

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Headteacher's News

It was a real pleasure to welcome the new children in Van Gogh class and a number of new children throughout the school as well as the returning children back on Wednesday. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Ms Chohan, in Monet Class and Mr Malik, who has replaced Mr Edwards, as the P.E. coach in school. At the beginning of the week the staff were enthused by our Mind Up training day and we are looking forward to beginning the programme with the children next week. I am sure you can look forward to them coming home and teaching you all about how the brain works! As I have walked around the school this week I have watched everyone engage enthusiastically in all aspects of their learning and I am looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

### Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September to take the children's individual photographs.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Thank you to those parents who have already expressed an interest in becoming a Parent Governor. If you have not already contacted me about the vacancy but would like to express your interest please can you contact me by the end of school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### Daily Mile

Following the survey sent out in July 80% of the 19 parents who responded thought that the Daily Mile should continue and the remaining 20% thought that maybe it should continue. All of the staff felt that it had had a positive impact on the children's learning and the vast majority of children also expressed a desire for it to carry on this term. We will therefore begin again on Monday. There is a wet and dry plan as follows:

	<b>When the field is dry</b>	<b>When the field is wet</b>
EYFS	The netball court	The school hall
KS1	The back playground	The back playground
KS2	The field	The netball court and lower playground.

### Cooking

I am really pleased to tell you that following the feedback last year from both children and parents about the desire to have more opportunities to do cooking in school; we are going to start a weekly cooking session for two groups of six children on a Friday afternoon. Four children from each class will be selected each week to cook in mixed year groups. This means that every child should cook once a half term. Mrs Woods will be leading the sessions but would appreciate some additional help. If you would be willing to help from 1.15pm to 3.15pm please could you contact the office to sign up for an afternoon. If you are able to volunteer for just one or two afternoons during the year it would be appreciated.

## **Workshare Evenings**

On the list of diary dates you will notice that there is the inclusion of three workshare evenings. After listening to feedback from a number of parents about the possibility of increasing the opportunities available to look at their child's work the staff have agreed to trial an alternative to the traditional two parent evenings and an end of year written report. The proposal is that this year there will be a consultation evening before half term as in prior years and then in the second half of the term an opportunity for you to come in to school with your child and look at their work and discuss it with them. Teachers will be available to answer general questions but will not be issuing individual appointments, although if having looked at your child's work you want to arrange a further appointment with them you will be able to do so.

In the first half of the spring term there will be another workshare evening and then in the second half of the term you will receive a written mid-year report, which will follow the same format as the previous end of year report but with greater emphasis on informing you about what your child needs to do to meet end of year expectations.

In the summer term there will be a workshare evening after half term followed by a written end of year attainment report.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we do have an open-door policy at Chenies and parents can make an appointment at any time throughout the year to speak to the class teachers.

## **WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE**

<b>Van Gogh – 100%</b>	<b>Monet – 91%</b>
<b>Hockney – 85%</b>	<b>Hepworth – 94%</b>

# INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

## Van Gogh

**Phonics:** We will be introducing the following sounds **S A T P I N** throughout the week and learning how to segment and blend simple words e.g. i-n (in) a-t (at) s-a-t (sat) t-i-n (tin) etc.

**Tricky Words:** **A (a)** – a cat on a mat. **I** – I am going to school. **The (the)** – the dog is big.

The children will be coming home with a sound mat to help you support them to form the letters correctly and reinforce the sounds.

**Literacy:** We will be practicing writing our names and learning about rhyming strings (cat, mat....).

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

**Topic:** Summer Holidays – Please remember to send in those snap shots so that we can talk to the children about their holiday.

### **REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:**

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
x	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Stay for an Autumn Walk:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 @ 9.15 – 10.45

### **Dates for your diary:**

09.09.19	EYFS Curriculum and Writing Workshop @ 9.15 – 10.15
10.09.19	Individual Photographs
17.09.19	EYFS Maths Workshop @ 1.30 – 2.30
25.09.19	EYFS Phonics & Reading Workshop @ 9.15 -10.15
11.10.19	Harvest Assembly @ 2.15

Should you wish to discuss any of the above please feel free to come and see me. Thank you for a great start to the year.

Mrs Sahotay ☺

## Monet

Our topic this term is "All About Me"

In English next week we will be looking at the story of Katie Meets the Impressionists and practising our sentence writing and use of punctuation.

In Maths we will be looking at counting, placing numbers on a number line and estimating.

In art we will continue our work on portraits.

P.E. will be on Mondays and Thursdays this term. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school and that all their items of school uniform are clearly named.

The children will bring home their reading books next week so please ensure they have their book bags in school.

## Hockney

Hello! I hope that everyone has had a restful summer! As of next week we will be getting fully into the swing of things. On Tuesdays the children will be going swimming (starting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September) and a more detailed letter will be set home with further information. The children in Hockney will be doing their P.E. lessons on Thursdays now, so please make sure that they all have brought in their P.E. kits for those sessions. The children will need to remove or tape the ear stud every P.E. lesson, including during their swimming lessons, should they have one. Please provide the child with an envelope, small container, or tape in their P.E. kit for the studs.

Homework will be set on a Wednesday, and expected to be returned by the following Tuesday. This will usually contain a piece of Maths, English, and spelling homework.

