

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Spring Term – Week 2

### Headteacher's News

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first full and busy week at Chenies. The arrival of the long awaited scooters caused much excitement on Monday and the children have appreciated using them at playtimes. Thank you again to the PTA for buying them.

My theme for assemblies this week has been based on Leo Tolstoy's story, 'The Three Questions'. I would like to share with you the conclusion of the story, as it will be something that I shall refer to again with the children over the coming weeks and you may like to talk about it at home.

"Remember then that there is only one important time, and that time is now. The most important one is always the one you are with. And the most important thing is to do good for the one who is standing at your side."

As I have walked around the school this week I have been particularly impressed by the way the children are able to talk to me about what they are learning. During one of the lessons in Griffin class the children were discussing the hazards they might encounter if they were to set off to explore a new place. I am pleased to report that I have not encountered any such hazards while exploring Chenies but instead have enjoyed sharing in the children's enthusiasm, as they have engaged in the many fun and engaging learning tasks that the teachers have prepared for them.



Learning and Practising French



Exploring tectonic plates



Using and Looking for Shapes



### Turning Circle

It has come to my attention that some people are parking in the turning circle at the end of the day and this has caused a few difficulties. Please could you refrain from parking there in order for it to be used for its intended purpose.

### Pokemon Cards

I want to take this opportunity to clarify that our policy on Pokemon Cards which is that they should not be brought to school, as they cause too much upset and disruption to learning.

### Proudly Purple

Following a discussion with the school council it has been decided that rather than giving out sweets to those children who remain on 'Proudly Purple' all week the children will have their name put into a class prize draw. The class winners will be picked out during our Friday celebration assembly. This will replace the whole school draw but give the children an increased chance of winning a prize.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
Sprites	Olivia Bird	Teddy Wayth	Archie Zahra
Phoenix	Gracie Thompson	Luca Walton-Dawes	George Zahra
Pegasus	Rhys Griffiths	Elena Adams	Anvitha Bhagavathula
Griffin	Sophie Koumi	Hollie Bladon	Dawid Biziuk

## PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites - 100%	Phoenix - 93%
Pegasus - 80%	Griffin - 87%

**Whole school attendance this week:**

**96.3%**

## Message from Mrs Walker

Thank you to everyone who has donated milk bottle tops and plastic pens. Mrs Walker has a wonderful large bin bag of them! Please do carry on bringing them in to school. To remind you, they are raising funds for the London Air Ambulance Service.

## Note from Mrs Dinwiddy – Bursar

### School Meals:

The number of free school meals taken on census day (**January 17th**) is recorded and affects our funding. If your child is in Sprites or Phoenix or if your child is entitled to free school meals, we would appreciate it if you could order a meal for your child on **January 17th**. It will be particularly scrummy – hot dogs and chocolate cake!! This makes such a difference to our finances, if all children in these classes, can take a hot lunch on this date. Many thanks.



With kind regards

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher

## News from the PTA

Our next film club will be on **Saturday 19th January**, we are showing 'Incredibles 2'. Film Club is open to all children at Chenies - friends and family are welcome. Children in Sprites and Year One and any non-Chenies children must be accompanied by an adult.

Don't forget to bring in any **Christmas jumpers** and clothing - all ages and sizes - we will hold a PTA Christmas sale in November.



Save the date - **18th May** 2pm-5pm we are holding a **Duck Race** at Restore Hope in Latimer in partnership with *Perfect Parties* who are very kindly sponsoring the event for us. There will be lots to do and will be a very fun afternoon for our families and friends to please keep an eye out for info coming soon.

