

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 23th June 2023

Headteacher's News

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the parent's evenings this week. I hope that you enjoyed talking to your children about their progress and have praised them for their efforts and hard work as well as talking to them about their next steps!

Parent survey

You should have already received a link to our annual parent survey. I would be grateful if you could complete the survey as soon as possible. Your thoughts are very important to us and will be particularly helpful to Mrs Sutherland as she prepares to lead the school.

Sports Day

The children are looking forward to our sports day on Tuesday 27th June. The weather forecast is looking promising for Tuesday so please do join us from 1.20pm to watch your children participate in their races. You are welcome to bring a picnic chair or blanket to sit on.

Warmer Weather

Please can you ensure that if the weather forecast does suggest hot and sunny weather your child has sunscreen on and brings a **named sun-hat** and water bottle to school

Library

For the rest of the term one of our parents is volunteering in the school library so please can you encourage your child to bring in their library books to be changed. We have a number of children who have not returned their library books for some time and as the end of term is fast approaching us we would be grateful if these books be returned so other children are able to enjoy them.

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

This evening your child will come home with a bookmark for the Summer Reading Challenge 2023. Please do log onto the [website](#) to find out further information about the challenge and encourage your child to participate. Remember that there is a lot of research evidence to demonstrate that children who read for pleasure attain significantly higher academic results than those who do not.

Class photos

We are delighted to let you know that the Class Group photographs are now available to purchase from smilesatschool.com/order. These are fantastic photos can be viewed and purchased on the photographer's website The School has sample photographs available to view on the window of the office should you wish to see them more clearly to make your choice.

Summer holiday clubs

To help with your plans for the summer holidays we have attached information about clubs in the local area that we know children from our school have enjoyed in the past. They are:

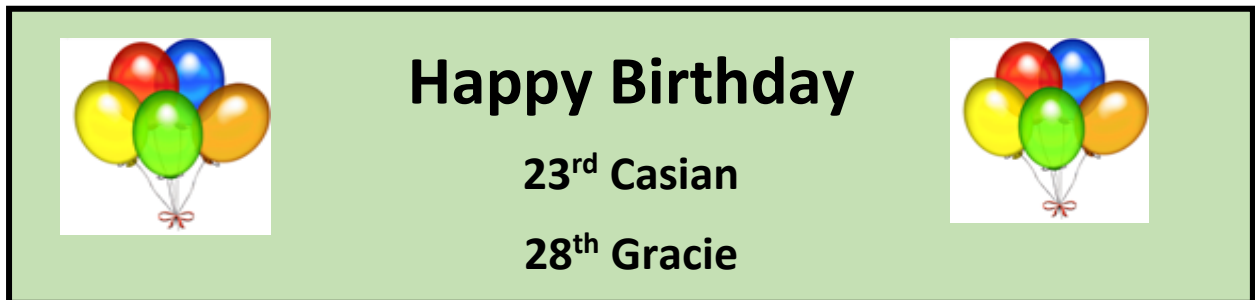
- First Touch Football's Sports Mega Camp
- Summer Holiday Club at King's Church in Amersham
- Mrs Silverstone's 4 day Nature Club in Chesham

Teachers' Strike Action

You may be aware the NEU have called for two days of teachers strike action on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. I am not anticipating any disruptions; we are expecting to open as usual.

I hope that you all have a refreshing weekend and continue to enjoy the sun!

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Theia	Charles
Monet	Megan	Alice
Hockney	Ciaran	Jake
Hepworth	Renee	Aaron

Weekly Attendance

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality of our students. Please continue to ensure that your children attend school every day and on time.

Van Gogh	98%
Monet	97%
Hockney	95%
Hepworth	95%

Class News

Van Gogh

Another amazing week! It is the time of year where I really start to notice how much the children come on since September. They have made amazing progress and you should be very proud of them all. It was lovely to see you all at parents evening and would like to thank you once again for your kind words and support. The countdown has started 😊

Phonics:

We are continuing to work on Phase 4 and will also be consolidating Phase 3 sounds. The children are still finding the double consonant sounds that are not digraphs at the beginning and end of a word e.g. ST, SL, SP, TR, CL, CR, NK quite tricky, please could you continue to reinforce these at home.

Week 1	said, so he, she, we, me, be	blending & segmenting CVCCs
Week 2	have, like, some, come, was, you	blending & segmenting CCVCs & CVCCs
Week 3	were, there, little, one they, all, ar	

Reading:

Please continue to share books with the children! It is important now that you are introducing them to chapter books.

Writing:

The children are really getting into writing their own books, please encourage this at home. We will continue to work on our creative writing, using story starters and the children continue by using their imagination to finish off the story. We also continue to extend sentences by using adjectives, start to use a capital letter at the start of a sentence, a full stop at the end and consistently apply the Phase 3 sounds and tricky words in their writing.

Maths:

Next week we will continue to focus on solving mathematical addition, subtraction, writing number sentences and re-visiting doubling/sharing.

Show and Tell

- Thursday 29th June 2023: Yellow House

REMINDERS:

- Please ensure that your child has a hat in school.
- Sports Day Tuesday 27th June 2023

Once again thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

Next week in Monet Class we will continue to prepare and write our non-fiction texts about unusual places to live focusing on camping and living in a tent. We will be making this as creative as possible and presenting our writing and facts in a variety of ways. Please spend time looking at non-fiction texts over the weekend to spot the key features, e.g. headings, captions, labels, pictures, contents, etc.

In maths we will be revising and consolidating number bonds and times tables (2s, 5s, 10s) and also participating in some fun maths games and investigations to aid this.

