

## Chenies School Newsletter

### Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 Spring Term – Week 2

#### Headteacher's News

##### This Week's Learning

I have enjoyed seeing lots of writing from the children in Sprites this week who are now really beginning to develop the confidence to write independently. Phoenix have been engaged in reading 'Six Dinner Sid' and been thinking really hard about the importance of honesty. The Year 3 children had their first of five trips to Woodville Stables to find out more about horses and develop their skills in working with them and each other. Each of the children had their own favourite pony and the opportunity to lead one around the arena. Griffin class have been continuing their community card work this week which included a police officer talking to the year 6 children about substance misuse. The whole of Griffin class discussed healthy eating and we are grateful to Tesco who kindly donated a bag of fruit to support the children's learning. Year 6 now need to demonstrate living healthily to receive their sticker!



##### Quiz Night

Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising the quiz night last week. As a staff team we did a valiant job in using our habits of mind of persevering and striving for accuracy but had to concede that we were not quite accurate enough to win!

##### Football Achievements



Last week Mrs Wilson was exceptionally proud of the Year 5 football team, who she said worked incredibly hard throughout the game. Despite not making it to the semi-finals – their perseverance, teamwork, attitude and spirit was excellent. There was some very good defence – and a special mention must be made to Henry for his outstanding goalie skills! Thank you all so much to the parents who came to cheer their children on – and for helping out with the refereeing!

This week it was Year 4's turn to participate in a football tournament and Mrs Tillyer said that although it was a really tough competition, the children did well and she was extremely proud of how they all worked so well as

a team, they supported each other when they knew a team mate was struggling and the sportsmanship, perseverance and determination shown was exceptional!

##### Weekend Event

Finally if you are looking for something to do this weekend the River Chess association is holding a special event for families. I am sure this will be a marvellous opportunity for the children to find out more about such a special part of our local environment and links particularly well with the learning that Pegasus class are doing about rivers. More information can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2303352736652567/?ti=icl>

I wish you all an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.  
Suzanne Powell



## **News from the PTA**

We will be selling ducks in the playground after school today and next Friday for the duck race. They are £2 each. If you aren't in the playground on Fridays please drop money for ducks in to the office postbox in an envelope clearly marked 'duck race' and the names of persons each duck is to be listed under.

Quiz night made a fantastic £584 profit! Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported.

We still need helpers for duck race stalls, please help where you can! We especially need help on the BBQ and den building areas. Please let Katy know if you can help.

Raffle tickets for the duck race raffle will be distributed in book bags next week. Please do try and sell these for us as all profits from this event and raffle will be going to help transform our wildlife area in to an amazing outdoor learning area benefiting all year groups.

We would like to bring to your attention the proposal on the Chiltern District Council Planning Portal to replace the existing Amersham swimming pool, which the school currently uses for swimming lessons, with a brand new facility. As this will have an impact on many of the children at our school please do take the time to read the proposal and exercise your right to add your view to the planning portal during the consultation period. <https://www.chiltern.gov.uk/viewplanningapplications>

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend everyone.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

<b>Sprites</b>	<b>Amelia Rozwadowski</b>	<b>Ciaran Singleton</b>	<b>Jamie Adams</b>
<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Frankie Schulein</b>	<b>Charlie Dalkin</b>	<b>Isla Campbell</b>
<b>Pegasus</b>	<b>Rosie Wakeman</b>	<b>Jamie Fuchs</b>	<b>Rhys Griffiths</b>
<b>Griffin</b>	<b>Pruthvi Muralidhar</b>	<b>Adam Coleman</b>	<b>Chloe Hutton</b>

## PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

<b>Sprites – 100%</b>	<b>Phoenix – 83%</b>
<b>Pegasus – 64%</b>	<b>Griffin – 90%</b>

**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:** We will be continuing with different types of measure using a variety of equipment. The key word this week will be 'non-standard measures' the children will be finding ways of measuring. We will also continue with our 'snack shop' where the children will pretend to pay for their milk, fruit and water.

**Topic:** Growing – We continue to talk about keeping healthy with the focus this being on how we grow.

### 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.

### Stay for Breakfast

I'm afraid due to Mrs Woods and myself being off sight we are having to change the date to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### 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	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	21 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	-		

Thank you  
Mrs Sahotay

### **Phoenix Class**

In Phoenix class next week we will be looking at report writing and thinking about how to write recounts of an event. We will be looking at our local area and deciding if we would like to live in an urban or rural area.

In maths Year Two are looking at doubling and halving two digit numbers and Year One will look at adding eleven and taking away eleven from two digit numbers.

### **Pegasus**

Next week in maths we start looking at shapes and their properties, starting with the features of 3D shapes.

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 it. We haven't managed to get to making the wind vane this week, so the children will look at how the wind is measured and will be creating their own wind vanes to use to gather data as a class. In science, we will be looking at classifying invertebrates and go hunting for some.

Year 4 will be learning to make pesto sauce from scratch! The recipes will be given to them to take home should they want to try and impress you with their cooking skills. If you would like them to bring some of the sauce home, please give them a little container to bring into school.

The class have also started to look at clothing and fashion and how it has changed in Britain from 1066 to modern times. As part of this they have started learning embroidery skills, with the aim of making a small hand-decorated draw-string bag from scratch.

### **Griffin**

In English we will be revisiting and applying areas of grammar and punctuation including conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, prefixes and how they alter words, the use of commas - in lists and to avoid ambiguity. We will be looking more at advanced punctuation - ensuring we know the rules for when these are used and applying them in our writing. We will also have a focus on reading comprehension.

In maths our focus area will be ratio and averages. These will be revised and used in reasoning scenarios. We will also consolidate our learning about shape and geometry - practising and applying these skills in a range of contexts.

Our science work sees us looking at forces and starting to think about our own investigations for finding out more about the effects of forces. PE lessons on a Friday will continue our skipping practice - setting ourselves goals and targets for where we would like to get to.

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

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>