

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2020

Headteacher's News

Christmas Tree Prize

Thank you to everyone who bought their Christmas trees from the Christmas tree farm and returned their leaflets. We returned the third highest number of leaflets and therefore won the third prize of £50.00 which will enable us to buy some little extras for the children.

Mind Up

The Mind Up workshop for parents was appreciated by all of those who were able to attend. One of the points raised in discussion was that parents would like to use the daily brain-break script, that we use in school with the children, at home. At the meeting I agreed to put it on the website but due to copyright regulations I am unable to do so. It has been agreed however that I can send the script to you for personal use and I am therefore sending it to you along with this newsletter. I appreciate that due to work commitments it is not always possible to attend workshops but if you would like to talk to me to find out more about Mind Up please do so.

Anti-Bullying Workshop

On Thursday all of the children enjoyed an opportunity to participate in a drama workshop which provided children with strategies to help them resolve friendship issues and to understand more about the impact their actions can have on others. Van Gogh and Monet were introduced to Danny the Dog, Daphne the Duck, Catrina the cat and Mr Lion the headteacher. Hockney and Hepworth role played a scenario based in an art classroom. All of the children were taught that the first step to resolving issues is to use the phrase 'Stop, think, words can hurt' with their associated actions. Please do talk to your children about the workshop and what they learned from it.



Reception Dance

Van Gogh enjoyed the chance to join a number of other local schools and learn a dance from The Lion King at Chalfont Community College on Monday. Mrs Sahotay was very pleased with how well the children engaged with the event and said they were a credit to our school.

Celebration Assembly

We are always happy to encourage and celebrate children's achievements outside of school. If your child would like to bring in something connected with an achievement outside of school they are welcome to do so on a Friday.

Suzanne Powell

A Note From Mrs Dinwiddy

Thank you to all the KS1 parents for booking their hot lunches on ParentPay. We have had some positive feedback from parents and will be continuing with this booking system. Please therefore ensure that you have booked your child's meals for the coming weeks.

The booking system for KS2 Lunches is now live and we would be grateful if all KS2 parents would access their ParentPay accounts to book their hot lunches for next week as soon as possible. If a hot meal has not been ordered on a given day then you will need to provide a packed lunch.

We appreciate your continued support as we transition to the new booking system.



Hockney enjoying their learning about volcanoes

WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE

Van Gogh – 96%	Monet – 97%
Hockney – 96%	Hepworth – 94%

STARS OF THE WEEK

Van Gogh	Theodora Vose	Arran Silverstone	Mia Driscoll
Monet	Marcel Bothamy	Jackson Nichols	Olivia Moore
Hockney	Luca Walton- Dawes	Elena Adams	Fawn Knott
Hepworth	Akram Khafagi	Anvitha Bhagavathula	Hollie Bladon

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Van Gogh Class News

This week the children have been learning the names of 3D shapes, cube, cylinder, cone, cuboid & sphere.

Reading

As the children are becoming more confident with their reading, books we will now be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Even though we encourage parents to read every night with their child, please do not rush through the books. We are happy to change the books as and when your child had finished reading them. Please remember to write a note in your child's reading record every time you read with them.

Library books this term will be changed every Friday. Please note that your child will not be able to bring another book home until they have returned ones borrowed previously.

Phonics: Please continue to work through the Jolly Phonics sounds, practice segmenting and blending to read and write CV and CVC words. This week we will continue to reinforce **l ll f ff s ss c k ck**. We will also be introducing **j v w x y z** and **ch sh th ng nk**.

Tricky Words: Set 1/2/3/4 on the high frequency list – Please work with the children to consolidate these.

Maths: Counting: Ordering and Recognising Numbers to 5/10/15/20

Counting on from a given number.

Looking at the value of a number and matching objects

Shape: Reinforcing the names of 3D shapes and introducing vocabulary to describe the properties.

Money: In our snack shop we are encouraging the children to pay for their snack using different coins.

Days of the week

Topic: This term our topic is Healthy Me. The children will be learning about keeping healthy, a good diet and personal hygiene.

REMINDER: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
x	x	x	x
31 st January	7 th February	14 th February	x

REMINDER: Upcoming Events:

Thursday 30th January: Van Gogh & Monet Class Visit to Iver Environmental Centre

Tuesday 11th February: Work Share Evening

Stay & Read: Wednesday 12th February 2020 @ 9.15 – 10.30

Apologies, Tinker got left at school last weekend. Let's see who the lucky person will be this week to take her home. Please remember she will have her own personal bag and a book with instructions explaining what you need to do. I hope you will use this opportunity to make the visit special so that your child can enjoy sharing their experiences with their peers on a Monday morning. Please note every child will get a turn to take her home.

