

Chenies School Newsletter

18th June 2021

Headteacher's News

The highlight of this week for me and I think for many of the children was the steel drum workshop on Thursday. The children all enjoyed having a go at playing the drums, finding out about their history and dancing to the music played to them.



Coaches – Activity Week

On Monday and Thursday next week children in Hepworth class (and any siblings) should arrive in school by 8.30am to ensure that we have taken the registers and got everyone on to the coach ready to depart at 9.00am. We will open the gate at 8.20am.

Staffing and Transition Day

Following due consideration of the prevalence of Covid in Buckinghamshire and neighbouring areas, the government advice and health and safety advice Buckinghamshire Council are recommending that Transition Days become virtual events. All year 6 pupils should therefore come to Chenies as usual on the 6 July, the date originally scheduled for Transition Day.

I am very pleased to tell you that I have appointed two new teachers for September. Both are very experienced teachers and have a lot to offer the school. Mrs Whittingham will be teaching in Hockney class on Monday and Tuesday and providing additional interventions and well-being support throughout the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Miss Groves will be teaching in Hockney from Wednesday to Friday.

In order to comply with current COVID guidance we will not be mixing bubbles for our usual transition afternoons but we will be arranging for children in the year groups moving up to spend time with their new teacher during the week of the 4th July. We are planning for Mrs Whittingham and Miss Groves to be in school on the 6th July to meet the children who will be Hockney class.

Parent Survey

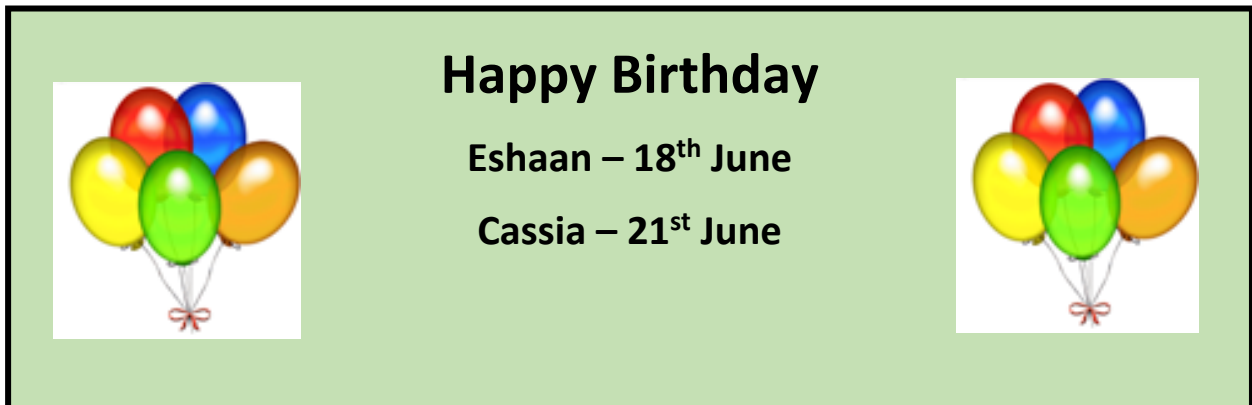
Thank you to those parents who have returned their survey, we have had 54 responses so far. I have extended the deadline and would be grateful if anyone who has not responded can do so by Sunday evening. <https://forms.gle/X5rWf53odS5KUz299>

Echoes

Unfortunately, the Echoes event at the Royal Albert Hall on the 12th July has been cancelled due to the current Covid circumstances. The RAH Box Office have said that they will contact all ticket holders by email with the refund details from Monday. I have been asked to advise parents to wait for that email and then only get in touch with RAH if they haven't heard anything by the end of the week. This will enable them to process it all much more smoothly and swiftly.

Hepworth End of Year Performance

We definitely want to enable the Hepworth performance to go ahead and hope that we will be able to do so safely within the current guidance. More details will follow as we receive further guidance but please save the afternoon/evening of the 15th July.



Thank you for all your donations today, we raised £81.80! We will be using the money to buy things for our school gardening activities.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend and hope that you manage to stay dry!
Suzanne Powell

STARS OF THE WEEK

Van Gogh	Daisy	Dylan
Monet	Arran	Rebecca
Hockney	Charlie	Gracie
Hepworth	Cassie	Oscar

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: We will be doing reading and phonics assessments over the next couple of weeks. Books will continue to be collected on a Friday and sent out on a Monday. Please continue to read and share books with your child daily.

