home. Chenies is a caring place to learn and that means taking care of our appearance too!

Christmas Tree

I was pleased to receive a cheque for the PTA for £35.00 this week as by returning 15 leaflets we were one of the runners up in the Christmas Tree Farm competition. Thank you to everyone who bought their Christmas Tree from the farm and remembered to take their leaflet.

Children who feel unwell

As is often the case when all children return to school we have had a few children feeling unwell. Please can I remind you to follow Public Health England Guidance though and if your child exhibits any of the coronavirus symptoms please get them tested and keep siblings at home as well.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

I wish you all a happy weekend and hope you enjoy filling in your census return!

Suzanne Powell

Class News

Van Gogh

The children are settling in well and getting back into their routines.

Phonics: We will continue to re-visit and consolidate some of the sounds and practice applying them to our reading and writing.

Reading: The children will be coming home with their reading books on Monday. Even though the children have been set their personal targets the overall focus is reading fluently and comprehension skills.

Math: We will be revisiting and consolidating counting on, doubling and halving. The children have also been learning about 2D shapes, pentagon, hexagon, heptagon, octagon and nonagon.

Topic: Our key learning will be based around the Easter story.

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.

SHOW & TELL DATES: Red House – Friday 26th March 2021

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

We have had a fun-filled week designing and making our 'Alien Grassheads', patiently waiting for the 'hair' to grow and watching our grass seeds growing in our Science experiment, 'Do seeds need soil to grow?' Next week we will be continuing to watch the seeds and record our findings.

We will be assessing the children in Reading, Writing and Maths throughout next week, practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, finding out about Tim Peake and working on a piece of art based on drawing.

Please make sure your child reads every day at home and remembers to bring in a water bottle.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Next week in Hockney class, will be assessment week. The children of Hockney will be carrying out tests to assess their arithmetic, problem solving, grammar, spellings, reading, writing and science.

In topic, we will continue looking at map reading skills, and hopefully finishing off our Tudor unit.

We will also continue working on the portrait skills in Art and continue practicing their coding language using Turtle Logo.

Hepworth

Hepworth Class have had a fantastic second week back at school. They have continued to work hard on their independent projects and many have produced some very good written pieces of work.

Next week we will be assessing the children in the morning sessions. This will then inform our summer term plans, ensuring that we cover any work that needs to be revisited, following the school closure period, and it will assist us in grouping individuals. We will be assessing maths (arithmetic and problem solving & reasoning), reading comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar and independent writing.

We have assured the children that these assessments are for them to show us what they can do, so that we know what we need to teach them in the summer term and they should not feel worried about them. However, a good night's sleep each evening and being fully prepared for each day, will support them in showing us their best.

Our afternoon sessions at the beginning of the week will focus on art. We will be exploring and developing our drawing skills, to produce a detailed drawing of an animal, using the skills we have learned and practised.

Towards the end of the week in science we will be doing some more practical investigative work to find out more about some of the properties of materials, such as their strength. We will also continue with our unit of work on drug safety in PSHE.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

Spring Term 2021

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |