

Chenies School Newsletter

10th September 2021

Headteacher's News

It has been a wonderful start to the school term. Our new reception children have settled well as have the new children in our other classes and it has been a pleasure to welcome them. The children have enjoyed being able to play with children from other classes again and sharing new playtime equipment. They have also been working hard in their classrooms and putting a high level of effort into their work. I have particularly enjoyed the return of our whole school assembly. This week we were able to share some challah bread, apples and honey as we talked about Rosh Hashannah-do ask your child if they can tell you why!

Please see the attached letter regarding a confirmed case of Covid in the school.

Elections

If your child would like to stand for election as a House Captain (Year 6 only), School Council member or Eco warrior please encourage them to prepare a manifesto speech for next week. House Captain elections will be on Monday and School Council/Eco Warriors on Tuesday.

Nut Allergy

We do have children with nut allergies in school so please can you ensure that your child's packed lunch is free from products containing nuts.

Parking in the Village

Unfortunately I have already received a complaint from a local resident about parent's parking on the grass verges in the village. We are so fortunate that our school is in such an idyllic location and we do not want to upset the local residents or for the grass to be churned up and become unsightly due to inconsiderate parking. Please park considerately and remember that you are able to park in the Bedford Arms Car Park.

Esafety leaflet

Please find attached to this newsletter an invitation to book a free online workshop for parents and carers about keeping your child safe online. The workshops are on Tuesday 5th October and Tuesday 18th November from 10am-11.30am.

Uniform

We have been emphasising the importance of children wearing their correct school uniform with pride this week. I would be grateful if you could support us with this by reminding your child to do their top button up, tuck their shirt in in and to wear appropriate school shoes and not trainers. Shoulder length hair must be tied up. As a reminder the school uniform requirements are included at the end of this letter. The PTA are holding a uniform sale next Friday after school if you need additional items of uniform.

Please ensure your child's uniform items are named.

School Uniform		
Boys	Girls	
	Summer	Winter
Grey trousers or grey shorts	Blue/white checked or candy-striped dress	Grey skirt, grey pinafore dress or grey school trousers
Plain white shirt with a collar (not a polo-shirt)		White blouse with a collar
Grey socks	White socks	White/Grey socks or Grey tights
School sweatshirt with the school logo *	School sweatshirt or school cardigan with the school logo *	School sweatshirt or school cardigan with the school logo *
School tie*		School tie*
Suitable black school shoes (not trainers or boots)	Suitable black low heeled school shoes (not trainers or boots)	Suitable black low heeled school shoes (not trainers or boots)
PE Uniform		
Summer	Winter	
Royal Blue shorts	Royal Blue shorts/Chenies tracksuit bottoms*	
White polo shirt with school logo*	White polo shirt with school logo* / Chenies tracksuit top or fleece*	
White socks	White socks	
Trainers	Trainers	
Stud earrings must be removed or taped before PE lessons.		

Message from the PTA

The PTA will be hosting a bake sale after school next Friday, 17th September, to raise funds for the school. If you would like to contribute some treats to the sale, we would really appreciate it. Please bring in your cakes or biscuits (made or bought!) at drop off to be sold in the afternoon. We will also have lots of pre-loved uniform available so please do come along!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and good luck if you are entering the produce show!

Suzanne Powell



Happy Birthday

Ayan – 10th Sep

Fawn – 14th September

Evie S – 16th September



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	The whole class	
Monet	Isheeta	Samuel
Hockney	Jackson	Renee
Hepworth	Amelia	Adrian

Class News

Van Gogh

It has been a great start to the year and the children have settled in well. They have been busy making new friend and becoming familiar with their learning environment. This week our key focus has been to familiarise the children with school rules and routines, especially the importance of 'good listening'. The children have had a tour of the school, met all the staff, and have had great fun with the older children on the playground at lunchtimes.

Our topic over the next few week is 'ALL ABOUT ME'. During this time, we will be encouraging the children to talk about their families, interests, likes, and dislikes. We will also be looking at what makes us unique and how, even though we are different we have lots of similarities.

