

Friday December 14th 2018

Chenies School Friday Letter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well, this is my last Friday letter and much like this week, it's replete with achievement, success and joy. We started off on Monday with our whole school trip to watch the Snow White pantomime at the Watersmeet theatre, Rickmansworth. The children fully engaged with all things panto, there was much cheering, jeering and plenty of 'behind-you'. Well done to Mrs Sahotay for the inspiration and along with Mrs Hulme the hard work in putting this together. It was funded by you, the PTA, which was very generous and based on all the children's animated faces, very worth while. Thank you PTA.

This production was then followed by our own with Phoenix and Sprites performing their nativity— 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. The performance was delightful, the children had clearly worked very hard on their lines and actions; it was wonderful to see so many parents, family and friends at school supporting and enjoying the show.

On Thursday it was Pegasus and Griffin who brought seasonal joy to many with their wonderful Christmas Carol concert. The children performed with an exuberance that was so very cheering, an uplifting experience shared again with so many of you—thank you. I am afraid that I was rather lost in the moment at the end and forgot to thank the wonderful teachers who worked so hard, along with the children, to bring together such a performance. Thank you Mrs Tillyer, Mrs Wilson and Mr Furcovi.

Chenies school had four budding DJs ruling the local airwaves on Tuesday as they hosted schools hour on Radio Christmas. We had a school's hour first with a request for Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 in a Christmas show.

Following the final performance of Whoops-a- Daisy Angel, the hall was swiftly transformed from a theatre to a Christmas dining room in preparation for the School Christmas Lunch. We had a beautiful Christmas tree delivered, kindly donated by the always supportive, Van Hage Garden Centre which significantly added to the festive atmosphere. The whole staff dined with the children, sharing crackers and donning ill-fitting hats which was most enjoyable. Thank you to Penny, Tharini, Liz and the parent helpers



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As I type, the finishing touches are being made to the new shelter for Sprites. I hope you will agree with me that it has significantly improved the look of the front of the school. The cosmetic improvements are important, but it is the impact it will have for our Early Years that we are most excited about. I believe I have almost seen some impatience from serenely tranquil Mrs Sahotay, who is very excited to get her outdoor area up and running for our very lucky Sprites.

The Government has published data for schools this week. It shows that Chenies still has work to do but it also shows that we are making excellent progress, especially in Reading where our performance is well above average and ranked 4th out of the 226 schools in Bucks. This is a reflection on a whole host of activities at Chenies: very good assessment, planning and teaching, a new reading scheme, a new library. It shows how effective we can be when we are aligned as a school community in improving this lovely school for our children.

Regarding the library, please can you ensure that all library books are returned on Monday so we can have the library all sorted ready for the New Year. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Jonathan Hook

[The Royal British Legion](#) have let us know that our Poppy Appeal raised £80.37—a wonderful contribution. And [Children in Need](#) also raised **£80**. Thank you.

Note from the Bursar:

To All parents whose children are going on PGL: The next payment instalment is due today please.

Clubs: Thank you to all of you who have returned the **club choices form** for next term, to the office. I look forward to receiving more next week. Please note—the Drama Club needs a minimum of 8 children for it to run. Let me know if you experience problems contacting The Performance Arts club and I will be happy to help. Mrs Hulme



Well done to all our star achievers for this week:

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
Sprites			Jamie Adams Ciaran Singleton All of Sprites
Phoenix	Elora Williams	Oliver Barns Noah McCall	Amelia Van Loosen
Pegasus			Rhys Griffiths James Dalkin All of Pegasus
Griffin			Luke Payne Adam Coleman

Proudly Purple - Target 100%

Sprites 93%	Phoenix 100%
Pegasus 90%	Griffin 80%

Another very good week especially Phoenix —well done. Pegasus continue to improve and if Griffin could all do their spellings and homework, their score would be comfortably in the 90s.

Whole school attendance this week:

94.2%

Parents @ Chenies School (PTA):

Upcoming events :

Thank you so much to everyone who helped out at the fair and who came along to enjoy the fun. We are delighted to announce that Scott and Stuart have been busy counting the pennies and we are enormously excited to let you know that the total profit from the fair and raffle is **just under £2400!** That's clear profit after expenses.

Please hang on to any Christmas jumpers that you've dug out and no longer fit, we will be holding a Christmas clothing (adults and children) collection in January for a PTA sale in November next year.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for film clubs starting back in the new year.

Please remember if you'd like ad hoc vouchers for Christmas shopping to

email PTA@chenies.bucks.sch.uk and any online shopping please go through [easyfundraising](#) as the PTA receive commission on what you spend. Both schemes cost you no extra than what you are spending anyway but helps us raise much needed funds. Thank you!



Katy and Mel

Diary Dates

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Dec 17 *Please note Tennis Club will be on today	Dec 18 NO PEGASUS SWIMMING EYS, KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties (No Hot lunch) *Please note Gym Club will be on today	Dec 19 Break up at 1.30pm after Lunch, for the holidays	Dec 20 HOLIDAYS	Dec 21 HOLIDAYS	Dec 22 HOLIDAYS	Dec 23 HOLIDAYS
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Dec 31 HOLIDAYS	Jan 1 HOLIDAYS	Jan 2 HOLIDAYS INSET DAY	Jan 3 SCHOOL OPENS AND TERM STARTS	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6
Jan 7	Jan 8 Pegasus Swimming	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11 Griffin to DCHS Dodgeball	Jan 12	Jan 13

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