

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 25th January 2019 Spring Term – Week 4

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents

I would like to congratulate the children pictured below on their achievement in the National Primary Schools Chess Championship 2019. There was a lot of strong competition but all of the children won at least one of their games and most importantly enjoyed the opportunity to participate and represent our school. Unfortunately the swimming gala due to take place this week was cancelled due to the snow. As you will see from the photographs below however the unexpected snow meant a fun day for all the school!

In our assemblies this week we talked about Martin Luther King Junior and the importance of making our voices heard and speaking out against injustice, in a respectful and peaceful way. Eleanor Dolan came in to talk to the children in years 3-6, about the Chorleywood Film Festival. She really enthused the children and many showed an interest in wanting to participate. More details about the competition can be found at: <https://cwfilmclub.org/chorleywood-film-festival-2019/mini-movie-makers-competition-2019/> Some children asked Eleanor if they could see her film again and she has now added it to the webpage.

The arrival of the trout in the fish tank, outside the hall, has also caused some excitement and we are all looking forward to watching them grow before they are released back into the wild.

Thank you to those who contributed to the parent meeting yesterday or have contacted me individually. I look forward to meeting with more of you next Friday and continuing to work in partnership with you to develop the school for the benefit of all your children.

Mrs Suzanne Powell



STARS OF THE WEEK

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
Sprites	Olivia Moore Dennis Loghin	Archie Zahra	Teddy Wayth
Phoenix	George Zahra	Daniel Vanstone	Isla Campbell
Pegasus	Jamie Fuchs	Charlotte Flood	Emily Coleman
Griffin	Jacob Boulter	Pruthvi Muralidhar	Eva Teruggi

PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 87%	Phoenix – 90%
Pegasus – 77%	Griffin – 66%

Whole school attendance this week:

96.7%

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.

For information - if it snows again

We like to encourage the children to play outside in the snow at break time. Please may we remind you to send your child into school with hat, gloves and wellington boots to protect them from the cold weather. Many thanks.

News from the PTA:

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 it will be a very fun afternoon for our families and friends too, so please keep an eye out for more information coming soon.



For other dates, see the website:

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

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

Monday 28 th January	Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics Team at Dr Challoner's High School
Tuesday 29 th January	Sprites to Pizza Express
Tuesday 29 th January	Phoenix to Dr Challoner's High School for Dodgeball Event 1pm-3pm
Friday 1 st February	Meet Mrs Powell 9am
Sunday Feb 10 th	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 Dr Challoner's High School
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 to be confirmed 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

INDIVIDUAL 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. The key sounds that we will be consolidating are the **diagraphs – ck ll ff ss zz**. These sounds are usually found in the middle or the end of a word **e.g. duck buzzing**. Our tricky word focus is **he, she, we, & be**. We will continue to reinforce **I, to, go, no & the**.

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 will be continuing to consolidate learning the names of 3D shapes (sphere, cylinder, cube and cone).

Topic: We will be introducing our new topic ‘Food Creations’. This will start with our visit to Pizza Express on Tuesday 29th January, after which we will start looking at recipes and building on our culinary skills.

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
25 th January 2019	1 st February 2019	8 th February 2019	15 th February 2019

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

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

Phoenix

In Phoenix class this week during Literacy we will be thinking about information texts and looking closely at how to improve our sentence writing.

In Maths we will be learning about money and continuing to learn times tables, focusing on multiples of 5 and ten.

Our area of learning this week in topic is Things That Grow. We will be looking at plants in the local area, learning about what we need to do to help them grow healthily.

Pegasus

Next week in English we will be aiming to finish reading the book "Ottoline and the Yellow Cat" by Chris Riddell. The children will be continuing to read and discuss the book, using inference to create predictions of what may happen, with the aim to use the book as inspiration for writing their own mystery story.

In maths we are going to start looking at decimal numbers, and their relation to fractions.

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 given resources to make "string telephones" and they will be challenged to come up with an investigation that they could run independently.

Griffin

English

Next week we will be focussing on improving our grammar skills and using these within our independent writing. The children will be producing both fiction and non-fiction pieces across the week. We are hoping, after our lessons, that they will be more efficiently able to demonstrate their use of: adverbials, modal verbs, relative pronouns and word classes.

Maths

We will begin our maths unit about fractions next week. The children will be securing their knowledge and understanding of equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions. We will also continue with our weekly times tables test. The children are getting better and a few are so close to reaching their next goal - so keep practising!

Topic

In topic we're going to continue looking at and writing about the similarities and differences between the polar regions. As part of our science work, we are hoping to go into the woods to collect leaves and investigate trees in order to classify these ahead of producing botanical drawings in the coming weeks. **Please ensure that your child has a warm coat and suitable footwear in order to take part in the session.**