EYFS Workshops:

Over the next few weeks I will be running workshops covering key aspects of the new EYFS Curriculum (2021). The workshops are designed to give you an insight into the expectations of the Early Years Curriculum and how you can support your child at home. If you are unable to attend, I am happy to arrange a meeting to talk through the key points, I will also be posting the information on Google Classroom once it has been set up.

Thursday 16th September 2021: EYFS Curriculum & Writing in EYFS Workshop (9.15 – 10.15)

Thursday 23rd September 2021: EYFS Maths Workshop (1.15 – 2.15)

Thursday 30th September 2021: EYFS Phonics & Reading (9.15 – 10.15)

School Council and Eco Warrior Elections

The school council and Eco Warrior elections will be taking place Tuesday 14th September 2021 and we need a representative from each class. If your child is interested in either of these positions, they will need to prepare a short speech about why they should be elected.

Buddies

Next week your child will meet their Year 6 Buddy. The buddy system allows the reception children to have a 'go to person' during their first year at school. It is also an opportunity for our Year 6s to take the responsibility of child in reception who they can over the year get to know and support through various whole school and class events.

Autumn Timetable:

Autumn Timetable: Please note that this is a general overview of the week, activities may vary due to the topic and interests of the children.								
		9.15 – 10.15			10.45 – 11.45		1.30 – 2.30	
Monday	Register and Brain Break	PE - Dance (Mrs Sahotay)	Daily Mile & Brain Break	Snack	Phonics Handwriting Reading	Lunchtime	Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	Story & Home
Tuesday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			PE (PE Coach)		Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Wednesday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play		Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Thursday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play		Show & Tell Child Initiated Play	
Friday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play		Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	

REMINDERS:

Next Week:

The children will be staying for the whole day. They can arrive any time from 8.30 onwards and should be picked up at 3.15.

PE:

The children will be having PE lessons on **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child has the full PE kit outlined in the EYFS information pack. If your child wears earrings, they must be removed or taped up on these days.

Walks:

Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies (to be left in school) and a raincoat, as we do often go for walks and spend a lot of our day outside.

Labels: Please ensure that all CLOTHING AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS ARE LABELLED.

STAY AND PLAY SESSION DATES:

Over the year you are invited to come and spend time with your child in their learning environment. Siblings are not allowed to attend these sessions, as we believe this is an opportunity for your child to share their experiences of school with you. The picnic is a family event and an opportunity for us all to celebrate the end of the year and the children's achievements.

STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS	
Wednesday 13 th October 2021 9.00 – 10.30	STAY AND COME FOR AN AUTUMN WALK
Tuesday 30 th November 2021 1.45 – 3.00	STAY AND PLAY
Wednesday 26 th January 2022 1.30 – 2.45	STAY AND READ
Friday 1 st April 2022 9.00 – 10.30	STAY AND COME FOR A SPRING WALK
Monday 16 th May 2022 9.00 – 10.30	STAY AND GET PHYSICAL
Monday 15 th July 2021 8.15 – 10.00	STAY FOR A BREAKFAST PICNIC WITH SIBLINGS

SHOW & TELL DATES:

Throughout the year your child will get an opportunity to bring something in for 'Show & Tell'. This could be something they are interested in and willing to talk about, for example a special toy, something they might be collecting, or something related to the current topic. Please do not send in anything valuable as we cannot be held responsible for any damage.

