



CHENIES SCHOOL

Chenies Rickmansworth Herts WD3 6ER

Telephone: 01923 282546

Facsimile: 01923 286734

Email: office@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

Web: www.chenies.bucks.sch.uk

Friday 25th November 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

Monday 21st November to Friday 25th November 2016

Class	Title	Details
All	Parent Survey Results Parent Governor Vacancy Registered interest in clubs for next term	See below for further information Nomination by Thursday 8 th December Respond by Friday 2 nd December – insufficient numbers for clubs will result in them being unable to take place
Sprites		
Phoenix	Appointment of new teacher	
Pegasus		
Griffin	PGL	Deposits back by Monday 28 th November

Please check the website if you have not received any of the above.

Highlights of the Week

- Following a rigorous interview process, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Alice Windsor as our Phoenix Class teacher for January 2017.
- EYFS & KS1 staff met with Mrs Gobby on Monday to discuss the progress of the new structure to the teaching of phonics. They concluded it was having a positive impact on the children's learning and many were making rapid progress as a result.
- Duncan Dyason from Radio Christmas visited us on Thursday 2nd November to record interviews with the children which he will broadcast on Friday 2nd December during the school hour 12-1pm. Radio Christmas is a local charity radio station which broadcasts throughout December in order to raise money for Street Kids Direct. For further information please visit www.radiochristmas.co.uk or tune into 87.7 FM from 1st December.
- Chenies Challenge Day was a great success with the children developing their problem solving and reasoning skills as well as their team work skills. Their achievements were celebrated in our Celebration Assembly.

Attendance Well done to Sprite for achieving the best attendance last week.			Target = 96% 👍
Sprite: 98.6% 👍	Phoenix: 96.6% 👍	Pegasus: 96.8% 👍	Griffin: 97.9% 👍



Stars of the Week	Y1: Gabriel Bothamy	Y3: Rosie Pluck	Y5: Bella Walker
YR: Noah McGee	Y2: Albie Rogers	Y3: Louisa Nero	Y6: Stuart Warner

Maths Whizzer: Stuart Warner

Bronze Star certificate 2

Chloe Hutton

Silver Star certificate

Wenessa Arari	Emily Coleman	Taryn Donovan	Isabella Esposito	Lily Jones
Annabel Leinster	Grace Long	Megan Moulster	Samson Ray	Alex Szulz
Lula Szulc	Callum Warner			

Gold Star certificate

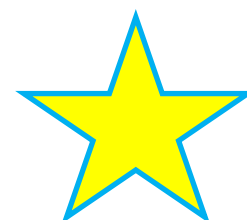
Rhys Griffiths	Harry Hargan	Olivia Ince	Arthur Ray	Arlo Wayth
----------------	--------------	-------------	------------	------------

Super Star certificate

James Dalkin	Ella Thornberry
--------------	-----------------

Star Learners

Evie-May Barker – *for giving time to help with community events*
Yasmine Cole – *for creating an engaging poster for Phoenix's Victorian museum*
James Dalkin – *for giving time to help with community events*
Jamie Fuchs – *for giving time to help with community events*
Maggie Gilchrist-Rikken – *for creating an engaging poster for Phoenix's Victorian museum*
Chloe Hutton – *for giving time to help with community events*
Harry Hutton – *for giving time to help with community events*
Oliver Hutton – *for giving time to help with community events*
Sienna Jemmet – *for using the correct letter sounds to write down her ideas*
Carmen Lehrman-Shahabaldine – *for writing words independently*
Anna Powell – *for super independent writing*
Scarlett Prunty – *for giving time to help with community events*
Jeevan Putta – *for a fantastic opening to a Greek legend, introducing a Greek hero Achilles*
Robyn Spencer – *for giving time to help with community events*
Ella Thornberry – *for giving time to help with community events*



Parent Survey

Attached to this letter are the parent survey results. Mr Hook will be hosting a parent forum next term on this matter.

However, we are pleased to inform parents and carers that actions have already been taken to address parental concerns:

- The toilet project is well under-way and the bulk of the work should be done before Christmas. Sprite toilets should be back in use imminently.
- Co-Headteachers and governors have worked closely on a carefully planned succession plan to ensure smooth transition for Mr Hook's start in January. Continuity has been a prime factor of the plan.
- Teachers were briefed and guided on how to give more detailed feedback to parents and carers at Parent Consultations about children's progress and attainment.
- The gates have been opened at 8.40.
- Co-Headteachers are always reviewing practices to improve communication.

