

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

Headteacher's News

Bishop Stortford Festival of Literature

As you know I am passionate about children reading for pleasure and the highlight of my week has been the number of children I have spoken to who have told me how much they have enjoyed and been inspired by watching the author talks at the virtual Bishop Stortford Festival of literature. The talks are all available [here](#) so if you or your child have not had a chance to watch any yet or would like to watch some more, there is still time to do so.

As the children have appreciated the talks I should also like to draw your attention to The [Hay Literature Festival website](#) which contains a significant number of recorded author events that are available for free viewing. I am sure they will also provide inspiration for children to either read one of their books or complete a piece of writing which they might then enter in the Chorleywood Bookshop Writing Competition!

Chorleywood Bookshop Writing Competition

The theme for this year's children's writing competition is friendship. The competition is going to be judged by Cressida Cowell, current Children's Laureate and author of the *How to Train a Dragon* and *Wizards of Once* series which I know many of our children have enjoyed reading. To enter children will need to complete the following tasks:

Group 1 (school years Reception, 1 and 2) – Which character from a book would you choose to be your friend and why? Draw a picture of the two of you being friends.

Group 2 (school years 3-6) – Choose 2 characters from different books. Write a conversation between them as they meet for the first time, get to know each other and become friends. (There is no word limit for this Group but remember that quality is pretty much always better than quantity!)

If your child would like to enter the competition the details of how to do so can be found [here](#). The closing date is Friday 12th March.



Happy Birthday
Oscar – 12th February



It has once again been a very different half term but I am proud of the way the children have continued to engage with the remote learning and am grateful for the support that you have given your children. We will resume our remote learning on Monday 22nd February and look forward to the children being refreshed and ready to continue their learning. In the meantime I hope that you all enjoy a break from home-schooling and have a restful half term.

Suzanne Powell

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

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

Autumn Term 2021

Inset Day	Wednesday 1 st September
Inset Day	Thursday 2 nd September
Term Starts	Friday 3 rd September
Half Term	25 th – 29 th October
Inset Day	Monday 1 st November
Term Ends	Friday 17 th December @1.30pm

Spring Term 2022

Inset Day	Tuesday 4 th January
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 th January
Half Term	21 st – 25 th February
Term Ends	Friday 8 th April @ 1.30pm

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts	Monday 25 th April
Half Terms	30 th May – 3 rd June
Inset Day	Monday 6 th June
Term Ends	Thursday 21 st July @ 1.30pm