

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020

Headteacher's News

Pyjama Day

I want to start this letter by telling you how proud I am of all the children this term. They have all adapted to the new way of working in our bubbles exceptionally well. I have seen enthusiasm for learning and determination to do their best from all of the children throughout the half term. I am delighted to be able to say that since the first week of term lots of children have been sent to my office, to show me excellent work, but the list of children sent to me for receiving a level is blank. The children's behaviour this half term has been exemplary and they certainly deserved to be rewarded with a pyjama day today. There has been much excitement and they have enjoyed spending time watching a DVD, participating in an inter-house quiz, reading and enjoying hot chocolate.

Reading Ambassadors

Congratulations to our newly appointed Reading Ambassadors! Ellie, Akram, Fawn and Adrian will be working alongside Mrs Wilson in the school library, promoting reading and keeping everything organised. The children had to apply for the job using a formal application form and show evidence of their passion for reading in their guided reading workbooks and reading records. There will be opportunities for other children in years 5 and 6 to become reading ambassadors as the year progresses.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to you all for booking your parents evening appointments and keeping to the time available so that the teachers were able to make the majority of the calls at the right time. The feedback I have received from parents and teaching staff has been positive and I feel that in the current challenging circumstances the system worked well. We look forward to a time when appointments can be in person again but please do remember if you have any concerns at any time if you contact the school office we can arrange for teaching staff to telephone you.

Secondary Transfer Test

Children in Year 6 will be taking their Secondary Transfer Practice test on Tuesday 3rd November and the actual test on Thursday 5th November. If you do not want your child to take the test please advise me in writing by Tuesday 3rd November.

Pencil Cases

All children in KS2 will be bringing their pencil cases home for the half term. Please can you use this as an opportunity to restock them ready for next half term. The children should bring them back to school on Tuesday 3rd November.



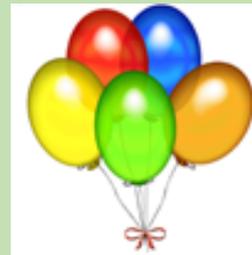
Happy Birthday

Sienna - 24th October

Oliver B and Renee - 1st November

Beatrix - 3rd November

Frankie - 4th November



I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful half term and we look forward to seeing you all back on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Suzanne Powell

PTA NEWS – LAUNCH OF CHENIES SCHOOL LOTTERY!!

We have been looking at new socially-distanced ways to raise funds for the school during this period. We are very excited to announce the launch of the **Chenies School lottery**. This is being run through a national scheme called 'Your school lottery'. You can sign up from as little as £1 per week. There is a weekly draw with a guaranteed prize for someone in our lottery PLUS the chance to win the **national jackpot of £25k!!**

For each £1 in ticket sales, 40p is donated directly to the PTA, 36p is returned in prizes and the remaining 24p covers the running costs. We plan to use the funds raised for the lottery to new school equipment, including smart white boards.

All parents, teachers and friends of the school are welcome to sign up. Please note the payment is deducted monthly rather than weekly. You can cancel at any time. Our first draw is **Saturday 14th November** and you can sign up immediately at:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/chenies-school>

Your School Lottery is registered with the Gambling Commission. Players must be over 16 and resident in the UK. As with other lotteries, this is intended to be a fun way to raise money for the school. We understand and respect that some people are not comfortable with any form of gambling and will also be introducing other new ways of raising funds. <https://www.begambleaware.org/>

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh Class News

I cannot believe we are already at the end of our first term. It has been great to get to know the children and I am looking forward to our second term together.

We come back to school on the Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

Phonics: We will continue to focus on **Rhyming and Oral Segmenting and Blending** and would encourage parents to help their children by sharing books with rhymes and playing games to help them learn to orally segment and blend simple words.

We have worked through Phase 2 in phonics but would like you to continue working with your child to consolidate these sounds. Next term as a class we will be starting Phase 3 and learning **ch, sh, th, ng** and **nk**. The children will continue to also work in their ability groups on their specific sounds/targets.

Reading: It has been nice to hear the children talking about the books they have taken home over the last few weeks. Please continue to share books your children as well as hearing them read. There will be no books sent home over the holidays. Books will be sent home on Tuesday 3rd November and should be returned on Friday 6th November so that they can be changed ready for the following Monday. If you have not read the books and would like to keep them a bit longer, please put a note in the wallet.

Math: The children have had a great time learning all about number 'two'. This week we have focused on two step repeated patterns and the name/properties of a semi-circle. When we come back in November we will re-visit **combining** ONE and ANOTHER ONE you make TWO and continue to look at TWO as a whole number but when it is **partitioned**, it is ONE and ANOTHER ONE **combined**. We will be using this to introduce addition and doubling.

Mind Up: The children have enjoyed taking part in the brain breaks and have started to see the benefits. *The key vocabulary they have been using is... prefrontal cortex, hippocampus, and amygdala.* This week we have been thinking of times when we have been mindful and unmindful.

Topic: The children have enjoyed learning about autumn, and we have a fantastic display with the children's artwork and snippets of them re-telling the story. We will continue to talk about autumn next term but our key focus for the first two week will be 'Fireworks' and 'Remembrance Day'.

Walks:

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

SHOW & TELL DATES: Yellow House – Friday 6th November 2020

REMINDER:

- Please remember that the children are not allowed to bring in book bags to school.
- Please try to access google classrooms as soon as possible and if you encounter any problems, let the office know. Instructions to access can be found on the Friday 9th October newsletter.

I know with the current situation things are different, but please if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parents Evening: It was lovely talking to you all and I would just like to say that the children have settled in really well, and it is a pleasure to be a part of their foundation year. Thank you for all your kind words and ongoing support. Wishing you a restful and safe half term.

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

Next half term we will be writing recounts about our half term and looking at non-fiction texts, in particular explanation texts. We will be linking this to Bonfire Night, writing about how to stay safe and finding out about Guy Fawkes.

In Maths we will be marking and comparing numbers on a number line, counting in 10s and 2s and finding fractions of shapes.

We will also be looking at changes in weather and describing day length in Autumn, creating a seasonal weather wheel and focusing on special occasions in R.E. In computing we will be looking at using keywords to search for a topic online.

Have a lovely half term,
Miss Blakeley

Hockney

After half term in Maths the children of Hockney will continue working on using mental strategies and hopefully be ready to move on to written methods.

In English, they will look at a new non-fiction topic, where they will be writing a tour of the school.

In computing children will continue to learn how to more effectively use search engines like Google.

In Science the children will be investigating magnets, their properties and their effects on objects.

In history they will continue to look at the lives of people during the Iron and comparing it with modern life and the Stone Age.

They will also start looking at geography, specifically at settlements, what they are and what is needed to have a functioning one.

Hepworth

Well done to all of Year 5 and 6 for all you've achieved this half term. The children are all ready for a break!

After half term, we will continue with our 'Stargazers' topic, which we will learn about through different curriculum areas.

English

'Greek Myths' will be our new English unit. We will begin by exploring what myths are and what they explore. We will discuss what some myths explore, beginning with 'Pandora's Box'.

Year 5 will also spend some time working on reading comprehensions and exploring how to use the inference and deduction skills.

At the end of the first week we will do some work on more advanced punctuation in our SPAG session. Our spelling rule will be words with the /k/ sound spelt ch, e.g. character / scheme.

Maths

We will complete our learning of how to use column addition correctly, before moving to column subtraction towards the end of the week.

Year 5 will also explore counting forwards and backwards in steps; using their tables knowledge, powers of 10 for any given number up to 1,000,000 and negative into positive numbers.

Other areas of learning

On the first day back (Tuesday 3rd November), we will spend the afternoon developing our basketball skills as part of our School Sports Partnership - please come in PE kit, with trainers.

In art we will learn about and develop skills in using cross hatching, Pointillism, sidestrokes and the use of a rubber to draw/highlight.

In Science we will be learning about light and considering some investigations we hope to carry out.

Our RE work continues with the theme of pilgrimages - and we will learn more about Hindu pilgrimage in particular. Our PSHE work sees us exploring healthy and unhealthy relationships.

We hope you have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Tillyer & Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020 / 2021

Autumn Term 2020

Inset Day	Tuesday 1 st September
Inset Day	Wednesday 2 nd September
Terms Starts	Thursday 3 rd September
Half Term	26 th – 30 th October
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd November
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December @ 1.30pm

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