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

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Census Day – We would appreciate you ordering Sprites and Phoenix Children a hot dinner!</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Pegasus Trip to Metro Bank – High Wycombe</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Film Club 2pm-4pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Griffin Swimming Gala Wycombe Abbey School 12.30pm-3.30pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics at Dr Challoner's High School
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Sprites to Pizza Express
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Phoenix to Dr Challoner's High School for Dodgeball Event 1pm-3pm
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Thursday March 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 Mixed Hockey at Dr Challoner's High School
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Level 1 - Pegasus
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Level 1 - Pegasus
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Evening 5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school visit to St Alban's Cathedral
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming for Pegasus (as missed lesson on March 26 <sup>th</sup> )
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Match at Ley Hill School 3.45pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Griffin at Music Festival Cluster Rehearsal
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Griffin at Music Festival at Kings Church – 3.45pm
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Term Ends at 1.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>INSET Day – School closed to children</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Griffin Swimming Gala – Chesham Leisure Centre 9am DCHS
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Duck Race Restore Hope Latimer
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip PGL
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Pegasus DCHS Swimming Gala
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET Day – School closed to children</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Cyber Talk
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Author Workshop – Whole School
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Griffin / Pegasus – Prime VR Workshop
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 Athletics at Dr Challoner's High School
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Phoenix Gymnastics at Dr Challoner's High School
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Dads in school afternoon</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Transition (Moving-up) day</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Griffin Games at Dr Challoner's High School
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Sports Day (Time to be confirmed after consultation with parents)</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports will be sent home to parents
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Reserve Sports Day (Time to be confirmed)</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Production</b> <b>2pm –pre-school children welcome</b> <b>7pm – No pre –school children allowed</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Term Ends at 1.30pm</b>

## Class News

### Sprites

Phonics: Next week the children will continue to work through Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds focusing on segmenting and blending to read/write new words across all areas of learning. Our tricky word focus is **he, she, we, & be**. We will continue to reinforce **I, to, go, no & the**.

Literacy: The children will be finishing off their writing about their favourite Christmas present. They will be encouraged to use sound mats to identify sounds and write key words or sentences using their phonic knowledge.

Maths: We will be learning the names of 3D shapes (sphere, cylinder, cube and cone) and looking at how they are made up of 2D shapes.

Topic: Our topic over the next few weeks is transport and we will be applying our knowledge and understanding of 2D/3D shapes and using different construction materials to create models.

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

RED HOUSE	x	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
BLUE HOUSE	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
YELLOW HOUSE	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
GREEN HOUSE	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	

Junk Modelling: During the week beginning, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 we will be having a junk modelling day, to make models of different types of transport. Next week we will be collecting boxes, containers, kitchen roll tubes etc. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Stay and Read: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 @ 9.15 – 10.45

Reading Books: We are working on the children being independent and would appreciate it if you could encourage them to put their reading folders in the tray on the table every Tuesday/Friday so books can be changed.

Home Learning Task: Should be completed and returned by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Phoenix

In Phoenix class this week during Literacy we will focus on making banks of words – nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs and look at how to change root words by adding different suffixes – e.g. ing, est, and ed. In maths we will be continuing to work on *Number/Addition and subtraction*, building on previously learned skills.

Our area of learning this week in topic is **WINTER**, the changes we might observe at this time of year and how we respond to them (ie the clothes we might wear and the activities we might take part in). I am hoping to take the class out for a walk in the woods if we have a particularly frosty morning. I will let parents know if this is likely.

## Griffin

### English

Next week the children will continue to work on finding out more about 'great explorers'. So far the children have produced some good work and next week, using the interactive eBook to develop their understanding, they will be planning and writing a handbook for a new junior explorer and using all their work over the 2 week period to answer the Big Question - *What makes someone a great explorer?*

### Maths

Our work on division continues next week with the children moving on from short division to long division. The children have done well this week in developing their division skills, and will develop their skills even further with this work - eventually being able to complete word problems using long division and then a mixture of multiplication and division problems. Many children have noticed that their times table knowledge is holding them back with this - so please encourage your child to practise!

### Topic

In science we have been looking at classification of animals. Our science lessons will continue with finding out more about Carl Linnaeus and the Linnaeus classification system. Our Frozen Kingdom topic work includes work on mapping - studying the different features on maps including the lines of latitude and longitude, the tropics and equator and developing our understanding of climate zones - looking more at the polar-regions. In PE this term we will be working on developing our gymnastics skills on Fridays and basketball on Tuesdays.

## Pegasus

Next week in English we will continue reading the book "Ottoline and the Yellow Cat" by Chris Riddell. The children will be able to discuss what they read and make predictions about what they think will happen, based on evidence from the text. We will also look at identifying main and subordinate clauses and conjunctions that link them.

In maths we are going to continue looking at fractions. By the end of the week, the children should be able to identify fractions and find fractions of shapes and amounts.

Pegasus will continue learning about the Tudors. They will be looking into some key figures of the time, such as King Henry VIII. In science we are going to continue experimenting with sounds, and talk about experiments and how to make sure they are scientific. And on Thursday we are going to Metro Bank in High Wycombe.