

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 8th February 2019 Spring Term – Week 6

Headteacher's News

Parent feedback

Thank you those parents who were able to attend the meeting this morning. I shall now put together all of the suggestions from parents, staff and children and next half term will share with you my thoughts about the ways we can work together to continue to make the school the best place we can for the whole community.

New Member of Staff

I am pleased to welcome a new teaching assistant, Mrs Matthews, to our staff team. She will be supporting the children in Phoenix class and is looking forward to getting to know everyone

Homework Club

Homework club proved to be popular on Monday, although the fact that it was very cold outside may have had something to do with that! If your child wants to complete their homework in school, on a Monday, please remind them that they do need to take it to school.

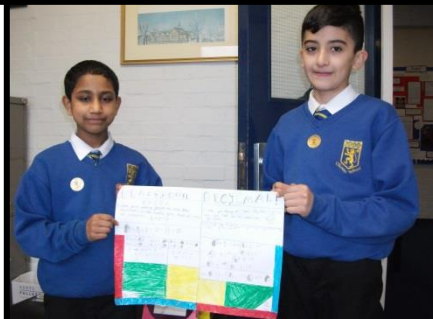
Attendance

I have been looking at whole school attendance this week and was disappointed to discover that 31% of children have attendance below 95%. Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. I would like to remind you to try and arrange medical appointments whenever possible outside of school hours and that unless there are exceptional circumstances I am unable to authorise holidays during term time.

This Week's Learning

The children have worked exceptionally hard during our assessment week and I am looking forward to talking about their achievements with their class teachers next week. I know that many of the children have enjoyed science learning this week and using data loggers to record levels of temperature and sound, which included making string telephones. Phoenix have been planting potatoes and Sprites have been finding out about Chinese New Year. Pegasus have been busy making posters to help others learn about fractions. Enjoy the weekend and remember the PTA Film Club on Sunday will be a fun way to spend an afternoon.

Suzanne Powell



STARS OF THE WEEK

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
Sprites	Rebecca Crouch	Olivia Bird	Evie Shepherd
Phoenix	Gracie Thompson	Daniel Machula	Evie-May Barker
Pegasus		Pegasus	Fawn Knott Jamie Fuchs
Griffin	Pruthvi Muralidhar Jayesh Board	Eva Teruggi	Lillie Payne

PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 100%	Phoenix – 100%
Pegasus – 83%	Griffin – 80%

Whole school attendance this week:

95.3%

Note from Mrs Hulme: Ordering a Hot Lunch

Please note that I order school lunches at **9.30am each day**. If you are bringing your child into school later than usual (9.00am) for **any** reason, and your child would like a hot lunch please can you phone the office before **9.30am** to order one? Otherwise please provide a packed lunch.

News from the PTA:

Do keep an eye out for the Quiz Night and Burger Bingo forms which have been put in book bags this week.

For other dates, see the website:

http://www.chenies.bucks.sch.uk/website/fundraising_events/56990

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 topic.

Topic: We are going to be learning about Chinese New Year and comparing different celebrations.

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 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/Friday so books can be changed.

Phoenix

In Phoenix class this week we will be using our own ideas to write a story about an adventure and making our writing interesting using adjectives and interesting verbs.

In Maths we will be looking at two digit numbers and what each represents. We will be finding halves, quarters and thirds of some numbers and using known facts to find answers.

Our area of learning this week and for the next few weeks is POTATOES. We are thinking about how they grow. We will be putting our seed potatoes in different areas around the school to see where they grow best.

Pegasus

Next week in English we will be planning and writing a mystery story. The children will be using the Ottoline and the Yellow Cat book as guidance in planning their thrilling tales.

In maths we are going to pause looking at decimals and start looking at measurement, converting them (e.g. metres into kilometres) with the aim of revisiting decimals within the context of measurements.

Pegasus will continue learning about the Tudors. They will be looking into the lives of people during the Tudor times. In science we are going to continue experimenting with sounds. The children will be tasked with researching and designing what makes the best sound-proof box, using a variety of materials.

Griffin

English

We will be continuing our poetry unit of work next week. We will particularly focus on the use of metaphors, figurative language and how to represent moods within poems. Our learning will then be put into practice to compose our own poems, by planning and learning to draft and redraft.

Maths

Our focus next week will still be fractions. We will begin to look at the equivalents of fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then continue to learn about fractions and how to multiply them by whole numbers, unit fractions and non-unit fractions.

The class have not been given written maths homework this week; they have work on Activelearn to complete along with continuing to learn times tables.

Topic

This week the children have written wonderful poems about the Northern Lights after we learned about them and looked at pictures - the children were fascinated! They will write their poems up and create a background sketch of auroras, before exploring these further within art. We will then begin to look at climate change. We will discuss what it is, how it is occurring and the implications and effects on the polar regions. In science the children will continue to classify the leaves they collected.

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

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