

# Chenies School Newsletter

## 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

### Headteacher's News

It has been a fabulous start to the term aided by the sunny days. The children have settled back into routines quickly and have enjoyed starting their new topics. We have begun the term with a real focus on encouraging the children to take pride in the presentation of their work. As I have been visiting children in their classes this week to look at their work I am pleased to say that the children are making a real effort and would ask that you encourage them to maintain the same level of high standards with any work that they do at home.

### Arrival Times

I would like to remind parents to ensure their children arrive at school on time in the morning. Hepworth children should be in school by 8.40, Hockney children by 8.50am and Monet and Van Gogh by 9.00am. Younger children should arrive at the time allocated for their older sibling.

### Changing Teachers

Your child may have told you that they had a lesson with another class teacher this week. This term we have arranged for teachers to swap classes for one session a week to enable them to teach the subject that they see as their greatest strength to another class. We regularly talk to the children about how they all have different strengths and as individuals can excel in one subject whilst finding another one more challenging. This is a good opportunity to demonstrate to the children that as teachers we also have our strengths and subjects which we enjoy more than others. It also means that the children have the opportunity to work with a different teacher and benefit from their subject specialism.

### First Aid

On Monday the staff spent the day renewing our first aid qualifications. There were two particular issues that arose which we felt are worth reminding parents about. The first being that children should always be supervised when eating due to the risk of choking and consequently they should never be given food to eat in the back of a car while it is being driven. He also advised of the increasing number of children choking while eating marshmallows due to them swelling up and becoming stuck and cautioned against allowing children to eat them.

### Weather

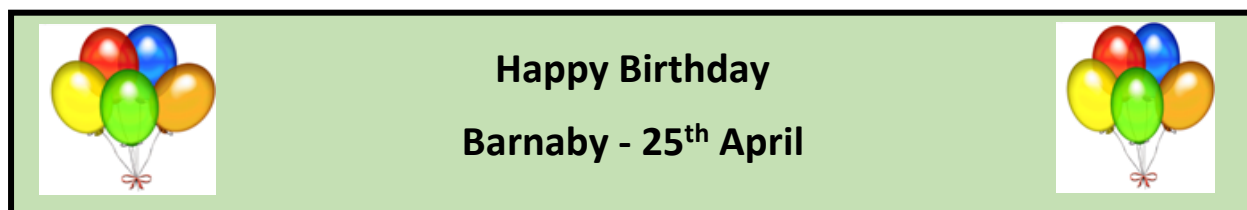
Despite the sunshine this week it has still been quite cold so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for all eventualities. If the forecast is for sun please apply suncream before your child comes to school and make sure they bring a named sun hat.

### Spare Clothes

Our supply of spare pants and tights is rather depleted. If you have any that your children have grown out of which you could donate to us we would be grateful to receive them.

### Contact Details

Please can you ensure that if your telephone contact details as a result of change to work details or a new telephone you notify the school office so that in the case of an emergency we are able to contact you without difficulty.



I wish you all a very happy weekend.

Suzanne Powell

## STARS OF THE WEEK

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Alice S</b>	<b>Barnaby</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Jasmine J</b>	<b>Amor A</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Elora W</b>	<b>Isobel G</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Rhys G</b>	<b>Jamie F</b>

## Class News

### Van Gogh

Hope you have all had a great break. The children are back full of energy and keen to learn.

**Eco Warrior Election:** Congratulations to Jessica who was elected Eco Warrior representative for Van Gogh class.

**Phonics:** This week we will continue to re-visit and consolidate the Phase 3 and Phase 5 sounds and focus on applying these sounds to reading and writing.

**Reading:** The children will be coming home with their reading books on Monday and should be returned on Friday. It is really important that you continue to read and share books everyday with the children.

**Math:** This week we have been looking at place value and understanding the value of TENS in a two-digit number. We will be continuing to consolidate this next week and encouraging the children to be counting in TENS. We have also started to look at 3D shapes.

**Topic:** This week we have been outdoors and enjoying the sun. Our topic is all about growing, and we have started to dig up the garden in preparation for planting next week. Next week we will also be looking at the life cycle of a broad bean, we will be planting broad beans and keeping a diary to see how plants grow.

### **SHOW & TELL DATES:**

Red House	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2021
Yellow House	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Green House	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Blue House	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Red House	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2021
Yellow House	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Reminder:** Sun Hats and Sun Cream

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 have had a super week back at school, enjoying lots of outside learning in the lovely weather. We have enjoyed beginning our new Topic, 'Down at the Bottom of my Garden' and have been busy looking in the School grounds for common wild plants. For homework, encourage your child to look for common wild plants in their garden or surrounding area. Draw a picture of some or photograph them to bring in to share next week. Help your child to identify and label them.

Next week we will be continuing to find out about Beatrix Potter, creating a timeline of her life and taking a virtual visit to Beatrix Potter's home, 'Hill Top'. We will also be identifying and writing commands, creating a warning poster and sequencing events based on 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit'. We will then be planning and writing our own stories.

In Maths we will be revisiting fractions of amounts, doubling and halving and working on subtraction. Please work with your child to learn their doubles to at least double 10 and the related halves.

In Science we will be focusing on plants, planting our own seeds and setting up a test to find out the best conditions for seeds to grow. We will also be learning about the importance of sleep and rest and experimenting with printing using leaves and natural materials.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

I hope everyone has had a good Easter Break. It is nice to see all the children back, refreshed and ready to learn.

This week we have started looking at our summer fiction unit in English. All work will be based around a book named "Christophe's Story". We have read some of the chapters as a class. Next week they will be using the book to do some short letter writing tasks and continue working on their reading comprehension.

In maths we have looked at measuring mass (weights) using grams and kilograms. Next week we will be looking at capacity, using millilitres and litres.

Our topic for this term is based on the Ancient Romans. The children have learnt about the story of the founding of Rome. Next week they will look at the Roman ruling system, and how it changed over time, setting the ground work for them to understand the Roman invasion of Britain.

In Computing, they are learning how to effectively format a document. They will be learning about image formatting and creating effective layouts using Google Docs.

Homework has been set for Maths and English, which can be accessed using their Google Classroom login.

## Hepworth

We have really enjoyed the sunny weather this week along with the children's fantastic attitudes to their learning. They have all come back to start the term focussed, there has been lots of excellent work this week already and this made it hard to choose our stars of the week! The children have taken on the challenges set for improving the standards of their work and pushing themselves to do their best.

In English next week, we are continuing to work on our current class text: 'Fantastic, Funny, Frightening' which is a collection of short stories. We will be completing comprehension tasks, writing dialogues, and comparing genre styles. We will also look at the use of passives in narrative in our grammar session.

Our maths at the start of the week will focus on area, perimeter and volume. We will be learning the correct formula to use and working out each of these for different shapes. Towards the end of the week we will then be continuing our work on angles including measuring and drawing these. The children have enjoyed doing these this week and are getting to grips with using a protractor accurately.

In Science we will be covering human foetal development stages as part of our unit: Animals, including humans. If you have any sonogram pictures of your child from your ultrasound, it might be worth showing them to them as they found this interesting in Science this week! Our topic work this term is all about 'Coasts'. We will have a strong geography focus and begin by developing our map skills. Miss Blakeley is teaching the children how to print using ink.

Your child has been asked to bring in an old shirt or apron for Wednesday's art lesson, along with a small picture that they would like to use to develop a print.

In PE the focus on Wednesdays will be tennis for the first half term, with Mr Malik. On Fridays we will be doing Outdoor Adventurous Activities and next week's focus is agility and endurance.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine whilst it is here!

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