

## **Chenies School Newsletter**

### **Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 Spring Term – Week 8**

#### **Headteacher's News**

It has been a very busy start to the new half term. Some of the highlights of the week included the Sprite's classroom being turned into a Chinese restaurant for an afternoon where I was able to enjoy a delicious stir fried meal, using chopsticks. Phoenix class were thrilled to see how much their potatoes had grown during the half term holiday. Pegasus and Griffin have both enjoyed the opportunity for painting with watercolours.

#### **The Trout in the Classroom Project**

We were pleased to welcome Paul Jennings and Ceri Groves to one of our assemblies to talk about the Trout in the Classroom project. Did you know that there are only 250 chalk streams in the world and that the river Chess is one of them? I wonder how many other things your child can tell you about why the river Chess is a special habitat and what it is that makes it an ideal place for trout.

#### **PTA**

In my letter earlier in the week about the art gallery evening I omitted to mention that £3.50 from the sale of each painting will be donated to the PTA.

#### **World Book Day**

Next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day and we are inviting all of the children to dress up as a book character. During the day there will be lots of fun things for everyone to join in with.

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

I am pleased that many of you have signed up for parents' evening appointment times and that the feedback has been positive with regards to how easy it was to use. For those of you still to do so please go to <http://www.chenies.bucks.sch.uk/website/home/56919> and select the green log in button.

#### **The Playground After School**

I am very happy for children to stay in the playground after school and play but they do need to be supervised by the adult who has collected them at the end of the day. Children should stay on the playground or the grass and the woodland area is out of bounds.

**Suzanne Powell**  
**Head Teacher**

#### **Note from Mrs Hulme – to Pegasus Parents**

Please don't forget to submit your child's Bikeability course form and hand it into the office on Monday, if you would like your child to take part. It is Level 1 and your child may have done the course last year but they may do it again, if they would like to. There is no charge for this course.

#### **Note from Mrs Dinwiddy – Bursar – to Griffin Parents**

The last PGL payment is due today, **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. We would be most grateful if you can ensure that all payments have been made by the end of the weekend. Many thanks.

#### **Message from Mrs Walker**

Please could you continue to send in plastic milk bottle tops which we are collecting for London Air Ambulance. Which class will collect the most . . . ?! In addition, we are still collecting plastic pens, so we would be most grateful for your donations. We are now also collecting crisps packets which will be recycled to raise money for school. Individual crisp packets (not multipack wrappers) can be brought into school but they **MUST BE RINSED OUT** please!

## STARS OF THE WEEK

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
<b>Sprites</b>	<b>Jamie Adams</b>	<b>Amelia Rozwadowski</b>	<b>Harry Moore</b>
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Jackson Nichols</b>	<b>Luca Walton-Dawes</b>	<b>Philip Whale</b>
<b>Pegasus</b>	<b>Emily Coleman Anvitha Bhagavathula</b>	<b>Cassia Williams</b>	<b>Rhys Griffiths</b>
<b>Griffin</b>	<b>Chloe Hutton</b>	<b>Dawid Biziuk</b>	<b>Rain Knott Alex Szulc</b>

## PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

<b>Sprites – 93%</b>	<b>Phoenix – 97%</b>
<b>Pegasus – 93%</b>	<b>Griffin – 87%</b>

**Whole school attendance this week:**

**96.6%**

# 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. The children will also be using money in the role play area.

**Topic:** We will be continuing with our Food Creation & Chinese New Year topics. We will be opening our own Chinese Takeaway in the role play area.

Following our super hero visit from 'Perform' we have been talking about 'saving the world' – the discussion has included dangers e.g. throwing rubbish in the sea and how we can help by re-cycling. We will continue to talk about this and focus on helping people who are less fortunate than us.

## **Dates:**

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – World Book Day
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Height & Weight Checks
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Art Gallery in the school hall.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Parents Evening (After School)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – Parents Evening (Evening)
- Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – RE Week (Easter)
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Whole School Trip to St Albans Cathedral
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Stay for a Spring Walk

## **REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:**

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE & RED HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 -	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 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/parent helper has shared a book with them. Also, please encourage your child to be independent and encourage them to put their reading folders in the tray every **Monday/Wednesday/Friday** so books can be changed. **Home Learning Tasks to be completed by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

## **Phoenix Class**

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

In maths this week we are looking at capacity and volume.

In our topic work we will carry on finding out about how things grow and planting more.

## **Pegasus**

Next week in English we will be continuing with our new “live” focus. Children will look into what makes a good guide with the aim to apply it to their own work.

In maths we are going to continue looking at measurements, revisiting how to read a scale and division.

The children will continue their work on sound in science. They have been designing their own wind chimes that will be created from recycled and scavenged materials, and next week the children will be adding the finishing touches to their design portfolios before preparing to build their D.I.Y wind chimes. So if your children ask for odd items to take to school, this might be why.

Pegasus will continue to look at the Tudors and the age of sail as part of their topic work.

## **Griffin**

### **English**

Next week in English we will be continuing to Explore Oranges In No Man's land - the children have really enjoyed the text so far and it has given us lots of opportunities to think about other Character's points of view and emotive writing. Over the next few chapters we will discover what life was like during the Civil War and develop our comprehension skills.

### **Maths**

In maths we will be looking at measures and converting units of measurement e.g. ml to litres, cm to m, km and miles, g to kg. We will also use our knowledge to apply the skills to everyday problems. We will also be looking at 2D shapes, nets and quadrilaterals.

### **Topic**

In topic we will use the research completed this week about climate change to produce leaflets about our findings and promoting change. Singing is also going to feature on our agenda as we continue to learn the songs for the Music festival. In Science we are going to be learning about life cycles with some very exciting visitors!

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

Friday March 1st	PTA Burger Bingo <b>6pm</b> Pegasus and Griffin children
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Film Club 2pm-4pm
Thursday March 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 Mixed Hockey Team at DCHS
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday Art Gallery 3.15pm-5pm
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 – 5.40pm *Sprites 4.15pm-5.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.50pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school visit to St Alban's Cathedral
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm Y6 Information evening about SATs
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
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Disco KS1 6pm-7pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Disco KS2 7pm-8pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Griffin at Music Festival at Kings Church – 3.45pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Film Club 1.30pm – 3.30pm
<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
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	6 pm Y5/6 Information Evening about PGL and Sex Education
Friday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm-11pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Griffin Swimming Gala Team – 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
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Chesham Carnival
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
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Dads in school afternoon
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition (Moving-up) day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Griffin Games at Dr Challoner's High School
Sunday July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair 2pm-5pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (Time TBC after consultation with parents)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day (Time to be confirmed)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production : 2pm –pre-school children welcome 7pm – No pre –school children allowed
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Term Ends at 1.30pm</b>