

**Chenies School Newsletter**  
**Friday April 26th 2019 Summer Term – Week 1**

**Headteacher's News**

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and hear all about the exciting things they had the opportunity to do during the holiday. They have returned full of enthusiasm and been extremely busy this week enjoying their learning. Griffin class have started completing a community challenge programme and began with a visit from a fire officer who taught them some first aid. Pegasus have started a topic about rivers and placed some conical flasks around the school to monitor rainfall. Phoenix enjoyed a walk in the woods to look at Bluebells. Some of the Sprites were discussing some super questions about beetles and ants this week such as "Do beetles have their lunch at the same time as us?" Following the extended broadband failure in school this week we have all experienced a history lesson in finding out what life was like before schools had access to the internet and emails!



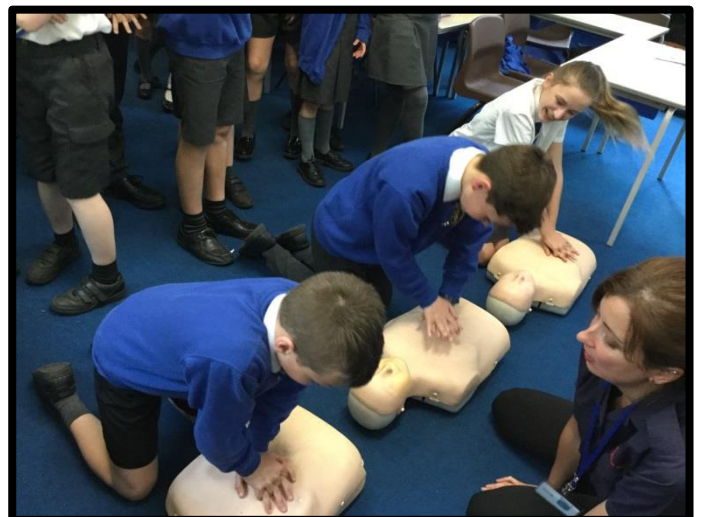
The Habit of Mind that we are focusing on this term is Striving for Accuracy and the importance of setting yourself challenging targets. Over the next few weeks there will be a focus from staff on encouraging the children to find ways to check their learning for accuracy, to ensure that they keep improving on their own personal achievements.

As it is the beginning of a new term please can I respectfully remind all parents, that unless there are exceptional circumstances which have been agreed with me, parking in the turning circle is not permitted and that parking on the yellow school markings is illegal. This is about the safety of our children so please ensure that the rules are adhered to and allow yourself enough time to arrive and park at a safe distance from the school.

At the end of last term I looked at the records of attendance and was pleased to see that 75 children had at least 95% attendance. I would however like the number of children with more than 95% attendance to increase this term. Hopefully the summer weather will have a positive impact on the children's health and therefore absence due to illness will be reduced. Please can I remind you however that I cannot authorise term time holidays and request that whenever possible you make medical appointments out of school time.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA quiz tonight.

Suzanne Powell



**Message from Mrs Hulme**

All clubs start next week, ***apart from Chess club*** which will start on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please do continue to drop the Chenies School Club forms in to the office, as well as registering your interest on line with the individual club provider. The Drama club needs a minimum of 8 children – we are hopeful that an additional 5 children will sign up in order for the club to run.

**Note to all Pegasus Parents and Carers**

All consent forms for the visits to Woodville Riding Stables need to be returned to the office **by Monday** at the latest please.

**News from the PTA - from Katy Williams**

Thank you everyone who has been using easy fundraising. We have raised £58 over the last 30 days alone just by people using the site! Please do sign up if you can.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Quiz Night tonight. Evening starts at 7.30pm in the hall - remember to bring cash for the bar and raffle. Buffet food is included in the ticket price.

Ducks are now on sale for our duck race in May. Please keep an eye out on Fridays in the playground, where we will be selling ducks (weather permitting).

**Whole school attendance this week:**

**95.5%**

## INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

### **Sprites:**

**Phonics:** We will be learning and consolidating sounds in Phase 2 and Phase 3. The children will be encouraged to use their knowledge and understanding of phonics to segment/blend to read and write across all areas of learning.

