

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 8th January 2021

Headteacher's News

I would like to begin by wishing you all a happy new year. It has certainly been a fast moving week in school and I would like to begin by thanking all of the staff who have responded so professionally and ensured that our remote learning offer was in place from first thing Tuesday morning, and has worked so effectively. In addition we were also able to open our doors to key worker and vulnerable children on Tuesday morning. We have all been required to change our patterns of working this week, as I know many of you will have been required to do as well. This is never easy but we are grateful for the many positive comments we have received and will continue to listen to your feedback so that we build on what we are offering.

One issue that we have already recognised is that if google meets are at the same time throughout the school it is difficult for members of the same household to access different ones. We are trying to find ways around that and individual teachers will communicate those arrangements to you via the google classroom.

To ensure that the google meets can go ahead with enough children in them and to enable the children in school to maintain contact with class teachers who are working from home there may be some occasions when the children in school join the class google meet sessions. If any parent of a child in school does not want their child to participate in these sessions please contact the school office.

Mobile Data

The government has put provision in place for schools to request increased data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

If increasing mobile data is not a suitable option for some children, schools can also request 4G wireless routers.

If there is any parent who needs an increase in their data or a router to enable their child to access the home learning please contact me.

Circumstances do change and I would like to remind you that if your child is relying on a phone for their online learning and does not have access to a laptop computer please also contact me as I am able to loan school laptops.



Happy Birthday
Jessica – 11th January



Oxford Owl E books

I realise that while children are not in school they do not have access to the usual number of reading scheme books. We do have access to the Oxford University Press ebooks on [Oxford Owl](#), which you can make use of. As well as being able to read the ebooks there are also activities linked to each of them to support reading comprehension. The books are from the reading schemes and if you need further advice about which ones your child should be reading please contact your child's class teacher.

The username for your child's classes are:

chenies hepworth

chenies hockney

chenies monet

chenies van-gogh

The password is in the email this letter was attached to.

Congratulations Oscar

It is always lovely to hear about our children's successes out of school and I am pleased to share with you that Oscar came second in a CODENINJAS science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) competition.

I wish you all a good weekend and hope that you enjoy your time spent at home, with just your immediate family!

Suzanne Powell

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020 / 2021

Spring Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 4 th January
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	15 th – 19 th February
Term Ends	Thursday 1 st April @ 1.30pm

Summer Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 19 th April
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April
Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 st July @ 1.30pm