

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 15th February 2019 Spring Term – Week 7

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents,

It has certainly has been a busy half term and this week was no exception. I have met with all the teachers this week to discuss the children's progress and it has been a pleasure to see how much they have learned during the last six weeks. In our assemblies we have talked about snowdrops and how if we are determined to keep trying we can achieve what at first may seem impossible. We also found out about Charles Darwin and considered the pleasure we can gain from spending time carefully observing the natural world around us. I certainly enjoyed my walk with Phoenix class this morning in the woods and hope that you will be able to use half term to slow down and enjoy the outdoors.

Re: Parents' Evenings—March 19th and March 21st

I would like to trial a new system of booking parents' evening slots through our school website. A letter has been put in your child's book bag today with a letter indicating your username and password. Please go to the home page <http://www.chenies.bucks.sch.uk/website/home/56919> and select the **green log in button**. When logging on for the first time we advise you to change your password by clicking on the cog icon. Once logged in, click on the **Parents Evening tab** which will enable you to see your child's name and be able to book a time slot that suits you. If you have more than one child you should click on the '**select pupil**' button to book an appointment for another child. In addition you will also now be able to view your child's attendance record on the same page.

The parents evening appointments will become available for you to book on **Monday February 25th** and **close on Friday March 15th**. You will not be able to book a slot before February 25th.

If you have any problems at all, do phone eSchools on Tel: 0845 5577056. They will not be able to help you with your log in details, but they can talk you through the booking process, should you need any help.

I am hoping that this system will be efficient and easy to use but as with all new ways of working we will not know until we try it. Please do feedback to me about how you find using it, so I can decide whether it is something we want to use again in the future.

Pegasus and Griffin Stationery

One of the requests that the children in KS2 have made to me is that they should be allowed to use their own stationery in the classroom. The staff and I have agreed that they can bring in their own stationery as long as the following rules are adhered to. Pencils case should be plain and simple and need to fit in their trays. Children need a pencil, a pen with blue ink eg: berol handwriting pen or uni-ball and a rubber. The children should not bring in pencil sharpeners and scented pencils/pens and rubbers are not permitted. There is no requirement that children have to bring their own stationery and those who wish to do so can continue to use the school equipment they already have.

Mrs Suzanne Powell
Head Teacher

STARS OF THE WEEK

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
Sprites	Sprites Class	Olivia Moore Dennis Loghin	Harry Moore
Phoenix	George Zahra Edward Flood	Amelia Van Loosen	Renee Gardeva
Pegasus	Fawn Knott	Sienna Butcher	Harry Hutton
Griffin	Alex Szulc	Oliver Alexander	Advaith Bhagavathula

PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 100%	Phoenix – 100%
Pegasus – 73%	Griffin – 90%

Whole school attendance this week:

97.4%

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Sprites:

Phonics: Next week the children will continue to work through Phase 2 and Phase 3 and consolidate sounds learnt to date. They will use their knowledge of phonics to segment and blend to read/write new words across all areas of learning.

- **ck - h - b - l - ll - f - ff**
- **j - v - w - x - y - z**
- **qu - ch - sh - th - ng**
- **ai - ee - igh - oa - oo**
- **ar - or - ur - ow - oi**

To make the 'tricky words' a little bit more exciting from next term the children will be coming home with Super hero and Princess words. The word lists will be in the back of their reading records.

Literacy: We will be continuing to learn about stringing a sentence together. The children are given a picture or a set of cards as a prompt *e.g. a cat sitting on a mat*. They count the number of words (six) and write one word at a time, saying each word out aloud to help them hear the sounds. The children are encouraged to use sound mats to identify sounds and write key words.

Maths: We have started to work on addition by counting on from a given number using a range of apparatus. We will also be touching on measuring as a part of topic.

Topic: We will be continuing with our Food Creation & Chinese New Year topics. The first week back we are learning about recipes/instructions and will be cooking stir fry.

Dates:

- Wednesday 27th February 2019 – Superhero Workshop
- Thursday 7th March 2019 – World Book Day
- Tuesday 12th March 2019 – Height & Weight Checks
- Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Parents Evening (After School)
- Thursday 21st March 2019 – Parents Evening (Evening)
- Week beginning 25th March 2019 – RE Week (Easter)
- Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Whole School Trip to St Albans Cathedral
- Thursday 28th March 2019 – Stay for a Spring Walk

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE & RED HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
1 st March 2019	8 th March 2019	15 th March 2019	22 nd March 2019
29 th March 2019	4 th April 2019	-	-

Reading Books: Please could you ensure that your child has their reading book and record in school everyday so that we can record when a member of staff has shared with them. Also, please encourage your child to be independent and encourage them to put their reading folders in the tray every **Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday** so books can be changed.

