

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday March 8th 2019 Spring Term – Week 9

Headteacher's News

The arrival of the chick's eggs has caused much excitement this week in school. The whole school has watched in awe and wonder as the eleven chicks have emerged from their eggs. They have created lots of opportunities for discussion and language development and I think everyone agrees with Olivia in sprites who said to me "I want to hold them because they're so cute. They're adorable." Thank you to the PTA for funding this wonderful opportunity.



Our assemblies have focused on the importance of developing good habits of mind for learning, starting with the importance of persistence. We have also reflected on what Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday mean for Christians. It was a pleasure to welcome Matthew Cliff the Minister of Chenies Baptist Church to talk to the children and I am pleased to say that he commented on how impressed he was with the way the children engaged in the assembly.



World Book Day on Thursday was a further highlight in the week with the children participating in a Little Red Riding Hood themed day. The children worked in their house groups throughout the day and made jam tarts, designed and tested clothes to keep Granny warm, made movie trailers and created outdoor sculptures. I would like to make a special mention here of Griffin class who impressed all of the staff throughout the day with their maturity and care in supporting the younger children with their learning. Well done Griffin!

Congratulations to Daniel Vanstone on winning the Chenies Challenge PTA prize. Daniel did a circular walk of Muir Woods in California and in doing so raised £56 for the school.

Unfortunately I have received a complaint from some local residents who are concerned about how a number of parents are parking their cars at drop-off and at pick-up times – particularly around the entrance to **Bedford Close**. Please can I respectfully ask that you are considerate when parking and do not park so close to this entrance. Doing so causes a hazard for residents who are trying to exit the close, in order to do their own school drop- offs, in the morning.

For **Red Nose Day** next week we will be holding a non-uniform day and asking the children to donate £1 for comic relief. During the day there will be an opportunity for the children to tell each other a joke, so if they would like to learn and practise one that would be wonderful.

Suzanne Powell
Head Teacher



Note from Mrs Hulme – to Pegasus Parents

Hopefully all parents will have received my email indicating that everyone who applied to do Bikeability in Pegasus, has a space. We will run this course on **Monday 18th March only** (and not on Tuesday 19th March as originally planned).

Note from Mrs Dinwiddy – Regarding Dinner Money

Many thanks to all parents for making regular payments on ParentPay for school dinners. I would be grateful if you could review your account over the weekend and pay any outstanding amount as soon as possible. Thank you.

STAR AWARDS FOR WORLD BOOK DAY

Sprites	Teddy Wayth	Olivia Bird		
Phoenix	Jackson Nichols	Philip Whale	Amelia Van Loosen	
Pegasus	Rhys Griffiths	Emily Coleman		
Griffin	Dawid Biziuk	James Hill	Chloe Hutton	Hollie Bladon

PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 100%	Phoenix – 94%
Pegasus – 65%	Griffin – 87%

Whole school attendance this week:

96.2%

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**

The Super hero and Princess tricky words are in the back of the reading records. Please continue to reinforce these.

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 will be continuing 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.

The children have been very excited about the chicks in school. Over the next week we will be looking at the life cycle of a chicken.

Dates:

- Tuesday 12th March 2019 – Height & Weight Checks
- Thursday 14th March 2019 - Art Gallery in the school hall.
- 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
29 th March 2019	4 th April 2019	15 th March 2019	22 nd March 2019
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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 29th March 2019

Phoenix Class

In Phoenix class we will be carrying on learning about how things grow and planting more.

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

In literacy we will be reading poetry and learning some poems off by heart. We will be looking at the life and work of Beatrix Potter and exploring some of her ideas.

We would like to say thank you to all the grown-ups who have been coming to read with Phoenix Class. The children are enjoying it and it does have a big impact.

Pegasus

Next week in English we will be continuing to research the history of our school and produce leaflets to present the information gathered.

In maths we are going to continue looking at measurements and using them to work out the perimeter of shapes.

Pegasus will work continue their work on the Tudors. Having looked at what life for a sailor in the navy was like, the children will now compare that to the life of pirates during that time. In science we will investigate insulating sound, and what materials would make good noise cancelling ear protectors. The children will also start making their wind chimes. A message was sent earlier this week about gathering junk materials (e.g. old tins, pens, disks or anything that might inspire your child) for us to make the wind chimes in class.

Griffin

English

English this week we will be continuing to follow the text 'Oranges in No Man's Land', exploring and discussing the characters, plotline and settings. We will be looking closely at character, emotions, thoughts, feelings, sights and sounds at that time in Beirut and then using these to prepare to write diary entries.

Maths

In Maths we will be focussing on area and perimeter and linking this with our work on measurement conversions using mm, cm, m and km. We will also be looking at naming and classifying quadrilaterals according to their properties and to know how diagonal lines bisect quadrilaterals. We will be illustrating and naming parts of circles, including radius, diameter and circumference and know that the diameter is twice the radius as well as drawing 2D shapes.

Topic

Our work in topic over the next few weeks will include beginning to look at polar exploration, including the explorers themselves, and their achievements. Our science work will see us continuing our work on life cycles and spending time studying the development of the chicks that we have enjoyed watching hatch this week! We will also continue with our singing rehearsals ready for the concert and developing our gymnastics skills in PE.

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

Saturday 9 th March	Film Club 2pm-4pm
Tuesday 12th March	School Nurse to see Sprites
Thursday 14 th March	Mothering Sunday Art Gallery 3.15pm-5pm
Monday 18 th March	Bikeability Level 1 – Pegasus – One day only – No Bikeability on March 19th.
Tuesday 19th March	No Swimming for 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 27 th 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 5 th 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 24 th 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