

## Chenies School Newsletter

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Spring Term – Week 3

#### Headteacher's News

Last Friday afternoon it was my pleasure to accompany Griffin class to a Dodgeball Festival at Dr Challoner's High School. The children were a real credit to the school and demonstrated their ability to work really well together, in all of the games they played. On Thursday, Pegasus enjoyed a trip to Metro Bank in High Wycombe where they were taken into the bank vault and given a money box to encourage them to start saving. Saturday also promises to be busy as Mrs Fuchs, has kindly organised an opportunity for a team of six children to compete in a chess competition and the PTA Film Club will take place in the afternoon.

In our assemblies this week we have been discussing the importance of working as a team and how even in the best of teams there are times when it is often necessary to think about and reach compromises. The children thought about different scenarios which can cause difficulties and came up with suggestions as to how a compromise could be reached to ensure everyone feels they have contributed to a shared solution.

I am pleased to tell you that the flooring in the reception outdoor area has now been secured and consequently Mrs Sahotay has been busy organising all the equipment so that the children can start using it next week.

Please do make a note of the new diary dates at the end of the letter as the PTA are busy planning a wide range of activities for us all to enjoy. There really is something for everyone and the money raised from events will be used to further develop our outdoor space so that we can offer more outdoor learning opportunities for all year groups.

I promised when I started that I would provide opportunities for parents to share with me their thoughts and ideas about how we can work together to continue to develop the school. To begin that process I would like to invite you to meet with me in the hall at 9am on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January** or **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**. If you are unable to make either of those meetings but would like the opportunity to discuss your thoughts with me then please contact the school office to arrange another time.

With good wishes for the weekend.

Mrs Suzanne Powell



## STARS OF THE WEEK

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
Sprites	Amelia Rozwadowski	Ciaran Singleton	Jamie Adams
Phoenix	Ewan Densley	Jessica Teruggi	Sienna Jemmett
Pegasus	Rhy Griffiths	Huw Mayes	Aris Gholami-Papkiadeh
Griffin	Rain Knott	Lillie Payne	Sophie Nunn

## PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 100%	Phoenix – 90%
Pegasus – 70%	Griffin – 66%

The vast majority of children not on Proudly Purple this week were given a level for either not completing homework, not having their reading record or not bringing in PE kit. This is really disappointing as they are reasons easily avoided. I continue to be pleased with the children's behaviour so hope to see 100% children on Proudly Purple next week.

**Whole school attendance this week:**

**93.8%**

### **School Meals:**

Please note there has been a change to the menu on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Chinese New Year. The menu and allergens sheet are on the website.

[http://www.chenies.bucks.sch.uk/website/hot\\_lunch\\_menus\\_\\_allergy\\_sheets/270534](http://www.chenies.bucks.sch.uk/website/hot_lunch_menus__allergy_sheets/270534)

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

Thank you to everyone who has donated milk bottle tops and plastic pens. Mrs Walker has a wonderful large bin bag of them! Please do carry on bringing them in to school. To remind you, they are raising funds for the London Air Ambulance Service.

### **News from the PTA:**

Our next film club will be this **Saturday 19th January**, we are showing 'Incredibles 2'. Film Club is open to all children at Chenies - friends and family are welcome. Children in Sprites and Year One and any non-Chenies children must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

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

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Film Club 2pm-4pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Griffin Swimming Gala Wycombe Abbey School 12.30pm-3.30pm
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Meet Mrs Powell 9am</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics at Dr Challoner's High School
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Sprites to Pizza Express
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Phoenix to Dr Challoner's High School for Dodgeball Event 1pm-3pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Meet Mrs Powell 9am</b>
<b>Sunday Feb 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Film Club 2pm-4pm</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Friday March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>PTA Burger Bingo 5.30pm Pegasus and Griffin children</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Film Club 2pm-4pm</b>
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 at Dr Challoner's High School
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday Art Gallery 3.15pm-5pm</b>
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 – 5.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Evening 5.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school visit to St Alban's Cathedral
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
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Spring Disco KS1 6pm-7pm</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Spring Disco KS2 7pm-8pm</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Griffin at Music Festival at Kings Church – 3.45pm
<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
<b>Friday April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm-11pm</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Griffin Swimming Gala – 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
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Chesham Carnival</b>
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
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Dads in school afternoon</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Transition (Moving-up) day</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Griffin Games at Dr Challoner's High School
<b>Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Summer Fair 2pm-5pm</b>

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (Time to be confirmed 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
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends at 1.30pm

## INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

### Phoenix

In Phoenix class this week during Literacy we will be thinking about information texts and using our topic learning to write our own ones.

In maths we will be learning about money and continuing to learn times tables, focusing on multiples of 5 and 10.

Our area of learning this week in topic is Things That Grow. We will be looking at trees in the local area, learning about their structure and how to identify different types.

### Pegasus

Next week in English we will continue 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. They will also be learning how to note take.

In maths we are going to continue looking at fractions. By the end of the week, the children should be able to add and subtract fractions as well as count in them on a numberline.

Pegasus will continue learning about the Tudors. They will be looking into some key figures of the time, such as Elizabeth I. In science we are going to continue experimenting with sounds by creating a “DIY” guitar and looking to see what causes a sound to change pitch.

## 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 continue to learn the names of 3D shapes (sphere, cylinder, cube and cone) and looking at how they are made up of 2D shapes.

Topic: Going with the children's interest we have decided to change our topic to 'Food Creation' which has been inspired by our class text George's Marvellous Medicine. We will be mixing potions, doing science experiments and creating our own recipes.

We will also use our knowledge and understanding of 2D/3D shapes to create and construct models of different forms of transport using a range of materials.

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

RED HOUSE	x	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
BLUE HOUSE	x	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
YELLOW HOUSE	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
GREEN HOUSE	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	

Junk Modelling: Week beginning the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 we will be having a junk modelling day to make models of different types of transport. So next week we will be collecting boxes, containers, kitchen roll tubes etc. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Stay and Read: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, we have our trip to Amersham Pizza Express. Please complete and return the consent form by Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

The children have been using construction pieces to see who was the tallest and shortest:



## **Griffin**

### English

The children have planned and started writing a junior handbook for an explorer in the Amazon. They will finish these next week and work on editing and improving them. They are being encouraged to include the following: fronted adverbials, subordinating phrases, a variety of conjunctions, varied sentence lengths and structures and a range of advanced punctuation correctly (colons, commas for lists, semi-colons etc). Our next English unit will be based around poetry; looking at powerful language.

### Maths

We have been very impressed with the children's division work this week - year 6 have taken to long division well! We will finish looking at how to round answers up or down according to multiplication or division problems given. We will also focus on ratio and scaling problems and end the week focusing on multi-step problems using all operations.

### Topic

Our science work next week will continue to focus on classification and animals. Our Frozen Kingdom work will centre around exploring and researching different topics of the polar regions eg climate, population, weather, and using these to produce a written report about them. On Wednesday it is Griffin's turn for French. The class worked so well together at the Dodgeball tournament last week - we were proud of their teamwork and behaviour - well done Griffin!