Home Learning Tasks to be completed by 29th March 2019

Below is an extensive wish list... but these are things that the children need in and outside every day in order for them to access all areas of the curriculum. If you are having a clear out and can help us out with any of the items below, we would really appreciate any donations. We are always in need of malleable materials like shaving foam, pasta, lentils, peas, sweetcorn, flour, baked beans etc. Thank you!

<p>Home Corner Inside & Outside Toaster – Kettle - Mixer Coffee Maker Baking Set Tea/Dinner Set Variety of Food Variety of Utensils Pots & Pans</p> <p>Ironing Board (Inside) Washing Line Washing Machine</p> <p>High Chair (Outside) Prams Baby Changing Set Dolls (No Fabric Bodies) Bath Set & Accessories</p> <p>Tool Bench/Tools etc.</p> <p>Mirrors for outside</p> <p>Dressing Up Trolley - Dressing Up Costumes - Firefighter - Chef - Superhero Capes - Knight</p> <p>Games Orchard Games: - Tummy Ache - Greedy Gorilla - Money Match Café - Pop to the Shop</p> <p>Twister Connect 4 Frustration Kerplunk Monkey Business Chairs & Ladders Potato Heads</p>	<p>IT Equipment Child friendly CD Player</p> <p>Kids Cameras</p> <p>Music/Dance Mats</p> <p>Microphones</p> <p>Remote Control Toys</p> <p>Electronic Toys</p> <p>Story CDs</p> <p>Maths Maths Games</p> <p>Number Puzzles to 20</p> <p>Magnetic Numbers/Boards</p> <p>Tills</p> <p>Measuring Toys - Measuring Worms</p> <p>Sorting Toys - Keys - Animals - Pebbles - Pine Cones - Wooden discs -</p> <p>Pizza/Cake Fractions</p> <p>Geometric Shapes</p> <p>Counting/Matching Resources to 20</p> <p>Counting Bean Bags</p> <p>Storage Outdoors Storage Boxes Bark Chippings Crates Giant Games for Outdoors</p>	<p>Physical Development (Gross Motor) Small Scooters for our tiny Sprites</p> <p>Mini Trampoline</p> <p>Hoppers</p> <p>Giant Construction</p> <p>Construction Toys - Small Lego Bricks - Knex - Geo Magnets - Snowflakes</p> <p>Quoits & Rings</p> <p>Small World Dinosaurs</p> <p>Noah’s Ark</p> <p>Vehicles - Cars - Construction Vehicles - Emergency Vehicles - Lorries etc - Garage</p> <p>Emergency Services Dolls & Vehicles - Police - Fire Services etc.</p> <p>Farm Animals</p> <p>Jungle Animals – Sets</p> <p>Sea Life</p> <p>Small World Mats to use with above</p> <p>Airport & Planes/Helicopters</p> <p>Playmobil (Girls & Boys)</p> <p>Pirate Dolls</p>	<p>Literacy Rhyming Lotto</p> <p>Hand Puppets - Animals - Story Characters e.g. Prince – Princess – Witch etc.</p> <p>Story Sacks Early Years – There are some on Amazon. Just a few examples - Room on the Broom - The Smartest Giant in Town - Squash & Squeeze - Rumble in The Jungle - Handa’s Surprise</p> <p>Phonics Games</p> <p>Skills Magnet Set</p> <p>Folding Triangular Trellises for Weaving Ribbons & Thin Scarves</p> <p>Rag Dolls with zips, buttons etc.</p> <p>Stencils (Shapes, Numbers, Letters)</p> <p>Sponge Painting Stamps (Shapes, Letters, Themes etc.</p> <p>Toys to encourage fine motor skills</p> <p>Fuzzy Felts (Boys & Girls)</p> <p>Instruments</p> <p>Locks & keys</p>
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Phoenix Class

In Phoenix class after the holiday we will be carrying on learning about how things grow and waiting for our potatoes to sprout.

In maths following assessments this week, we will be looking at sharing and division and how it is related to multiplication. We will also be doing more work on shape and fractions of shape.

In literacy we will be reading poetry and learning some poems off by heart. We will be writing our own using our ideas.

As a class we will be looking at ways we can be more independent and help ourselves to solve problems and keep track of our belongings.

