

Chenies School Newsletter

17th September 2021

Headteacher's News

It has been an exciting week in school with elections, clubs resuming and the installation of the new grass surface in Van Gogh's outdoor area and a new display screen in the hall. The children have enjoyed using new playground equipment and it has been lovely to see so many of the older children looking after the younger children at playtimes.

Elections

I would like to say how proud I am of all the children who put themselves forward for election and spent time preparing their speeches. There could however be only one successful candidate in any of the elections our congratulations go to the following children:

House Captains	School Council	Eco Warriors
Red House: Dexter	Reception: Arlo	Reception: Electra
Yellow House: Huw	Year 1: Jessica	Year 1: Dylan
Green House: Elena	Year 2: Bryan	Year 2: Ethan
Blue House: Rosie	Year 3: Rebecca	Year 3: Arthur
	Year 4: Lily	Year 4: Jackson
	Year 5: Anika	Year 5: Peony
	Year 6: Daniel	Year 6: Cassie
	Council Secretary: Samyukta	

School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taken on **Monday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform. Year 6 children should bring forest school clothes with them to change in to.

End of the School Day

Having said that I was happy to leave the playground open at the end of the day so that children can play I realised this week that the reason we always closed it previously was due to clubs taking place and needing to ensure that the school gate is closed while they were taking place. From Monday I would therefore be grateful if you could leave by 3.30pm when the gates will be shut.

Parking

As we are all aware parking space in the village is limited. I am aware however that a small number parents have been parking on the bend and the yellow lines this week. Please remember that you can use the Bedford Arms car park and park considerately for the safety of all our children and parents.

Google Classroom

Homework this week has been set without the need for Google Classroom. We will ensure that KS2 children access Google Classroom in school next week in order to make sure all children know how to access it and deal with any password issues. We will reissue instructions for Van Gogh and KS1 next week.

Chenies Produce Show

I am delighted to announce that in the Children & Teens category Chenies came 2nd place in the 'Flowers in a jam jar' & 3rd place for our home grown marrow. Well done to all.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell



Happy Birthday

Rohan – 18th September

Electra – 21st September

Georgia – 23rd September



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Jia	Ronnie
Monet	Alice	Rohan
Hockney	Amelia	Amor
Hepworth	Cassie	Luca

Class News

Van Gogh Class News

It has been a busy week with the children becoming familiar with the routines. They have taken everything in their stride and have had a great week. Lunch time routines have been a big success with them eating very well and going off to play with the older children. We have been practicing what we need to do in the case of a 'fire' and they have been great at listening and following instructions. We have continued to focus on familiarising the children with school rules and routines, especially the importance of 'good listening'.

Our topic over the next few weeks 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.

Next week we will be moving into a more structured timetable, teaching phonics, math and topic daily throughout the week. We will also be continuing to do the baseline assessments.

The children will be meeting their Year 6 buddies next week. The Buddy System is something we are very proud of, as the Year 6 children really step up to take on the responsibility of their Reception Buddy by looking out for them throughout the year around school and at organised events.

EYFS Workshops:

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the EYFS workshop. We hope that you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, please I will be happy to arrange a time to talk to you.

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	Register and Brain Break	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				
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:

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

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

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

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

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

The children in Monet Class have had a fantastic week reading lots of stories, working hard on their writing, doing lots of practical number work and being kind to one another.

Next week we will be planning, writing and editing a letter in English. We will be focusing on capital letters for names, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be reading lots more stories!

In Maths we will be identifying coins and their value, making amounts and telling the time to o'clock and half hour.

We will be finding out about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores in Science and in History we will be discovering who Florence Nightingale was.

We will also be using colour in Art to represent our moods and feelings and talking about the importance of respect in PSHE.

Home Learning

Please read with your child daily. This should be their reading books plus other books from home/library books.

Log in to Active Learn to access a Maths game related to the activities we have been doing in class this week.

Each week Monet will have five words to practise reading and spelling. These will be taken from the 'common exception words' (tricky words) for their year group. These are words that cannot be easily sounded out. This week's words are below.

Year 1

the

a

do

to

today

Year 2

door

floor

poor

because

find

Hockney

Next week we are looking forward to continuing our work on Ancient Egypt, focusing on pyramids, asking questions such as why and how were they built?

The pyramids are something that has always fascinated us so we are keen to find out more about them!

In Science we have been looking at food chains and thinking about how important they are to various habitats. Next week we shall be moving on to think about skeletons within animals and humans, trying to understand how they work and just why they are so important.

In English, having finished reading our fiction story 'Storm' we have lots of questions that we want to ask of the text! It was a very mysterious story that ended on a bit of a cliffhanger and some of us were a little disappointed with this. So next week we are going to be thinking about where we would have liked the story to go and how the author carefully created a setting using descriptive sentences that would throw us as the reader into this mysterious world.

In RE next week we are going to continue to delve into the importance of special books in different religions. We are looking at how stories within these sacred texts help the followers of that religion feel closer to God. We have been looking at important stories within the Christian faith for the last few weeks but will move on to think about stories within Sikhism and Hinduism in the weeks to come.

In Computing we have begun to look at e-safety, learning how to keep ourselves safe online and how to be responsible online. In the coming weeks we will be focusing on what information we should be sharing and what should be kept private.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Hepworth

We have had another wonderful week in Hepworth with elections for house-captains, school council and eco-warriors taking place as well as a lot of hard work in class.

English

Next week in English, we will be continuing with our text 'Friend or Foe' including work on writing a new scene and completing comprehension activities and a depth focus on the text.

Our grammar work will include looking closely at relative clauses and our spelling work will be on the suffixes '-tial' and '-cial' and our key words for the week are: eight, island, listen, often, loose, sentence. These spellings can be practiced using the Sir Linkalot website - <https://app.sirlinkalot.org/>

Maths

Maths next week is focussing on rounding numbers and then towards the end of the week we will explore prime numbers and square numbers.

Other Subjects

Year 6 will have Forest School on Monday - please remember they should wear trousers or leggings, with their usual school uniform on top.

On Monday afternoon, year 5 will explore different sewing techniques and listen to, discuss and learn some Dame Vera Lynn songs from the time of World War Two. In Spanish we will continue learning about foods, our likes and dislikes along with talking about healthy and unhealthily foods.

We will continue exploring electrical circuits in science with an investigation about the brightness of bulbs.

In topic we will be locating WW2 key countries on a map and exploring more about the war. We will continue to find out about diversity in religion by looking more at different denominations of religion in our local community. We will be looking at different bridges and sequencing a routine in our Thursday PE lesson. Our PSHE lesson will focus on how to recognise if a friendship is making us feel unsafe, worried, or uncomfortable and when and how to seek support in relation to friendships.

Homework

Whilst we are on the final stages of updating Google Classroom for the new classes and children, homework for this week is detailed below/sent home as a paper copy.

Spellings:

The grammar technique that the children need to apply to their written English homework (see paper copy sent home) is the use of standard/non-standard English as taught in Friday's SPAG lesson.

Maths homework has been allocated on ActiveLearn (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) which should be completed by Monday. The children have all been reminded how to access and log in to their accounts.

We hope you have 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