

# Chenies School Newsletter

## 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

### Headteacher's News

We were all so pleased to welcome the children back today. It was wonderful to join together as a whole school again, after such a long and challenging time. It is also a pleasure to welcome 6 new children in years 1-6 and Miss Nikki Groves, Mrs Jelena Whittingham and Mrs Barbara Majek who have all joined our staff team.

### Covid 19

We will be continuing to follow government guidance in relation to Covid 19 in order to do all we can to keep everyone safe. I would be grateful if you could take the time to read the government guidance '[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#)'.

Please do not send your child to school if:

- they are showing one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are [required to quarantine](#)

### Secondary Transfer Test

All children in Year 6 will be taking the Secondary Transfer Practice test on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and the actual test on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September. If you do not want your child to take the test please inform the school office in writing by 9am on Monday.

### PE

The days when your children will have PE are included in the class news part of this letter. We are now expecting all children to come to school in full school uniform every day. PE kits should be brought into school in a named bag and children will be expected to change into them for PE lessons or sports clubs. PE bags can be left in school.

### Forest School

I am pleased to inform you that we are able to run our Forest School programme again this year. Each year group will spend one half term of Monday afternoons participating in Forest School sessions. Year 6 will start their sessions on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure that children come to school wearing trousers suitable for climbing and with appropriate outdoor clothing, including sturdy shoes. School sweatshirts should still be worn, but preferably an older one rather than a brand new one!

### Home Learning

Class teachers will not be setting specific home learning tasks next week but we would like the children to read or be read to every day. They can read their reading scheme book if they have one, or a book of their own choosing. Why not start a family reading time and all sit down together and read as a family. It is important that your children see you as positive role models when it comes to reading. Regular English and maths homework will begin during the week of 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Eco-friendly lunches**

As part of our commitment to being an Eco-School, we are trying to cut down on single use plastics. Here are some examples of things you can do to help **if you wish**

1. Pack drinks in reusable bottles (single use juice boxes generate lots of waste).
2. Pack snacks and sandwiches in a reusable box (not in clingfilm or foil).
3. Skip individual packaging (eg buy large packs of things like biscuits or yogurts and pack them in small containers).
4. Use up leftovers.
5. Include fresh fruit and/or salad.

Not compulsory - just suggestions which we would love you to take on board.

### **Playground Use after School**

Now that we are able to welcome parents back into the playground I am very happy for you to stay with your children and talk to other families after school. I do respectfully ask however that you ensure your children are supervised while they are playing and continue to follow school rules and respect the environment. I was extremely disheartened, after the PTA barbecue, at the end of term to find the playhouse and magnetic shape boards had been damaged. The main playground and fields are the only areas which should be used and children should not go back into the school building for any reason.

### **Produce Show**

The Chenies Produce show is being held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. I have attached an up to date schedule complete with the entry form. The closing date for entries has been brought forward by a day.

We are planning to put in an entry of our own from the school garden and are grateful to Mr and Mrs Jennings for their assistance with growing the vegetables and keeping them watered during the summer!

### **House Captain, School Council and Eco Warrior Elections**

The House Captain Elections will be taking place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. House captain positions are open to the children in Year 6 and if they would like to stand they will need to prepare a short speech to present, explaining why they should be the Captain of their house. School Council and Eco Warrior elections will be taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. There is one place available for each year group on the School Council and Eco Warrior team. If your child would like to stand for election, please encourage them to prepare a short speech to present to their class explaining why they should represent the class.

### **Diary Dates**

I have put together a list of dates for your diary that I hope you will find helpful. You can find them at the end of this newsletter. Please be aware that there may need to be some changes to them during the year but we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible if that is necessary.

## Parent Survey

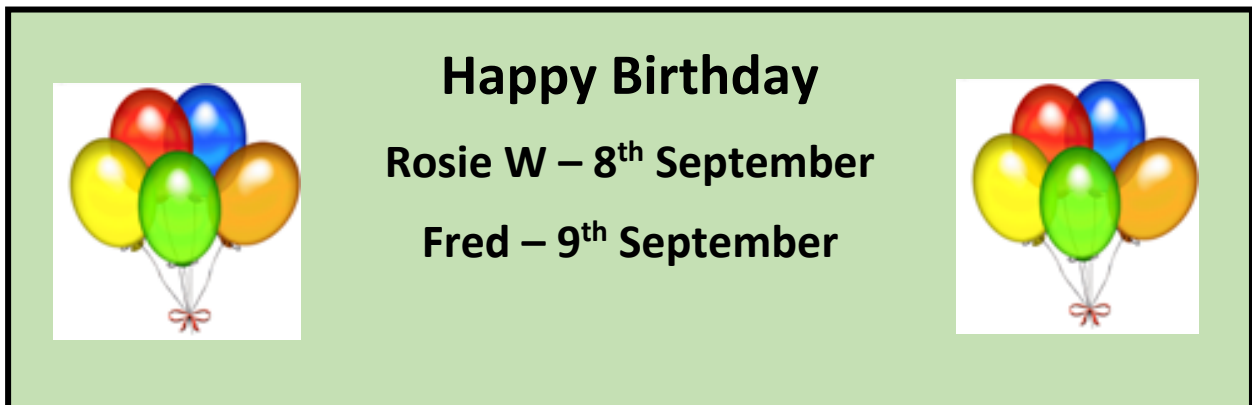
At the end of last term I promised to share the results of our parent survey with you and they are now on the school [website](#). All of your comments were valuable and I have included alongside the results some information about the actions we will be taking in response to your comments.

