

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020

Headteacher's News

Arrangements for Friday 18th December

As you will have seen in the National news there has been a suggestion that schools may wish to have an INSET or remote learning day on Friday 18th December. We will not be changing our end of term arrangements and the school will be open as previously planned until 1.30pm.

Collection times will be as follows:

Van Gogh & Monet with older siblings 1.00-1.10

Hockney and older siblings 1.10-1.20

Hepworth 1.20-1.30



Happy Birthday

Elena – 16th December



Christmas Cards

If your child would like to make use of the school post box please remember that cards should be posted by Monday. The cards will then be left in quarantine and delivered on Thursday 17th December. Please address the envelopes with the child's surname (If there is more than one child of the same name in the class) and their class.

Radio Christmas

Our Year 6 children are going to be pre-recording a one hour slot for [Radio Christmas](#) on Tuesday, next week. The show will be aired on Wednesday at 12.00 for you all to listen to. The children in year 6 have been given a paper consent form for Radio Christmas today. Please can you ensure they are returned on Monday.

Christmas Parties and Pantomime day

Classes will be having Christmas parties next week and the children are welcome to wear their own choice of clothes on their party day. Van Gogh and Hepworth are having their parties on Wednesday 16th December and, Monet and Hockney are having theirs on Thursday 17th December. There are no changes to our usual lunch arrangements on these days. On Friday the children will be watching a virtual pantomime in school and this will also be a non-uniform day.

Eco Green Flag

I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Eco-School Green Flag. The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Walker who has put a huge amount of energy and effort into ensuring that our school has put in place all that we needed to do to achieve this and also to Mrs Wayth our eco-governor for her support and input along the way.

Eco-Warriors

Our Eco-Warrior's are appointed for one term at a time and therefore we will be looking for a new representative from each year group to be an eco-warrior for the spring term. If your child would like

to stand for election please encourage them to start preparing a speech during the Christmas holidays. Voting will take place during the first week in January.

School Lunches

Please continue to order your school lunch on ParentPay and make your child's sandwich selection. The packed lunch menu for next term will be uploaded soon, and please make sure that a booking is made for the first week back if you would like your child to have a school packed lunch.

Pupil Premium

All children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are already eligible for free school meals. However, if parents receive a qualifying benefit (e.g. Universal Credit) we could receive additional funding for the school as a Pupil Premium grant. Free school meals and Pupil Premium funding is also available for pupils in Year 3 and above if parents receive one of the qualifying benefits.

Please read the attached information, and return any application forms to the office. If you already qualify for Pupil Premium then you do not need to complete a new application form.

I wish you all a good weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Suzanne Powell

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh

It's been a busy week getting ready for the production and completing end of term data.

Next week we will continue to learn about the meaning of Christmas and compare Hindu and Christian celebrations.

There are lots of things going on over the week....

Tuesday 15th December: WE WILL BE RECORDING OUR CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION. PLEASE COULD THE CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL IN A CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND A CHRSTIMAS HAT OR HARIBAND.

Wednesday 16th December: WE HAVE OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY, SO THE CHILDREN CAN COME IN THEIR PARTY CLOTHES FOR THE DAY.

Friday 18th December: LAST DAY OF TERM.

Tuesday 5th January 2021: First day back at school.

It has been a very unusual start to the term, but the children have taken it all in their stride. I am so proud of the progress that they have made this term and look forward to having them back in the spring term for the next part of our exciting journey.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is very much appreciated. I hope you and your families have a lovely Christmas and new year. Stay safe and keep smiling!

I will see you in 2021!

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

All the children in Monet have had a brilliant week practising seasonal poems and songs, making Christmas cards and festive decorations to brighten up the classroom. They have also written some super Christmas stories and acrostic poems.

Next week we will be preparing for our Christmas party, having lots of fun reading Christmas books, finding out more about the meaning of Christmas and looking at 3D shapes by making decorations.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Hello!

It has been a long stretch, but we have made it to the final week to the autumn term. Despite being a different and difficult time, I just wanted to say that the children of Hockney have been amazing, coming into school keen and ready to learn.

In this last week, Hockney children will be doing a number of Christmas related activities.

One of the activities will be designing a Christmas/winter themed cross-stitch pattern, then stitching that pattern into handmade Christmas cards.

We also aim to create a winter scene calendar for 2021 using acrylic paints.

Additionally, they will continue to practise their songs and their poem for their mini-festive performance.

Hepworth

We are really pleased with how the children worked in their assessments this week. They have worked hard, tried their best and produced some great work.

Next week is our Christmas week, so we have a fun week planned with Christmas parties, an exciting craft project as well as performing our mini Christmas concert.

The children were excited to hear that we will be designing and making their own Christmas stockings using felt and applying their sewing skills. We have materials in school for them to use, but if they do have something at home that they would like to use to decorate their stocking these can be sent in on Monday.

A few reminders: Secret Santa gifts need to be in for Tuesday please. Forest school is on Monday so please dress appropriately. All material for the Christmas concert is on Google Classroom and the homework for this week is to practice and learn these.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this first term back. We look forward to a fun spring term in 2021.

Have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year!

From Mrs Tillyer and 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