

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 26th March 2021

Headteacher's News

Assessments

The children have worked really hard in school this week and I am really proud of the effort they have put in. Their school reports will be coming home on Monday and these will provide the information you need to help support your child during the next term.

Changes to Staffing

I am sorry to tell you that Mrs Mulkern has resigned from her role as one of our learning support assistants, with effect from the end of this term. The children in Monet class have enjoyed working with her during the last two terms and I know she will be missed. We do of course wish her well for the future. During the summer term Mrs Muralidhar, who the children already know well from their time in Reception, will be providing additional morning support in Monet Class and Mrs Dharmapala who is one of our lunchtime supervisors and has been volunteering in van Gogh will be supporting Van Gogh class in the mornings.

Miss Blakeley will be reducing her teaching days next term to four days a week, in Monet Class. I am pleased to say that Mrs Homewood, who has been working for one day a week in Van-Gogh is going to increase her hours and teach Monet class on a Friday.

Covid Testing Information for Parents Message from Simon James Service Director – Education Buckinghamshire Council

As you probably already know, everyone working in primary schools and Early Years settings is testing twice a week for COVID-19 to help keep the school community safe. While nursery and primary school pupils do not have to be tested, other members of their households can access regular testing and we urge you to do so - every case we can pick up and isolate helps to stop the virus spreading and ultimately keeps us all safer.

Anyone with a child at a primary school can get tested regularly by attending one of the four rapid test sites in Buckinghamshire, or you can go and collect test kits to do yourself at home. If it's hard for you to go to a site, you can have test kits posted out to you – all the details are on the government's website at www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff.

Thank you so much for playing your part in the fight against COVID-19. For more local Information about COVID-19 and to find the locations of the Buckinghamshire rapid test sites, you can go to the Buckinghamshire Council website at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus.



Happy Birthday

Albie – 30th March

Jackson – 1st April



Message from Mrs Dinwiddy

School Lunch Bookings

Many thanks to parents who have already booked a school lunch on ParentPay for next term. If you have not yet done so, please make sure you make a booking on ParentPay by the end of this week so that we can order the correct lunch for your child for the first week back after Easter. If a booking is not made then you will need to provide a packed lunch. Please note that going forwards school lunch bookings will need to be made by the Tuesday morning (9am) for the following week in order to provide enough notice to the caterer.

Free School Meals

Please find attached an application form and information relating to free school meals. A successful application results in free school meals for your child throughout their time at Chenies, as well as additional funding for the school. If your financial circumstances have changed, or you feel you are eligible for free school meals, then please complete the attached form and return it to the office.

After School Clubs

Multisports will return after Easter for Monet Class, there are 2 spaces left, if your child would like a place please contact the office.

First Touch Football also returns after Easter starting on Tuesday 20th April, please contact FTF directly if you would like to book a place for your child. Their details can be found on our website under clubs.

PTA - Easter Activity Sheet

I have attached a list of suggested Easter activities from the PTA that your child may like to do at home during the next week. Enjoy.

I wish you all a happy weekend, although do remember it will be one hour shorter than usual!

Suzanne Powell

Class News

Van Gogh

We're nearly there! The children are starting to get tired we have another week of fun planned before we break up.

Eco Warrior Election: We will be electing the Van Gogh Eco Warrior on Monday 29th March 2021. If your child would like to stand for the position, they need to prepare a speech to say why they should be voted Eco Warrior for Van Gogh.

Phonics: We will continue to re-visit and consolidate some the sounds and practice applying them to our reading and writing.

Reading: The children will be coming home with their reading books on Monday. Please return all books on Thursday.

Math: We will be revisiting and consolidating counting on, doubling and halving.

Topic: This week we started to talk about Spring. This week we will be learning about Easter. We will be looking at similarities and differences and comparing celebrations.

Walks:

Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies (to be left in school) and a coat, as we do often go for walks and spend a lot of our day outside.

SHOW & TELL DATES:

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

We have had a fun-filled week watching our 'Alien Grassheads' grow 'hair' and hopefully next week they will have grown enough hair to have a haircut! Next week we will continue to look after them and carry on observing our Science experiment, 'Do seeds need soil to grow?' We have already had some surprising results.

We will be continuing to find out more about Tim Peake after writing letters to him this week and we will be learning some Easter Poems and having a go at writing our own.

In Maths we will be looking at 3D shapes and continuing with our 2, 5, and 10 times tables. We will also be finding out about how Christians celebrate Easter and making some Easter cards.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

The children of Hockney have worked very hard during this week on completing their assessments sensibly, so please let them know that they have done very well and deserve a good rest this weekend.

Next week in Hockney, we will continue learning about decimal fractions and numbers, and link them to measurements; starting with length.

The children will be revisiting their learning in Science, as there seem to be some gaps in their understanding of it. As such next week will be a sort of "Science Week" in Hockney.

In topic, the children will continue learning about life during the Tudor times, and they will be doing some writing based around what they have learned so far.

I hope everyone has a restful weekend.

Hepworth

Everyone in Hepworth has worked so hard on their assessments this week. They should all be proud of the effort they have given and are likely to be exhausted as the weekend arrives!

We have also started some fantastic drawings of mountain animals, after developing drawing skills and style.

Next week we are going to work a little differently and complete some curriculum areas that we did not cover during the home learning period.

We will continue and complete the drawings we have started and hope to display some of these around the school.

We will also be developing our computing skills around film making. This will involve writing a script, filming footage and then editing to produce a finished film.

For DT, we will research, make and evaluate a shelter, linking to both our mountains project and our work on materials in Science.

Have a lovely weekend.

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