Writing: This week the children enjoyed using a different way to learn new vocabulary and apply it to our writing. The children learnt the words **excite, exciting and excited**. We talked about the words being nouns, verbs or adjectives, the children built up a bank of rhyming words, they counted the number of syllables, learnt about the tricky sound 'c' and which digraph is used. The children acted out being excited, we looked in a dictionary for the meaning and finally they wrote a sentence using one of the words.

Math: The children have had great fun measuring this week. We introduced standard and non-standard measures and looked at all the different forms of measure, e.g. weight, capacity, time, length etc. We will be continuing to applying our knowledge and understanding of number, space, shape and measure to solve problems, explain and show our methods.

Our focus this term is TRANSITION. 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. As a part of the transition, Ms Blakeley will be spending an hour a week with the children doing art starting the week of the 21st June. This will give them the opportunity for her to get to know them but most importantly for them to get to know her. 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.

SHOW & TELL DATES:

Red House	25 th June 2021
Yellow House	9 th July 2021

Reminder: We have spent a lot of time outside this week learning. 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 great week making felt to turn into butterflies. They have thoroughly enjoyed the process and they all look very beautiful added to our 'Tin Forest' printing and recycling display.



We have also been researching habitats and microhabitats within the school grounds and discovering what creatures live there. Please could every child bring in an old shoe box (or cardboard box of a similar size) as soon as possible to enable them to carry out a Science/DT project. If you have more than one at home to spare, that would be great.

In English and Maths next week we will be addressing any areas of difficulty from the assessments. This will include finding fractions of amounts, measuring length accurately, focusing on correct sentence punctuation and writing comparative sentences using Katie Morag's Island as a stimulus. This links to Geography where we will be finding out about different jobs in the local area. In PSHE we will be focusing on how to keep safe in familiar and unfamiliar settings. Home learning will be on Google Classroom.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Next week, it's back to normal routine.

In Maths they will now look at statistics and data. In English we will continue looking at non-fiction texts and information writing.

In science they will continue learning about the human body. We will continue looking at teeth, as well as discussing oral hygiene and the importance of it.

In topic they will continue looking at the Romans, learning about Roman towns, their design and structure. As part of topic, they will also continue with learning about modern day Italy, locating it on a map and comparing it to the UK.

In ICT they will be using moviesoup to create a mini cartoon, structuring the timing of their animations and effects.

As part of the topic of looking at the Ancient Romans, the children have recapped their knowledge on forces and have started a small project on making mini-catapults. I hope to dive further into this with the children, with the aim of working as a class on building a bigger "person" sized catapult that could launch water balloons. If anyone can help by providing some materials, I would be very appreciative. Things such as scrap gutter piping for the framework, and something like the inner rubber tube of a bicycle wheel. Many thanks in advance.

Hepworth

This week the children have worked incredibly hard for their assessment week. It has been so pleasing to see the effort and care the children have put into their work - showing off all the skills they have learned over this year and throughout KS2. We are very proud of them all.

Activity Week

It will certainly be a well-deserved week next week when we have our very exciting trip week! Please re-read all the information sent out relevant to each day and be aware of the different timings of the day for pick up and drop off and whether lunch is needed. The weather looks typically English in that it is very varied throughout the week and looks to be very changeable. Please therefore ensure that your child has everything they need to keep them sun-safe or dry each day.

Appropriate and sensible clothing and footwear must be worn. A small rucksack would be ideal for each day and must have the following items packed every day:

- Waterproof jacket
- Suncream
- Sun hat
- Hand sanitiser
- Tissues
- A face mask (for all children aged 11 or older)
- Packed lunch (Monday and Thursday)

A brief summary of the days is below:

Monday - Go Ape at Black Park (packed lunch needed)

Tuesday - Local walk and lunch at the Bedford Arms

Wednesday - PE, Brunch and Top Golf

Thursday - Whipsnade Zoo (packed lunch needed)

Friday - Movie morning, Dominos Pizza, 'Splash' afternoon on the field (a change of clothes and a named water gun can be sent in)

Homework

We have not set homework for this week - however, in lieu of this, we are expecting the children to have spent time learning their lines for the production and knowing which scenes they are in to help speed up rehearsals. A link for the songs has been put on Google Classroom so it would also be beneficial for your child to listen to these alongside the song words which are in the script.

Please also continue with daily reading and ensuring your child records this in their reading record.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to a brilliant week next week to celebrate the (almost!) end of this rather strange year!

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

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

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 4 th 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 6 th June
Term Ends	Thursday 21 st July @ 1.30pm