Next week in Hockney class, the children will start looking at place value in Maths, and understanding the value of 3 and 4 digit numbers by partitioning them and sorting them into their correct columns. In English we will be looking at the book Storm by Kevin Crossley-Holland, focussing in inference and direct speech. In science, the children will continue looking at animals and humans and the nutrition that they need. In topic we will be learning and building on geographical skills, such as using a compass and reading and using maps.

## Hepworth

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and that you're looking forward to the Autumn term. We have been so impressed with the children in Hepworth class this week; their attitude to learning, behaviour and maturity have been a delight to see and we have a good feeling that they will make us very proud this year.

Next week in English we will be starting our first text - Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo. The children will be exploring the start of the story using their inference and deduction skills to understand and then discuss what they've read. They will also be looking at character and exploring empathy.

Our maths work sees us looking at number and place value. We will be developing our understanding of what digits are worth within a number, ordering numbers, finding numbers in between and rounding numbers with up to 6 digits (year 5) and 7 digits (year 6).

In Science we will be starting our topic - Animals including Humans - and to start this we will be identifying the components of blood, describing their functions, and noting the different blood groups. We will note and name the three types of blood vessel and sketch blood cells, showing texture and form.

Our topic up until Christmas is World War 2 - one which many of the children have been very excited about. We will be starting to learn about the War and the impact that it had on people's lives. The children will discuss why it was initially known as the 'Phoney War' and role-play an evening at home, in an air raid shelter, during August 1940.

Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. PE kit must be in school on these days, but we suggest that it stays in school all the time in case of timetable changes.

Maths and English homework are both set on Wednesday and due in on Monday. Maths homework often uses activities from Activlearn - the children have all been issued usernames and passwords for accessing this. Please log in over the next few days with your child to check their log-ins work. We have done this in school so they should all be fine! There will be some maths games to access to test it all works.

Spellings are handed in and tested on Thursday and sent out on Friday. Children are expected to learn their 10 spellings and put these into sentences that demonstrate they understand the words. Spellings can be practiced in many ways - using flashcards, colours, apps, out loud, written down - whatever works for your child. Sentences should be written neatly and the spelling word underlined. Children will also have copies of the Year 5/6 statutory word lists. We refer to and use these all the time in class, and it is important that your child practices any words they cannot spell or define each week as well on an ongoing basis. 3 words are chosen at random to be tested in the spelling test and we test these at other times too. Additional look/say/cover/write/check sheets are available in the classroom for you child to access should they wish to practice using these.

Reading records should be filled in regularly with children reading for 20 minutes 5 times per week and recording this with comments about what they've read. Reading records are to be handed in on Fridays to be checked and signed.

Children must have a water bottle in school and should also have a pencil case with the equipment as listed on the school website (under key information, uniform tab). They also need a coat for wet/cold weather and should have a sun hat if the sunny weather continues!

We have created a checklist for the children to help them remember what they should have in school each day and we will e-mail this to you should you wish to re-print/edit to use as you wish.

House captain elections for year 6 are next Friday 13th - your child will need to prepare a speech if they wish to apply. School council and Eco-Warrior elections will take place on Monday 16th.

We are both really looking forward to teaching your child this year. As always, please do come and see us if you have any concerns. An ideal day to speak to us is a Thursday as we are both in school that day. We thank you in advance for your support in your child's learning this year.

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

## Diary Dates for 2019 - 2020

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	EYFS Curriculum & Writing Parent Workshop 9.00am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual photographs Year 5 - Secondary Transfer Practice Test
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 - Secondary Transfer Test
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Sleepover
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	EYFS Maths Parent Workshop 1.15pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Monet Outdoor Adventure Activity at The Misbourne 1.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	EYFS Phonics & Reading Parent Workshop 9.00am
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Hockney Football at The Misbourne 1.00-3.00pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest assembly 2.15pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Secondary Transfer Test results day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Hepworth Basketball at Chalfont Community College 12.30pm-2.30pm Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 5.00pm-8.00pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Stay and Share - Autumn Walk 9.00am
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet Multiskills at DCHS 9.30am-11.30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for children in school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Winter Olympics at The Chalfonts Community College 9.30am-12.00pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	EYFS Stay & Play 9.00am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2.00pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School visit to Watersmeet Pantomime
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2.00pm KS2 Carol Concert 2.00pm

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends 1.30pm

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Children Return to School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Hepworth Dodgeball at DCHS 1.00pm-3.00pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Reception Dance at The Chalfonts Community College 12.30-2.30pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Stay & Read 9.00am
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Spring Walk 9.00am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Hepworth Tag Rugby at The Misbourne 1.00pm-3.00pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mums in School Afternoon 12 - 3.15pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Hockney - Tri Golf at The Misbourne
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Term Ends at 1.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children Return to School</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Monet - Athletics at The Misbourne 1.00-3.00pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Hockney – Cricket at Chiltern Hills Academy
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Hockney –Swimming Gala 9.00am-11.00am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	EYFS Stay & Get Physical
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Monet Games day at The Misbourne 9.30am-2.30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Work Share Evening 3.30-5.00 Y5 Parents Secondary Transfer Information Evening 6.00pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 1.00pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day 1.00pm

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 2.00pm KS2 Summer Production 7.00pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7.00pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 9.00am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Assembly 11.00am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm <b>Term Ends for Children 1.30pm</b>