

# Chenies School Newsletter

## 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Headteacher's News

I am sure that like me you were pleased to hear the government announcements this week regarding the lifting of restrictions in schools. We will be maintaining all of our current arrangements and bubbles until the end of this term but we are looking forward to a fresh start in September. I will provide further information next week about changes to drop off and collection arrangements next week.

Please can your child bring a strong named carrier bag to school next week as they will soon be able to take their books and work home. All children need to bring in their reading books and reading records next Friday.

### KS2 Author Visit

The children really enjoyed the virtual author visit from A.M. Howell this morning and I know many of the children are now keen to read her books. If you would like to place an order please [click here](#) by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### End of Year Reports

Your child will be bringing home their end of year report today. The children have all worked hard this term and deserve to be praised for their efforts. If you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

### Change in Menu

Please note that on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July the menu has changed to Cheese & Tomato pizza with salad, this will be served with a muffin for dessert.

Lunches for the autumn term can now be booked on ParentPay, if your child would like a hot lunch on their return to school in September please make your booking by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.



## Happy Birthday

Samyukta – 9<sup>th</sup> July

Findlay – 9<sup>th</sup> July

Freddie S – 10<sup>th</sup> July

Marcel – 12<sup>th</sup> July

Harry M – 13<sup>th</sup> July

Olivia M – 13<sup>th</sup> July



## Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency summer reading challenge begins tomorrow. This year's theme is Wild World Heroes. Children can participate online or at their local library.

<b>Wild World heroes in Libraries</b>	<b>Wild Wild Heroes Online</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children sign up at their local library and receive a wild world heroes collector poster</li><li>• They set a personal reading goal for the summer and borrow books, eBooks and audiobooks of their choice</li><li>• Each time they finish a book and visit the library, children collect special stickers to add to their poster, plus other Wild World Heroes themed incentives</li><li>• They receive a certificate and/or medal for reaching their Challenge goal</li><li>• Library staff and volunteers support children in discovering new authors and exploring a wide range of different types of books</li><li>• Libraries offer a wide variety of events and activities for families to enjoy all summer long</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children can sign up for a website profile at <a href="http://wildworldheroes.org.uk">wildworldheroes.org.uk</a>.</li><li>• They set a personal reading goal for the summer, and receive book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home</li><li>• Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and leave a review, unlocking digital badges and online reward items along the way</li><li>• They unlock a certificate for reaching their Challenge goal</li><li>• Children can play games, enter competitions, share recommendations and more on the free, safe and moderated platform</li><li>• With new Wild World \heroes content to discover each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer</li></ul>

Please do encourage your child to take part in this challenge. We will be allowing children who are returning to school in September to take two library books home for the summer holidays.

### Summer Holiday Activities

We have been sent the details of a new gymnastics club in Amersham. Details about the summer workshops they are holding can be found on their website [www.diamond-gymnastics.com](http://www.diamond-gymnastics.com).

### End of Term Arrangements

Please remember that on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July School will be finishing at 1.00pm. Our staggered collection times will be as follows:

VG/Monet – 1pm – 1.10pm

Hockney – 1.10pm – 1.20pm

Hepworth – 1.20pm – 1.30pm

Have a good weekend and enjoy the football on Sunday!

Suzanne Powell

## STARS OF THE WEEK

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Barnaby</b>	<b>Freya</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Freddie S</b>	<b>Ethan B</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Evie-May</b>	<b>Rishabh</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Emily</b>	<b>Joowon</b>

## Class News

### Van Gogh

**Phonics:** The children are working very hard on their phonics as we continue to re-visit and consolidate the Phase 3 and Phase 5 sounds and focus on applying these sounds to reading and writing. Please continue to work with your child on the sounds and tricky words. Our key focus is learning alternative sounds...

ai	ay	a-e	oy	oi	
igh	-	i-e	ir	ur	er
air	are		ee	ea	
ow	oa	o-e	or	aw	
ew		u-e	ou	ow	

**Reading:** Reading and library books will be collected in on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure if you have any school books at home they are returned.

