

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday March 22nd 2019 Spring Term – Week 11

Headteacher's News

I want to say thank you for donating to our Red Nose Day collection last Friday – I am delighted to announce we donated £90 to this very worthy cause. Thank you for your generosity.

It was good to see so many of you at parents' evening this week and very encouraging to receive so many positive responses to the questionnaires. If you have not yet had a chance to complete one then please do request one from the school office.

The highlight of this week has been the visit from the author Olaf Falgael. I am quite sure that your children will have told you about it and hope they brought home their drawings which he inspired them to do. He told the children that he used the habit of mind of persistence, as his editor required him to make lots of changes to the text of the book between first writing it and it eventually being published. His inspiration to be an author started with writing comics, perhaps this is something you could encourage your child to do, I would love to see their endeavours!



At the request of a number of parents I have reinstated the **no football rule before school**, as it has become apparent that it is hazardous to those not playing! Also can I please ask for your cooperation in ensuring that all **packed lunches are sent to school in a bag or box designed for food**. There have been an increasing number of children bringing packed lunches in plastic carrier bags which are being left overnight and I am concerned that this will only serve to encourage unwelcome visitors!

Congratulations to all the children who took part in Bikeability, I was pleased to present them all with certificates in assembly today.

Suzanne Powell

Message from the Eco-warriors!

2019 Great Big School Clean 22 March- 23 April

Join pupils and schools across the country and declare that litter - which degrades the beauty of our environment and threatens wildlife - is unacceptable.

Could you spare a bit of time to pick up litter near where you live or join a clean up near you? (#GBSpringClean). If you walk to school, you could pick up litter on the way and recycle or dispose of it in the large bins on the playground. (Make sure you stay safe when picking up litter). Do your litter pick before the 23rd April and take a photo for our Eco display board in school or tell us about your litter pick at the Eco assembly. **You could win an Eco prize!**

News from the PTA

We have our Spring Disco **on Friday 29th March**, You should have received the booking forms in book bags. Please don't forget to use www.easyfundraising.co.uk when shopping online - it's a very easy way to raise £££'s for the PTA.

We only have space for two more quiz night teams so please get your forms in if you want to join us!

Katy Williams.

STARS OF THE WEEK

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
Sprites	Archie Zahra	Victor Scarpellini-Lind	Jamie Adams
Phoenic	Marcel Bothamy Noah McCall	Anna Powell Oliver Barnes	Hattie Brown
Pegasus	Rhys Griffiths	Cassia Williams	Anvitha Bhagavathula
Griffin	Henry Keen	James Hill	Jordan Butcher

PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 100%	Phoenix – 87%
Pegasus – 87%	Griffin – 97%

Whole school attendance this week:

95.9%

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. the dog is white**. They count the number of words (four) and write one word at a time, saying each word out aloud to help them hear the sounds. We will also be talking about nouns – verbs – adjectives. The children are encouraged to use sound mats to identify sounds and write key words.

Maths: We will be learning about subtraction this week. We will be introducing the different vocabulary and using different apparatus to work out problems. The children will also be using money in the role play area. Please help your child to recognise coins and apply them to addition problems.

Topic: Mother's Day & Easter

Dates:

- 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		
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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.

Thank you to you all for your support and kind words at parents evening.

Mrs Sahotay

Phoenix Class

In Phoenix class we will be continuing to look at the work of Beatrix Potter. We will be writing our own stories and looking at story structure and patterns.

In maths we have been using arrays to help understand times tables. Next week we will be using learnt facts to help with adding and subtraction calculations.

In science we will be learning about the similarities and differences between some animals and identifying features common to a particular habitat.

Pegasus

Next week in English, Pegasus will be planning and writing their tours of Chenies School, as well as doing some writing around the trip to St. Albans.

In maths we are going to start looking at time and reading clocks, in digital and analogue.

All topic work next week will be based around R.E and the topic of Easter.

Griffin

English

Next week, we will be using our trip to the cathedral to inspire some writing along with looking a lot more at the grammar skills that we need to learn. Our work also continues with our text, Oranges in No Man's Land and again, we will be producing writing inspired by this and linking new or revised grammar techniques to our writing.

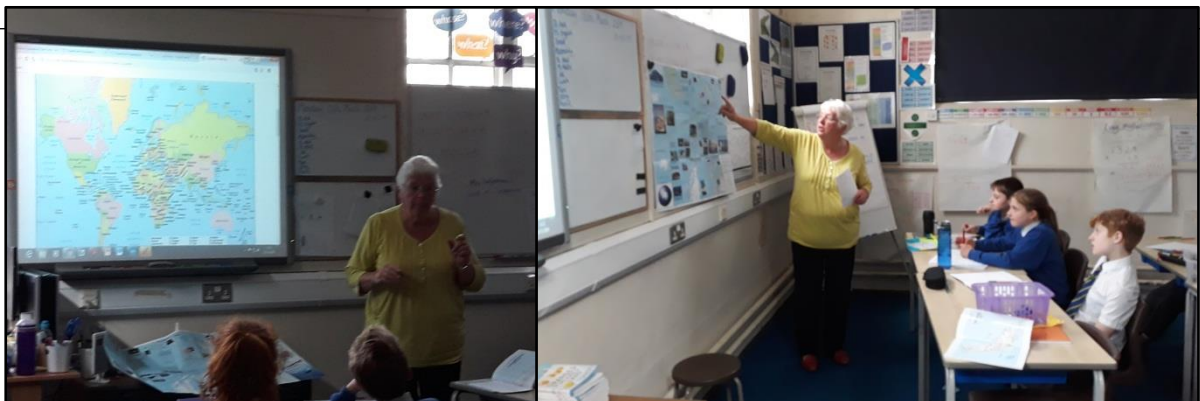
Maths

We will complete our work on area and perimeter next week, including work on other quadrilaterals. We will also be looking at the volume of shapes and the formula for working this out. We will continue our work on 2D shapes and begin looking at co-ordinates.

Topic

After a fantastic, informative talk from Mrs Palfreman, the children - who listened beautifully and engaged so well with their questioning - will learn and write about the race to the pole. Singing will also feature, ahead of our rehearsal on Friday morning.

In science, we will be undertaking our own investigations into gravity. The children have designed their own experiments to find out more about this force. Our PE work sees us finishing our gymnastics unit by putting all our skills together.



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

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	Cancelled – Team from Griffin Football Match at Ley Hill School 3.45pm **MOVED TO APRIL 4TH**
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	11+ Information evening for Year 5 parents
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