Pegasus

After half-term in English we will be starting our new "live" focus. In this, we will work towards creating a tour guide of Chenies School.

In maths we are going to continue looking at measurements, starting with looking at millilitres and litres.

Pegasus will continue their work on the Tudors. We will be looking at the Age of Sail during the Tudor period and learn about what life at sea was like. In science we will continue experimenting with sound. We will then use what we have learnt so far to start designing a windchime.

Griffin

English

After half term we will be moving our focus in English to the text 'Oranges in No Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird. This is a book on the Year 5 and 6 recommended reading list. We will spend time reading and comprehending the text across a few weeks. In the first week we will focus on the first few chapters; reading and understanding them, exploring the themes and writing in different genres in response to the text.

Maths

We will begin the half term with a focus on percentages. We have been very impressed by the children's understanding of fractions and calculating with them, therefore we are sure they will quickly understand how percentages work. We will be particularly working on finding a percentage of an amount or quantity and looking at real life problems and situations where we need to use this skill. Once again, times tables knowledge is crucial!

Topic

We continue our Frozen Kingdom topic next half term. We will be learning about climate change in detail, in the week after half term. Our Science unit next half term will be Animals, including humans, with a focus mainly on understanding life cycles of animals. In the first week, we will be developing our techniques and completing our art work of The Northern Lights. We also have many more songs to rehearse for the music festival at the end of term. Recorders - remember to practise too!

We have not set formal homework for half term, as we would like to encourage the children to rest, have fun and enjoy some fresh air - hopefully we can then rid ourselves of the awful bugs that seem to have been plaguing us all! If you wish your child to do anything, please encourage them to continue to learn the year 5 and 6 spelling words, read - for enjoyment and there are always games loaded on their Activelearn account - none of this is however, expected or will be monitored. Have a lovely half term Griffin class!

Important Dates (Dates added or changed this week are in blue)

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February	Half Term
Friday March 1st	PTA Burger Bingo 5.30pm Pegasus and Griffin children
Saturday 9 th March	Film Club 2pm-4pm
Thursday March 7 th	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Thursday 14 th March	Year 3 & 4 Mixed Hockey Team at DCHS
Thursday 14 th March	Mothering Sunday Art Gallery 3.15pm-5pm
Monday 18 th March	Bikeability Level 1 - Pegasus
Tuesday 19 th March	Bikeability Level 1 - Pegasus
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.40pm *Sprites 4.15pm-5.30pm
Thursday 21 st March	Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.50pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Whole school visit to St Alban's Cathedral
Wednesday 27th March	6pm Y6 Information evening about SATs
Thursday 28 th March	Swimming for Pegasus (as missed lesson on March 26 th)
Thursday 28 th March	Football Match at Ley Hill School 3.45pm
Friday 29 th March	Griffin at Music Festival Cluster Rehearsal
Friday 29 th March	Spring Disco KS1 6pm-7pm
Friday 29 th March	Spring Disco KS2 7pm-8pm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Griffin at Music Festival at Kings Church – 3.45pm
Friday 5th April	PTA Film Club 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday 5th April	Term Ends at 1.30pm
Tuesday 23rd April	INSET Day – School closed to children
Wednesday 24 th April	Children return to school
Wednesday 24th April	6 pm Y5/6 Information Evening about PGL and Sex Education
Friday April 26 th	PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm-11pm
Tuesday 7 th May	Griffin Swimming Gala Team – Chesham Leisure Centre 9am DCHS
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs
Saturday 18 th May	PTA Duck Race Restore Hope Latimer
Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip PGL
Tuesday 21 st May	Pegasus DCHS Swimming Gala
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 6 Cyber Talk
Saturday 8 th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 10 th June	Author Workshop – Whole School
Tuesday 11 th June	Griffin / Pegasus – Prime VR Workshop
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 5 & 6 Athletics at Dr Challoner's High School
Wednesday 12 th June	Phoenix Gymnastics at Dr Challoner's High School
Friday 14 th June	Dads in school afternoon
Tuesday 2 nd July	Transition (Moving-up) day
Thursday 4 th July	Griffin Games at Dr Challoner's High School
Sunday July 7 th	Summer Fair 2pm-5pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Sports Day (Time TBC after consultation with parents)
Wednesday 10 th July	School reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day (Time to be confirmed)
Thursday 17 th July	Summer Production : 2pm –pre-school children welcome 7pm – No pre –school children allowed
Wednesday 24th July	Term Ends at 1.30pm