- **ck - h - b - l - ll - f - ff**
- **j - v - w - x - y - z**
- **qu - ch - sh - th - ng**
- **ai - ee - igh - oa - oo**
- **ar - or - ur - ow - oi**

The Super hero and Princess tricky words are in the back of the reading records. Please continue to reinforce these.

**Literacy:** We will be continuing to learn about stringing a sentence together **e.g. the dog is white**. They count the number of words (four) and write one word at a time, saying each word out aloud to help them hear the sounds. We will also be talking about nouns – verbs – adjectives. The children are encouraged to use sound mats to identify sounds and write key words independently.

**Maths:** this term we will focus on different types of measure using a variety of equipment. We will also have a 'snack shop' where the children will pretend to pay for their milk, fruit and water.

**Topic:** Growing – Next week we will be focusing on the children and keeping healthy.

### **Dates:**

Half Term – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dad's in school afternoon – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Sports Day – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Stay & Get Physical

Apologies, due to unforeseen circumstances this has now been moved to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
10 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	21 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	-		5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

Thank you  
Mrs Sahotay

## **Phoenix Class**

In Phoenix class next week we will be reading Six Dinner Sid and thinking about the story in the context of literacy. We will also be thinking about some of the animals we keep at home as pets.

In Maths Year Two are looking at fractions of numbers and Year One will continue to look at adding ten and taking away ten from two digit numbers.

## **Pegasus**

Welcome back! This week we have started our new topic, which will focus on climates and habitats as well as the animals that live in them. We have already started looking at classifying animals based on common characteristics and the children have started a project on measuring the rainfall in school over the past few days.

Next week in Maths we will be continuing looking at statistics. We have looked at pictograms and bar charts and we will continue looking at gathering and interpreting data.

In English we will continue looking at our class fiction book "Christophe's Story", focusing on comprehension.

In topic we will continue looking at the weather and different ways to measure them. The children will look at how the wind is measured and will be creating their own wind vains to use to gather data as a class. In science, we will be looking at the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates.

Year 4 will be learning gardening and cooking skills as part of DT while year 3 will be working with horses. Year 3 and 4 will then later swap giving each year group a chance to work with horses and take part in the DT lessons.

## **Griffin**

### **English**

We will be focussing on ensuring that the children have a secure understanding of the grammar and writing skills that they need to prepare them fully for their upcoming assessments. The children have had the opportunity to share the areas they would like to work on, as well as an interest in continuing their written work linked to the Titanic which we started work on last term. We will also be focussing on improving our reading comprehension. It is really important that your child is spending time every day reading at home and recording this in their reading records, as well as practicing spellings – both weekly and the set of statutory spelling words for year 5/6.

### **Maths**

In maths, we will also be preparing the children for their assessments, by working on the skills that have not yet been covered this year so far – including geometry work and shape, space and measures work. We will also be working on time – including reading times, reading timetables and applying these skills. We will be revisiting some of the areas of maths that need a bit more practice. As we so often say – times tables are key to solving questions faster and underpin lots of the work that we do – please ensure that your child is practicing these at home!

### **Topic**

Our science work this term relates to forces and light and we are hoping to do lots of investigative work relating to this over the following term. The children carried out some pupil-led investigations last term and showed good thinking and ideas, so we will hopefully develop this further. In PE we will be continuing to develop our skipping skills. Please ensure that your child always has their full PE kit in schools – this is essential in case PE days change at last minute.

**Important Dates (Dates added or changed this week are in blue)**

Friday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm-11pm
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 3 children start their weekly visits to Woodville Riding Stables</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Sprites/Phoenix (selected children) participating in a dental survey</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May <b>CANCELLED</b>	Griffin Swimming Gala Team – DCHS * This event has been <b>CANCELLED*</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Duck Race Restore Hope Latimer
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip PGL
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Pegasus DCHS Swimming Gala
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET Day – School closed to children</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Cyber Talk
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Author Workshop – Whole School
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Griffin / Pegasus – Prime VR Workshop
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	11+ Information evening for Year 5 parents
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Phoenix Gymnastics at Dr Challoner's High School
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Dads in school afternoon
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4 children start their weekly visits to Woodville Riding Stables</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition (Moving-up) day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Griffin Games at Dr Challoner's High School
Sunday July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair 2pm-5pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Sports Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production : 2pm –pre-school children welcome 7pm – No pre –school children allowed
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Term Ends at 1.30pm</b>