



CHENIES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers

Monday 8th to Friday 12th February 2016

Class	Title	Details
All	Safer Internet Day Family movies Restore Hope Latimer Flyer	
Sprites		
Phoenix		
Pegasus	Mrs Julia Tillyer	
Griffin	Netball Tournament (invitation only)	Return slip by Wednesday 24 th February

Please check the website or the letter folder in the School Office if you have not received any of the above.

Highlights of the Week

- Assemblies to celebrate Chinese New Year and Lent.
- Delicious pancakes for lunch on Tuesday!
- Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a cross country race at The Misbourne School. Some races had over 100 participants. The children were immaculately behaved and all tried really hard – well done! Some of our children were placed in the cross country races: Gus Gilchrist-Rikken placed 2nd in the boys Year 3 race, Sophie Nunn placed 3rd in the girls Year 3 race, Anastasia Machula placed 7th in the girls Year 4 race, Oliver Hutton placed 19th in the Year 4 boys race and Niklas Buchanan placed 9th in the boys Year 6 race. Thank you to the parents who helped to accompany the children to the cross country event.
- Governors and staff attended training in The Prevent Duty.
- The Co-Heads have had pupil progress meetings with each teacher and have seen some fantastic progress in pupils' books.
- The Co-Heads had a meeting with the School Improvement Partner who reported that there have been significant improvements in teaching and learning this term. Well done to all the staff and pupils for their hard work.
- A safeguarding audit was completed with a School Improvement Advisor from the Buckinghamshire Learning Trust and actions have been addressed.

Attendance

Well done to Sprites for achieving the best attendance for last week.			Target = 96%
Sprite: 100%	Phoenix: 97.3%	Pegasus: 97.7%	Griffin: 98.9%



Co-Head: Mrs H Burnett BA Q.T.S. (Hons) NPQH Co-Head: Mrs K Gobby BEd (Hons) MEd
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Stars of the Week

<i>Move quietly and sensibly around school</i>	Year 1:Harry Hargan	Year 3:Luke Payne	Year 5:Jeevan Putta
Sprite: Cassia Williams	Year 2:Ayre Jackson	Year 4:Lula Szulc	Year 6:Kirstie Chatto

Star Learners

Children who have achieved a high standard of learning are sent to Mrs Burnett or Mrs Gobby and their names are written in the 'Star Book for Learning'. These children received a special Headteacher's sticker and had recognition of their achievement in Monday's assembly. Well done!

Laycie Henderson: *for independent writing and generating ideas*

Cassia Williams: *for a good understanding of 'less than'*

Eddie Brampton: *for retelling a story in his own words in detail*

Beatrice Dawes: *for writing about a Maths activity*

Maggie Gilchrist-Rikken: *for retelling a story in her own words*

Ayre Jackson: *for demonstrating excellent knowledge and understanding in music and being able to compose his own piece of music*

Jacob Boulter: *for writing about a Maths activity*

Rosie Pluck: *for writing about a Maths activity*

Isabella Rolnick: *for achieving 10/10 in her spellings for 3 weeks in a row*

Daisy Stansbury: *for demonstrating a high standard of writing*

Stuart Warner: *for demonstrating a high standard of writing*



Maths Whizzer of the Week: Jacob Boulter

Chinese New Year

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Tan (William's grandparents) for kindly coming into Sprites Class to talk about Chinese New Year, the year of the Monkey for the red envelopes and fortune cookies and to Mrs Snowsill for the Chinese panda biscuits and Fortune Egg rolls sent home with the children today.

Appointment of new teacher

We are pleased to announce after a rigorous interview process that Mrs Julia Tillyer has been appointed to work one day a week in Pegasus Class commencing on Monday 22nd February 2016. Mrs Tillyer will be working every Friday.

Home Learning including writing task

Home Learning supports children's progress across the curriculum. There seems to be a number of children not completing or handing their English writing task or Home Learning Portfolio in. Parents and children need to be aware that from next half-term children will miss a playtime to complete the missing work.

New Handwriting Scheme

Attached with this letter is information about our new handwriting scheme, which is a cursive font, taught from Year 2. If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher.

We will shortly be sending details of a handwriting competition, so start practising!

Handwriting is a limiting factor in the new SAT assessments; if children do not have handwriting which is joined and fluent they can achieve more than the expected level – regardless how good the content and structure of their writing is.

School Council

The School Council are continuing to raise funds to purchase 'something' which will benefit the whole school. In the past they have organised whole school visits, whole school events on site,

developed the Wildlife Area, purchased a water fountain on the playground. On **Friday 26th February** there will be a whole school mufti (non-school uniform day) with no theme. If children wish to come dressed in their own clothes, they must pay **£1** for the privilege.

May we remind all children they should still come dressed appropriate for school; no midriffs on show, no high heels, no make-up, hair past the shoulder must be fully tied up etc.

Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors have decided to hold a Green Box Wednesday each half term rather than every month to give families time to source items for re-cycling. The next collection will be the first Wednesday back after half term, **Wednesday 24th February** first thing in the morning.

PTA

Chenies Talent Show: Don't forget to fill in the form for entry into the talent show which takes place on Friday 18th March 6pm-8.30pm.

Summer Fun Day: There has been a change of date for the Summer Fun day – Please make a note of the new date – Saturday 16th July 2016.

Dates for after half term:

Wednesday 24th February: Parent Forum: Maths Whizz School Hall 2.30pm
Green Box collection

Friday 26th February: School Council Mufti with no theme £1

Tuesday 1st March: Astronomy Road Show visiting Sprites & Phoenix Class £5.00 per child
Full Governing Body meeting

Wednesday 2nd March: Governor Visit Day

Thursday 3rd March: Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30
(appointments will be available after half-term)

Friday 4th March: Mums in School Day

Yours sincerely

Hannah Burnett & Kay Gobby
Co-Headteachers

Next Week's Star Rules

Always be honest

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

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We are lucky in this area to have the support of the Buckinghamshire Learning Trust, which is one of the fastest growing education trusts in the country. They provide a wide range of services to support schools and governing bodies in meeting a target of providing outstanding care and support and ensuring all children make at least good progress.

This week we (Governing Body and Co Heads) were involved in a meeting to review a range of improvement activities that we have planned and been implementing. This is a challenging, yet highly supportive, process which always brings new ideas and fresh perspectives on what we are doing to improve. This review process is just part of a package of support, advice and guidance that we use throughout the year at Chenies.

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

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