AUTUMN TERM			
Red House	Yellow House	Blue House	Green House
Thursday 23 rd September 2021	Thursday 30 th September 2021	Thursday 7 th October 2021	Thursday 14 th October 2021
Thursday 21 st October 2021	Thursday 4 th November 2021	Thursday 11 th November 2021	Thursday 18 th November 2021
Thursday 25 th November 2021	Thursday 2 nd December 2021	x	x

SPRING TERM			
Red House	Yellow House	Blue House	Green House
x	x	Thursday 6 th January 2022	Thursday 13 th January 2022
Thursday 20 th January 2022	Thursday 27 th January 2022	Thursday 3 rd February 2022	Thursday 10 th February 2022
Thursday 17 th February 2022	Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Thursday 10 th March 2022	Thursday 17 th March 2022
Thursday 24 th March 2022	Thursday 31 st March 2022	x	x

SUMMER TERM			
Red House	Yellow House	Blue House	Green House
x	x	Thursday 28 th April 2022	Thursday 5 th May 2022
Thursday 12 th May 2022	Thursday 19 th May 2022	Thursday 26 th May 2022	Thursday 9 th June 2022
Thursday 16 th June 2022	Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Thursday 30 th June 2022	Thursday 7 th July 2022

Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

We have thoroughly enjoyed looking at Year 1's holiday diaries this week and have been having fun getting to know each other in Monet Class.

Next week in English we will be focusing on words to join our sentences, remembering when to use capital letters and full stops and thinking of super adjectives.

In Maths we will be looking at what each digit represents in a 2-digit number, partitioning numbers into tens and ones and practising our number bonds to 5 and 10.

In Science we will be describing and comparing a variety of animals, thinking about the groups they belong to. We have found out about mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish.

In Topic we will be creating abstract faces and looking at the art of Picasso to give us some inspiration, we will also be exploring rules in different religions and linking this to Chenies Code of Conduct. We will also be playing musical games, learning songs and finding the pulse in Music.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Next week we are looking forward to delving deeper into our topic on the Ancient Egyptians. The children came up with some fantastic questions this week that they would like to find out more about including learning about Egyptian homes, their religion and how they were able to build such incredible buildings that we would even struggle to build today!

In Maths we will be revising number and place value. We will be partitioning 2,3 and 4-digit numbers. We will be using our knowledge of partitioning to add 2-digit numbers together.

In English we will continue reading our fiction story 'Storm'. We will be focusing on making predictions about where the story might go and sequencing events using inference when answering comprehension questions.

In Science we will be continuing our topic looking at humans and other animals. Studying food chains and thinking about the implications of these food chains breaking down.

In Music this week we began by looking at the music of the reggae artist Bob Marley and how his music reflected the turmoil of the time. The children listened to and appraised his song 'Three Little Birds' thinking carefully about the lyrics and the instruments he employed. We will continue to study his music next week and have a go at singing some of his songs!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

We have had a great first full week back in Hepworth Class. The children have all settled well and have been working hard.

Year 6 will continue with Forest School on Monday. Please wear trousers/leggings that can be made dirty - all children should be wearing school shirts and sweatshirts with these though. They can also wear trainers for the sessions.

English

We continue with our text 'Friend or Foe' next week. We will spend time reading the text, and developing our inference skills, whilst exploring the characters further.

In our SPAG session on Friday we will explore standard and non-standard English using the text Friend or Foe. We will move on to our next spelling rule 'ough' and our focus statutory words will be: celebrate, certain, chocolate, colour, different.

Maths

We start the week comparing and ordering numbers, ensuring that we use language related to place value. Towards the end of the week we will focus on negative numbers.

We also have a focus on times tables. Please encourage your child to learn these if they are not fluent with them. An approach of 'little and often' really is useful in learning them and will support all areas of their maths learning.

Year 5 will be learning some sewing skills on Monday, when we learn about darning socks, linking to 'make do and mend'. Our Science work will focus on creating simple circuits and recording these using circuit symbols. In Spanish we will be talking about our food likes and dislikes. Our topic work will focus on our geography skills - locating key countries from WW2. We will continue to find out about religious and denominations in our local area in our RE lesson. In PSHE we will continue our relationships theme, finding out more about peer influence and peer approval including online.

Gymnastics will continue on Thursday and PE with our coach will be on Tuesday.

Please ensure all kit is in school on these days - including trainers.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

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 4th 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 6th June
Term Ends	Thursday 21 st July @ 1.30pm