We have a very busy Spring term ahead of us, should you wish to discuss any of the above please feel free to come and see me.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet Class News

Next week Monet have an exciting week planned.

They will be visiting the Iver Environment Centre on Thursday. Please make sure they have suitable clothing and footwear as part of the day will be spent outside. Also they need to bring a packed lunch with them. Please arrive to school on Thursday promptly as the coach will be leaving at 9am.

In Maths we will be looking at weighing and measuring things, comparing weights and using standard units of measurement. Year 1 will be estimating and comparing the weight of objects and using units of time to read half past and o'clock. Year 2 will be using grammes and kilogrammes to weigh things accurately and using minutes and seconds to measure time.

In English we will be starting an exciting new unit about fictional fairy stories and using our own knowledge of fairy tales and traditional tales. If your child has a favourite fairytale they would like to read at home time, please bring it in.

In Topic we will be looking at animal abodes and also begin to find out about abodes in different countries, particularly focussing on houses and homes in Kenya.

Phonics for year 1's will be focussing on the following sounds - oy, ir, ue and aw.

Hockney Class News

In Maths next week the children will finish looking at multiplication and division

In English, the children will finish looking at writing descriptively and write their legends.

In Science the children will at the effects of cooling and heating has on the states of matter.

In History, the children have started to learn about the Anglo-Saxons, and we will be continuing looking that the life of the Anglo-Saxon invaders and settlers.

In Geography, children will continue learning about geographical features such as volcanoes, and events such as earthquakes and how these things are linked to the movement of tectonic plates.

In ICT children will continue learning how to code and sequence their instructions in order to get the result they want, and how to debug if they do not.

Hepworth Class News

English

The children will be spending some time next week doing some focussed writing - we want to ensure that children develop the skills of writing with purpose and showing this in the vocabulary, grammar and punctuation that they choose to use. We will also be spending time concentrating on using punctuation correctly and ensuring the children know how to use a range of advanced punctuation as well as consolidating their understanding of the basics.

Maths

Our main focus in Maths next week is fractions. We will work through the week developing our understanding of ordering, comparing, simplifying and equivalent fractions and finishing with adding fractions. Please spend some time helping your child learn their tables - we are aware we keep saying this but it really is crucial to being quicker and more adept in maths work and fractions are no exception!

Topic

In Science we will be looking at some of the evolutionary pioneers (including Darwin) and finding out the scientific importance of their work. In PE we will continue with Basketball and Gymnastics. Having found out about Mexico over the past few weeks, we will now move on to develop our history skills learning about the Mayans.

Diary Dates for 2019 – 2020 *new dates in green*

Tuesday 11 th February	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 12 th February	EYFS Stay & Read 9am
Monday 17th Feb-Friday 21st February	Half Term
Saturday 29 th February	PTA Quiz Night
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Friday 6 th March	EYFS Spring Walk 9am
Wednesday 11 th March	Hepworth Tag Rugby at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Friday 20 th March	Mums in School Afternoon 12pm - 3.15pm
Monday 30 th March	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Tuesday 31 st March	Hockney - Tri Golf at The Misbourne
Thursday 2 April	PTA School Disco 6pm - 7pm R & KS1 / 7pm - 8pm KS2
Friday 3rd April	Term Ends at 1.30pm
Monday 20th April	Children Return to School
Saturday 25 th April	PTA Grown Up Disco
Wednesday 29 th April	Monet - Athletics at The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 30 th April	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening
Tuesday 5 th May	Hockney – Cricket at Chiltern Hills Academy
Friday 8th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 12 th May	Hockney –Swimming Gala 9am-11am
Saturday 16 th May	PTA Duck Race
Monday 18 th May-Friday 22 nd May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May	Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd June	EYFS Stay & Get Physical
Wednesday 3 rd June	Monet Games day at The Misbourne 9.30am-2.30pm
Thursday 11 th June	Work Share Evening 3.30-5pm Y5 Parents Secondary Transfer Information Evening 6pm
Saturday 13 th June	PTA Chesham Carnival
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day 1pm
Thursday 2 nd July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 9 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Friday 10 th July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 9am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Friday 17 th July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm