

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 1st February 2019 Spring Term – Week 5



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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again this week lots of our children have been out and about in the local community and been a credit to the school. On Monday six children from Griffin Class represented us at the Dr Challoner's Gymnastics Competition, demonstrating support for one another and a positive and determined attitude to do their very best. Phoenix class enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the multi skills event at Dr Challoner's High School and Mrs Thompson was extremely proud of the way all of the children behaved. Sprites had an extremely enjoyable trip to Pizza Express in Amersham and returned to school with some delicious smelling pizzas!

Our assemblies this week have focused on National Story Telling week- I began the week with the story Snip-Snip. It is about the idea that if we love something and then lose it we can try putting it into a story that we will remember. Often, recalling the story can be a way of making us feel happy and grateful for what we had. A story from the Hindu tradition about The Marriage of Ganesh enabled us to discuss the idea that there are always many valid points of view for any issue.

I apologise for having to make the difficult decision to close the school today due to staff being unable to travel and the closure of the school that provides our hot meals. The parent meeting that was planned for today will now take place next Friday at 9am. In advance of that the idea of a homework club is something which has been raised already not only by a number of parents but by the children as well. I am therefore going to be running a Homework Club on Monday lunchtimes, from next week. Any child who wants to complete their homework in school will be able to have their lunch and then take their homework to Griffin class where they can either work independently or have additional support if they need it.

Thank you for your continued support, particularly this week with the dropping off and collecting of your children from places other than school. I appreciate that this is not always easy but does mean we can offer the children a broader and more exciting curriculum. I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell



Message from St Joseph's Kitchen – change in Menu for Monday Feb 4th:

The menu will now be: Sausages (no change), Chips (was mash), Spaghetti hoops (was another veg), Veggie sausages (no change) and the Dessert will be Blueberry Muffins (was Greek yoghurt), Fresh fruit/Fruit yoghurts Bread/Salad. (All allergens are as per existing menu sheets)

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.

Some of the children are learning the diagraphs **ch sh th ng**. You can help your child by reinforcing the difference between the two 'th' sounds '**th – the, that, then, with & them**' and '**th (not f) – thin, moth, thick & think**'.

Our tricky word focus, this week will be **z not s: is, as, has, his & was**

Literacy: We are learning 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 our topic work.

Topic: The Pizza Express trip was a great success and the children have been using their imagination to create their own pizza. This week we will be looking at instructions and recipes and the children will be making a Jam Sandwich.

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE & RED HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
		8 th February 2019	15 th February 2019

Stay and Read: Wednesday 13th February 2019 @ 9.15 – 10.45

Reading Books: Please could you ensure that your child has their reading book and record in

Phoenix

English

In Phoenix class this week during Literacy we will be looking at grammar and tenses and at how to improve our sentence writing.

Maths

In maths we will be learning about measures with emphasis on time and weights. We are using positional language to give and follow instructions

Topic

Our area of learning this week and for the next few weeks is POTATOES. We are thinking about how they grow, growing some ourselves and talking about how important they are.

Pegasus

English and Maths

Next week in English and maths the children will be doing assessment papers. Once those are completed, we will continue learning about decimals in maths, and the children will be preparing a plan to write a mystery story.

Topic

The children will continue learning about the Tudors. They will be looking into the lives of people during the Tudor era, focusing on the food that they ate and what this tells us about the people at the time. In science we are going to continue experimenting with sounds. We will look at insulation from sounds, and measure to see what helps reduce sounds the most.

Griffin

English

In English next week we will be completing assessments. This is your child's opportunity to really show us what they have learned in the last term. One of the writing tasks has already been completed and further writing tasks will happen through the week. We will also do a grammar, punctuation and spelling assessment and a reading comprehension assessment. Due to the snow today, reading diaries will be checked next Friday for both weeks and spellings will be available on the VLE and sent out on Monday.

Maths

Next week in maths we will be doing some further work on fractions as well as assessments for both arithmetic and reasoning. We have been so pleased with the children's understanding of fractions this week, with a lot of children really challenging themselves. Some of the year 5 children have been picking up on the year 6 level work as well! As always- tables are key to learning in so many areas of maths. There are many apps and games to help with these if your child is not secure in their knowledge, please do ask us if you would like some suggestions as to suitable ones for your child.

Topic

During topic sessions next week the children will be completing their written comparison of polar regions, finding out about the northern lights and beginning to learn songs for a concert performance at the end of term. There will be more information to follow very soon regarding the concert. The children's behaviour on our very cold walk was exceptional and their interest and focus on the task was brilliant. We found a lot more life in the woods than the children (and I!) thought there might be. Both Mrs Keane and Mrs Walker were very pleased with the children as well. In Science we will be using the leaves and knowledge we gained from doing the walk to create our own classification keys. Our PE sessions continue on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure all kit is in school.

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

Monday 4th February	Homework Club starting
Friday 8th February	9am Parent Meeting with Mrs Powell
Sunday 10 th February	Film Club 2pm-4pm
Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February	Half Term
Friday March 1 st	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 – 5.00pm
Thursday 21 st March	Parents Evening 5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Whole school visit to St Alban's Cathedral
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	Term Ends at 1.30pm
Tuesday 23rd April	INSET Day – School closed to children
Wednesday 24 th April	Children return to school
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