## After School clubs

Reminder that details of the after school clubs are on our website. To ensure your child's place is secure, please fill in the club form and return back to the office by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend

Suzanne Powell



## Class News

### Van Gogh

Welcome to Van Gogh Class!

We hope you have had a good break and the children are looking forward to starting school! We are very excited and look forward to getting to know the children and make their first year at Chenies a memorable one.

Next week we will be getting to know the children and introducing them to their new learning environment. The children will also be exploring the school and visiting the older children. The key focus next week will be RULES AND ROUTINES.

**Reminders:**

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021: 9.15 am until 11.45 am
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021: 9.15am until 1.15pm (children staying for lunch)

**Next week my child will need:**

- Coat – Wellies (to be left in school)
- Water Bottle
- Packed Lunch (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September)

**Autumn Timetable:** Please note that this timetable will be effective from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Autumn Timetable: Please note that this is a general overview of the week, activities may vary due to the topic and interests of the children.									
		9.15 – 10.15			10.45 – 11.45			1.30 – 2.30	
Monday	Register and Brain Break	PE - Dance (Mrs Sahotay)	Daily Mile & Brain Break	Snack	Phonics Handwriting Reading	Lunchtime	Register and Brain Break	Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	Story & Home
Tuesday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			PE (PE Coach)			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Wednesday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Thursday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Friday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play			Show & Tell Child Initiated Play	

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Mrs Sahotay ☺

**Monet**

I am very excited to welcome the children back to Monet Class.

Next week we will begin our Topic for the Autumn Term, 'Super Me'. We will be reflecting on our Summer Holidays by writing recounts and thinking about our aspirations for the new school year ahead by writing about what we hope to achieve and what we are looking forward to. We will also be talking about our worries and making sure we know what to do when we are feeling worried or sad. In PSHE we will be thinking about people who look after us.

In Maths we will be estimating and counting, revising our knowledge of teen numbers and ordering and comparing numbers using a number line. We will be playing lots of number games and using the outside area to aid our learning.

P.E. will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure P.E. kits are in school ready for the children to get changed.

Home reading books for the week will be sent home every Tuesday and need to be returned by Tuesday morning ready for new books to be given. Children in Monet should be reading daily (not necessarily a whole book) and depending on their reading level, they will take

home around five books per week. If you find this is too many or not enough please contact me and we can change this to suit your child.

Please also remember to bring in a water bottle for your child each day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Blakeley

### **Hockney**

In Hockey class next week we are starting a new topic focusing on the lives of the Ancient Egyptians. We are going to study books on the Egyptians and try and understand just how long ago they lived by studying timelines.

In Maths we are beginning the term by focusing on number and place value. We will be looking at addition and subtraction using 2 and 3 digit numbers.

In English we are starting with a fiction topic focusing on a story called 'Storm'. We will be focusing on in-depth comprehension and trying to better understand the characters and their actions.

We are looking forward to our PE coaching sessions resuming on a Tuesday and French horn lessons for our Year 3s starting on Friday morning. Please note that all children will need their PE kits in school for lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

### **Hepworth**

It has been wonderful to be back in school after the summer holidays and to hear about what the children have been up to. They have come back with a great attitude to learning which we hope will continue!

We are so pleased to see our year six children back again who are now at the top of the school and ready to take on the responsibilities of being the eldest children. We are also really looking forward to getting to know our new year five children as well as the new arrivals at Chenies school.

### **English**

Next week we will begin our work using the text Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo. This book ties in beautifully with our World War 2 topic. We will begin by exploring the beginning of the story and meeting the characters.

We will be looking closely at the children's grammar skills in order to ascertain where we need to focus this term and our spelling rule for the week is using pluralisation (including irregular plurals).

Our focus statutory spelling words are: August, Beautiful, Because, Believe, Bruise

### **Maths**

We are starting this term with work on place value. This will ensure the children have a solid understanding of this in order to act as a foundation to build their maths skills upon. We will be reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers with up to 5 digits (year 5) and 6 digits (year 6).

Perhaps you could spot numbers out and about and see whether your child can say the number, or what some of the digits are worth.

## Topic

We begin our World War 2 topic this term, called 'A Child's War' - which is always one of Hepworth's favourites! We will begin with an introduction to the war and locating key countries on a map.

Year 5 will be finding out about 'make do and mend' in our Art sessions and listening and singing national anthems and wartime songs in Music, whilst year 6 are at Forest school on Monday afternoons. These sessions will swap over after half term so both classes have the same opportunities.

In RE we begin our work on Diversity in Religion by finding out which religions and denominations are found in our local area.

We will start our Spanish lessons with Mrs Tillyer, which this term will focus on foods and drinks. PE sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This term the Tuesdays sessions will be run by a coach from The Elms and the Thursday session will be gymnastics with Mrs Wilson.

Our Science lesson next week will focus on what electricity is and where it comes from and in PSHE we will be developing our understanding of friendships and peer influence.

It is going to be a busy term and we are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful work the children produce. Please don't hesitate to contact either of us via the school office if you have any questions.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

## TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

### **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 4th 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 6th June
Term Ends	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July @ 1.30pm