We've had lots of fun in science this week identifying trees around the school using our leaf dials and it's been great to hear that the children are still enjoying using them at home to identify trees where they live and some children have even made their own rain collectors at home to monitor rainfall. Next week we will be focusing on common fruits and vegetables in the garden and begin to identify some of these in our school vegetable patch and greenhouse.

In geography we will continue to look at different types of housing and relate this to housing in Chenies and in their own local areas. In PSHE we will continue to discuss the transition to a new year group and share any thoughts and feelings that may arise, understanding that a range of feelings are normal to have. We will also be thinking about how to keep safe in familiar and unfamiliar settings.

We are really looking forward to participating in Sports Day on Tuesday and Year 1 will be enjoying forest school on Monday afternoon. Please remember a sun hat and water bottle every day.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Blakeley



Hockney

English

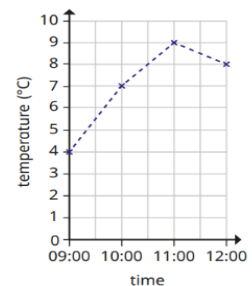
This week children have worked extremely hard in writing their non-chronological reports on a country. They have used iPads and library books to research their information and used different sentence starters and fronted adverbials to engage the reader. Their final report has been typed up using google slides. It has been enjoyable for everyone in class to share fascinating facts with one another. Our next unit in English will be poetry and creating images.

Maths

This week Year 3 have learnt about 3D shapes e.g. cylinders, cones and cuboids and have started their new unit on statistics. They particularly enjoyed interpreting pictograms and bar charts.

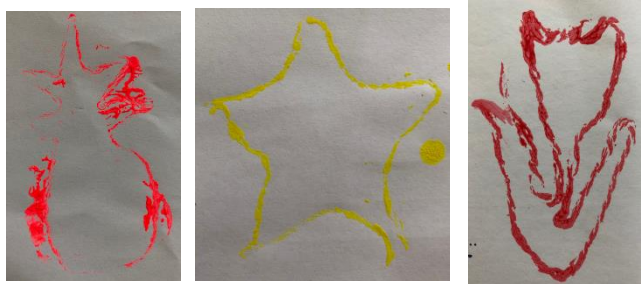


Year 4 have started their statistics topic in maths looking at interpreting graphs. They have drawn data from line graphs and developed their skills with drawing them.



Science – I was incredibly proud of the hard work the children demonstrated during our science lesson on the heart. They showed curiosity and fascination throughout the lesson and asked some excellent questions to further their understanding. We looked at the role of the heart and how it circulates blood around the body, we also named the different parts of the heart. At the end of the lesson, the children made their very own models of the heart to apply their knowledge of the different parts.

Art - this week we learnt how to do string printing. The task of cutting and placing the string around the template required a lot of patience but the children did so well! Here are a few examples of what they achieved in a very short amount of time. Can you work out what they are?



Watch this space to see what they can do all on their own!

Geography – We have studied different land use in settlements, for example using land for housing, industrial use or agriculture. Looking at arial maps we learnt how to recognise land use and identify what these uses were for e.g. farming or leisure purposes.

RE – we have discussed places of worship, in particular what you will find inside a synagogue and the significance of this.

PSHE – This week we have discussed the importance of taking medicines correctly and using household products safely, we have discussed the term “drug”. Next week we will continue to look at examples of drugs used today and how they can affect our well-being.

Swimming

The children need to bring in a pair of pyjamas (not jogging bottoms or leggings) as well as their swimsuit next week. This week the children practised lifesaving skills. Next week the children may do another practise.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

Hepworth

A big thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week, it was lovely to share your children's achievements with you.

The week ahead is going to be another busy one. We have Sports Day on Tuesday, which promises to be sun-soaked, so please remember to pack sun-screen, hats and water bottles for the children.

The Wizard of Oz, of course, remains our central focus, interspersed with break-out sessions such as Rounders and story-time. Whilst in English the children will be using A Midsummer Night's Dream as their stimulus again. They will explore the plot further, study the characters in depth, and the motives behind their actions.

In Maths, Hepworth will be revising and investigating more fractions, decimals and percentages problems to reinforce their understanding.

This week's Topic involves more geographical exploration of coasts, both in the UK and further afield, as well as how coasts are put to use and why. Meanwhile, in Spanish children will learn how to describe their family.

In Music, Mrs Powell will rehearse some more of the songs from our production. She has already remarked on how well they are performing, so keep it up Hepworth!

At the end of the week, in RE the children will be looking at how religious and non-religious groups decide what is right and wrong. PSHE will involve looking at how we can keep personal information safe, and in Science children will be studying gestation periods and comparing other animals to humans.

We hope you all have a lovely sunny, yet relaxing, weekend.

Mrs Jones and Miss Shine

DIARY DATES 2022 – 2023

Tuesday 27 th June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School
Thursday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 th July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 th July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
Friday 21st July	11am Leaver's Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic 1.30pm Term Ends

DIARY DATES 2023 -2024

Autumn Term 2023	
Friday 1st September	Inset Day
Monday 4th September	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 ^h September	Term Starts
23 rd – 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	Inset Day
Tuesday 19th December @1.30pm	Term Ends
Spring Term 2024	
Thursday 4th January	Inset Day
Friday 5 th January	Term Starts
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term
Thursday 28th March @ 1.30pm	Term Ends
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15 th April	Term Starts
27 th May – 31 st May	Half Terms
Monday 3rd June	Inset Day
Tuesday 23rd July @ 1.30pm	Term Ends