- Co-Headteachers have regularly been reviewing the new behaviour policy and seeking external advice and support to improve behaviour throughout the school. As a result systems have been adapted during the term for individuals and classes. There was a 20% decrease in behaviour incidents and a 50% decrease in the number of pupils who persistently do not follow the rules following the implementation of the new policy. This term's data indicates behaviour incidents is in line with the summer term but there has been a 25% decrease in the number of pupils who persistently do not follow the rules.
- Children play on both playgrounds at different times– we can have them playing on both playgrounds at the same time due to staffing numbers.
- We have changed the company who provide some of our PE sessions. Observations and feedback from the children has been extremely positive.
- Staff believe the children are motivated to earn Star Points, especially since 2 children have earned their Super Star Award and received their special prize.
- We have always had a buddy system in place for children who join the school in Years 1 or above. This year we introduced a buddy system for Year 6 with our new reception children; this has proved to be very successful and we will be continuing with this throughout the year, for example Year 6 children will be helping their buddies make their Christingles on Monday 5th December.
- We have passed parental concerns about chocolate based products to our hot meal provider.

Lunch at the Hindu Temple

A reminder that lunch is provided by the Temple during our visit on Thursday 1st December. If you prefer for your child to have a packed lunch you may provide one, please remember it must **not** contain any meat, fish or egg products. This expectation is extremely strict due to Hindu beliefs – none of these products are permitted on site. Teachers will be checking all lunchboxes before we leave – if any of these food products are found to be in your child's lunchbox you will be contacted to provide them with a replacement.

Long Hair

Reminder: All hair longer than shoulder length must be **fully** tied back at all times during the school day.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is this weekend on Sunday, 27th November from 2.00 to 5.00 pm. Please come along and support the event. Stalls will be in the School Hall and Phoenix classroom. Toilet facilities on the day will be in the main building.

Christmas Lunch

Our Special Christmas Lunch is on 14th December. All children must return a consent form back to the office by Monday, 28th December. Packed lunches must be brought on this day if your child has not ordered the Christmas meal.

Dates for next week:

Sunday 27th November:	Chenies PTA Christmas Fair School Hall & Phoenix Classroom 2pm-5pm – all welcome
Tuesday 29th November:	Guitar Lessons Tuesday not Thursday this week
Thursday 1st December:	Whole school trip to Hindu Temple
Friday 2nd December:	Radio Christmas broadcast featuring Chenies School 12.00-1.00pm – please tune into 87.7FM to listen

Christmas Dates:

Thursday 8th December:	Christmas guitar assembly School Hall 9.30am – parents & cares welcome
Monday 12th December:	EYFS/KS1 production dress rehearsal School Hall 1.45pm – parents/carers/relatives with small children welcome
Tuesday 13th December:	Christmas Production EYFS & KS1 School Hall 9.30am – parents & cares welcome
Wednesday 14th December:	Christmas Lunch – pre-ordered
Thursday 15th December:	Christmas Church Service KS2 dress rehearsal St Michael's Church 2pm – parents/carers/relatives with small children welcome Christmas Church Service KS2 dress rehearsal St Michael's Church 7pm – parents & cares welcome
Friday 16th December:	Christmas Craft Day
Monday 19th December:	Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20th December:	Celebration Assembly (Mrs Bull's Leaving assembly & PTA raffle) School Hall 9am – parents & cares welcome School closes at 1.30

Yours sincerely

Hannah Burnett & Kay Gobby
Co-Headteachers

Check out our website for additional photos of the things we have been up to.

www.chenies.bucks.sch.uk

The governing body attended a training evening this week. This was led by an ex Ofsted Inspector and covered a review of educational statistical analysis, both from Chenies school and also of National schools data.

This is a very important area for Governors, because we must be able to discuss data with external bodies (Ofsted, Bucks CC etc), and must also be able to review it to see how we are progressing.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Stansbury, Chairman of the Governing Body:

Telephone Number: 07703658641 email: governors@chenies.bucks.sch.uk