**Writing:** Over the next few weeks we will be enjoying independent writing in our learning environment.

**Math:** We are consolidating previous number and space, shape and measure learning.

Our focus on TRANSITION continues! We will be talking a lot about moving up to Monet Class and hopefully visiting the class and meeting the children in year one who we will be joining. We will make this an exciting and positive time for the children but do let me know if your child raises any concerns at home about the transition so that we can address them in school.

### **Back to Front Day**

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** we will be having a 'Back to Front Day' in Van Gogh Class. This is an opportunity for the children to come to school dressed up as a 'grown up' while the staff come in school uniform, even though some are worried about how we are going to get a school uniform to fit. We have talked about different professions and what the children would like to be when they grow up. It's going to be a great day and I know the children are very excited about it!

PLEASE NOTE: It is also Sports Day on the **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** so please ensure that the children are wearing suitable shoes e.g. trainers.

**Reminder:** Please ensure that your child is wearing sun cream as we are not allowed to apply it. Also please could you make sure they have a sun hat and a water bottle in addition to the drink they have in their packed lunch.

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.

Mrs Sahotay ☺

## **Monet**

The children in Monet have had a fun, creative week constructing their butterfly dioramas and adding all the parts to create the life cycle. A special 'thank you' to Freddie for bringing in his real butterflies. We all enjoyed releasing them and watching them fly away in the School garden.

Next week in English we will be reflecting on our time in Year 1 and 2 and thinking ahead to what we are looking forward to in our next class, focusing on our achievements, hopes and ambitions. We will also be talking about worries and strategies for coping with worries about new situations.

In maths we will be revisiting multiplication and division, months of the year, telling the time and ordering times throughout the day. Please practise telling the time over the weekend. Reading books will be sent home on either Monday or Tuesday and need to be returned on Friday please. Home learning will be on Google Classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

Last full week of the term!

In maths they will be consolidating their learning from this year, going over fractions and decimals.

In English we will finish the poetry unit with writing poems using figurative language.

Starting next week, they will also start working together to come up with a class design for the big catapult, discussing ideas and deciding which to try and make and test in the last few days before the holidays. Thank you to all who have donated materials to make this.

Next Friday will be the new date for sports day, so please make sure that they come in P.E. kit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday next week.

## **Guitar Lessons**

I apologise for the somewhat confusing letter that came home with some children yesterday about guitar lessons. If your child brought a letter home it was because they had expressed an interest in finding out more about lessons. and yesterday attended a finding out session with the guitar tutor. Unfortunately I did not see the letter before it went home. The lessons would be through [Bucks Music trust](#) and would be charged accordingly. The cost is £156 per term for individual lessons and £76 per term for group lessons. There is no obligation for any child to participate and no-one needs to go and buy a guitar book tomorrow! If you would like your child to have lessons then either you can book directly on the Bucks Music trust website or you are welcome to have a conversation with me first.

Mrs Powell

## Hepworth

We have been really impressed with the children's attitude and dedication to their production this year. It has been so lovely to be so complimentary about the children's rehearsals when we are talking with other staff and it is making the practice sessions run a lot more smoothly than they could do!

Our focus next week will mainly be on the production in the run up to our performances on Thursday. The children have been great at completing work set during rehearsal time when they are not on stage - some of this work will continue although this will ease off as more and more, the children are needed both on stage and 'backstage'.

PE will continue, so please ensure full kit is worn on Tuesday and Wednesday as usual.

Please ensure all costumes are in by Monday - including anything you may have at home that could be useful to lend to other children in the class. Do check the costume letter sent out last Friday for ideas. Thank you so much to all those who have sent in costumes already - it is much appreciated.

**Please ensure everything is named, so we make sure it is returned to the correct child.**

We look forward to seeing you 'in person' at the performance on Thursday next week. Please ensure you contact the office to request seats if you haven't already done so and take care to read through our safety procedures in light of Covid-19.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and, if you're watching, enjoy the football on Sunday!

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

## TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

### **Spring Term 2021**

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

### **Summer Term 2021**

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

### **Autumn Term 2021**

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

### **Spring Term 2022**

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

### **Summer Term 2022**

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