

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday May 10th 2019 Spring Term – Week 3

Headteacher's News

This Week's Learning Highlights

Sprites have enjoyed investigating how germs spread and finding out about floating and sinking. Phoenix spent time finding out about travelling in London and made their own underground maps. Year 3 were taught how to clean the hoof of a horse and found out that a part of a horse's hoof is called a frog. Year 4 enjoyed making pesto from scratch. Griffin class really enjoyed competing against each other to see which team could complete the most questions in a maths lesson in the hall. They had six minutes to complete as many questions as they could on a topic before moving on to the next topic.



The School Office

As I shared with you previously, today is Mrs Hulme's last day with us. I know that as parents you will want to join me in wishing her every happiness in her new school and to say thank you for all her hard work and the positive contribution that she has made to the smooth running of the school.

Our new member of office staff is due to start after half term. In the meantime Mrs Dinwiddy will be doing her best to check the office email account but her working hours are limited to 10.00am -2.00pm. Please can I request therefore that if you need to let us know about changes of people collecting your child you either email before 1.30 or telephone the school and leave a message. I would also be grateful if you could ensure that if your child is absent for any reason you email or telephone before 9.30am.



Early Years

I am pleased to be able to share with you that at the beginning of the week we had an Early Years Foundation Stage external moderation visit from one of the County advisors. She was extremely complimentary about the work of all the staff in the Reception class and their contribution to the children's development. We of course knew that already but positive external verification is always nice to share!

Outdoor Learning Area

I am pleased to say that as I write the base for our new greenhouse has been completed and work has begun to install the outdoor classroom. All the staff are really looking forward to using these facilities to support outdoor learning. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer to help the children with growing and looking after the plants then please contact me.

Football Achievements

This week it was Year 3's turn to participate in a football tournament at Holmer Green School. Once again Mrs Tillyer was impressed with the enthusiasm, energy and team spirit displayed by our children.

Community Event

There will be a homemade cake sale at St Michael's Church, on Monday 13th May from 2.00pm-3.30pm. Tea and Coffee will be available and proceeds from the sale will be donated to Christian Aid.

Suzanne Powell

Note from Mrs Hulme:

It is Census Day on **Thursday May 16th** – may we encourage all children in Sprites and Phoenix to have a hot lunch, as the number of children who take a lunch on May 16th, will affect our future funding. The menu plans to be delicious! Please note the **menu has changed** to Pork Sausage, Vegetarian Sausage, Hot Dog Bun, Tomato Ketchup, Chips, Mini Donuts.

Many thanks for my lovely gifts and cards – you have been very kind. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Chenies School. I will be coming to the Duck Race on May 18th with my family, so I very much hope to see you then.

Mrs Emma Hulme

News from the PTA

Next Thursday (16th May) we will be in the school hall at 3.15pm getting crafty to start making our props for the carnival float.

Please do come along and give a hand! Pre school children, Chenies children and all parents/carers welcome, I'll bring some paper and crayons so little ones can feel part of the action.

We will be cutting large props out, making headbands, designing and colouring so many hands needed and no creative flair needed. We just need lots of hands to help please.

Please bring a drink and snack. We aim to finish around 4.30pm.

We respectfully ask that this session is not used for children to stay and play outside or anywhere else on the school grounds. We do not have permission to use the equipment or school field and for safety reasons children must be in the hall.

Thank you

STARS OF THE WEEK

Sprites	Dennis Loghin	Archie Zahra	Harry Moore
Phoenix	Isobel Gallagher	Year 2	Lily Brown
Pegasus	Fawn Knott	Year 4	Adrian Loghin
Griffin	Luke Payne	Advaith Bhagavathula	Henry Keen

PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 100%	Phoenix – 80%
Pegasus – 77%	Griffin – 93%

Whole school attendance this week:

95.4%

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
- ear - air - er

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 24th May 2019

Stay and Get Physical – 11th June 2019

Dad's in school afternoon – Friday 14th June 2019

Sports Day – Tuesday 9th July 2019

Stay for Breakfast Friday 19th July 2019

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
10 th May 2019	17 th May 2019	24 th May 2019	5 th July 2019
14 th June 2019	21 st June 2019	28 th June 2019	
12 th July 2019	-		

Thank you
Mrs Sahotay

Phoenix

In Phoenix class next week we will be learning about Bees. We will be writing some facts about these amazing animals and looking at why they are so important.

We will be planting some Bee friendly flowers and tasting honey from around the world. We may even do some cooking! (But don't hold me to it.)

There will certainly be some Bee based art.

In Maths we will be consolidating our learnt facts and looking at problem solving.

Pegasus

Next week in maths we will continue looking at the properties of shapes, focusing on 2D shapes.

In English we will finish looking at our class fiction book "Christophe's Story".

In topic we will continue looking at the weather and different ways to measure it and looking at cloud coverage.

Year 4 will continue their gardening, planting strawberries and tomatoes.

The class will continue to look at clothing and fashion and how it has changed in Britain from 1066 to modern times. Hopefully by the end of the week the children will have finished their drawstring bags.

Griffin

Next week our Year 6 cohort reach the pinnacle of their academic year - they have their national assessments. Each and every member of the year group has worked hard and we fully believe are well-prepared for what next week brings for them. The children know that the assessments are there to ensure their learning has progressed at a level appropriate to them and that the assessments do not reflect on them as individuals. They are all wonderful, kind, thoughtful, hardworking children - the assessments do not test this.

We would like each member of year 6 to enjoy their weekend - to relax, have fun, do whatever they enjoy...we would like them to come into school on Monday calm and positive - they have nothing to worry about!

Whilst Year 6 are involved in assessments year 5 will spend their mornings working on tasks set for them.

The afternoons next week will focus on Art, Science and PE.

Next Friday will be audition morning for those that wish to audition for an acting and singing role for this summer's production. Each member of Griffin received an audition script last week. This should be practised and learned, ready Friday. If the children wish to sing in their audition, we have asked them to prepare this themselves, using any song they wish.

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

Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs
May 16th	Census Day – We encourage all Sprites and Phoenix children to have a hot lunch today!
Saturday 18 th May	PTA Duck Race Restore Hope Latimer
Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip PGL
Tuesday 21 st May	Pegasus DCHS Swimming Gala
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 6 Cyber Talk
Tuesday 4th June	PTA Meeting
Saturday 8 th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 10 th June	Author Workshop – Whole School
Tuesday 11 th June	Griffin / Pegasus – Prime VR Workshop
Wednesday 12 th June	11+ Information evening for Year 5 parents
Wednesday 12 th June	Phoenix Gymnastics at Dr Challoner's High School
Friday 14 th June	Dads in school afternoon
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 4 children start their weekly visits to Woodville Riding Stables
Tuesday 2 nd July	Transition (Moving-up) day
Thursday 4 th July	Griffin Games at Dr Challoner's High School
Sunday July 7 th	Summer Fair 2pm-5pm
Tuesday 9 th July	1.30pm Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th July	School reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 11 th July	1.30pm Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 17 th July	Summer Production : 2pm –pre-school children welcome 7pm – No pre –school children allowed
Wednesday 24th July	Term Ends at 1.30pm