



CHENIES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers

Monday 17th to Thursday 20th October

Class	Title	Details
All		
Sprites		
Phoenix		
Pegasus		
Griffin		

Please check the website if you have not received any of the above.

Highlights of the Week

- The children have thoroughly enjoyed RE week. They have been learning about the faith and traditions of Hinduism. They have also had the opportunity to enjoy tasting Indian food and Bollywood dancing. Thank you to Mrs Sahotay, Mrs Board and Mr Sahotay for their hard work in making this happen.
- Mrs Burnett was very proud of the Y5&6 football team when they played Ley Hill on Tuesday. The result was disappointing but they played exceptionally well.
- Griffin made Miss Bennett very proud at the Football and Netball tournament on Wednesday.
- Your generous harvest donations have been collected today by the local food bank; they were very appreciative.
- Steve Fox, from Bucks CC, completed a site visit to make recommendations to ensure the school site was safe.



Attendance

Well done to Phoenix for achieving the best attendance last week. Well done again to all 4 classes for exceeding our target!

Target = 96% 👍

Sprite: 97.1% 👍	Phoenix: 99.3% 👍	Pegasus: 99.1% 👍	Griffin: 97.6% 👍
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Stars of the Week	Y1: Amelie Upton	Y3: Jacob Boulter	Y5: Alice Taylor-Wheeler
YR: Charlie Dalkin	Y2: Maggie Gilchrist-Rikken	Y4: Sophie Nunn	Y6: Dan McGee

Maths Whizzer: Alice Taylor-Wheeler

Silver Star certificate

Sophie Nunn

Super Star certificate

Chloe Hutton



Star Learners

Jacob Boulter – *for presenting great understanding of properties of shape and for making a fantastic cave painting*

George Clack – *for presenting great understanding of properties of shape and for making a fantastic stone age house*

Oliver Harris – *for presenting and explaining his fantastic HLP*

Chloe Hutton – *for presenting great understanding of properties of shape*

Louisa Nero – *for presenting great understanding of properties of shape*

Isabella Rolnick – *for making a fantastic stone age model*

Open Start is a leaning opportunity

We have observed a much calmer and more productive start to the day since introducing our open start; this has also been observed and confirmed by our School Improvement Advisor at BLT on his last visit. Formal lessons don't begin until 9am after registration. However, teachers are using this time to ensure children still have the opportunity to learn. The focus is on mathematical problem solving, as well as children having the opportunity to have personalised challenges set to support their learning – for example further practise or consolidation of the previous day's learning or their misconceptions addressed. Please make a concerted effort to ensure your child is at school within this time so they are not missing out on further learning opportunities.

Playground equipment

After half term, the children will be allowed to play on the outdoor wooden equipment after school under the supervision of a parent or carer. This equipment is suitable for 4-11 years and is used at your own risk.

PE lessons after half-term

After half term First Touch Football will be supporting some of our PE lessons – they will be teaching our planned curriculum, not football. The children will be having their PE lessons on the following days:

Griffin - Tuesday and Thursday

Pegasus - Monday (and Tuesday swimming)

Phoenix - Monday and Tuesday

Sprite - No change

KS2 Multisport club

As part of First Touch Football's support they will also be providing an after school club on Tuesday afternoons 3.15-4.15pm. The club will be a multisport club which will focus on a

different discipline each week and will commence Tuesday 1st November and the final session of the term will be Tuesday 6th December (6 sessions). The club is for children in KS2 – Griffin and Pegasus class. This club is funded by sports premium funding – the places are therefore free. If you would like to request a place for your child please complete the reply slip below, places will be given on a first come first served basis. Mrs Wright will contact you to confirm if you have a place.

Morning club

We currently don't have enough children to run the morning club on Mondays and Fridays but there are 2 children on each day who would like to attend. If there are others families who want to or are considering putting their child into morning club on these days, please let us know asap. We really want this morning club to be successful and rely on parental support for it!

Football Match

Chenies School football players Aws Khafagi (captain), Harry Chatto, Alex Parsey, Samson Ray, Philippa Wakeman, Jeevan Putta, Dan McGree, Harvey Long, Callum and Stuart Warner, played against Ley Hill School. It was a tough match, Dan and Jeevan saved a lot of shots, but sadly we lost 3-0. Philippa worked really hard in defence, proving girls can play football too – well done Philippa!

Aws Khafagi

Football & Netball Tournament



On Wednesday 19th October, Griffin Class attended a tournament for football and netball against other local schools. Miss Bennet was very proud of them all as they gave their best effort and showed great sportsmanship. Callum Warner got a special mention out of all the footballers from all the schools for being fantastic!

"Everybody was good. We had good attacking skills and loads of goals were saved. It was a really fun and everybody enjoyed it. Everyone had a chance at each position. We played really well against the other teams, who were much bigger than us and we scored twice." - Harvey Long & Stuart Warner.

"We did really good defending and passing - we kept the ball moving. Some people who had never played before began by not believing in themselves but they turned that around and were amazing!"

Philippa Wakeman

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them. We are running low on spare items to loan if anything is missing.

Nits/Headlice

There has been an outbreak of nits this week. Please check your child and treat if necessary over the half term.

Dates for next week:

Monday 30th October:

School Open
PTA MUFTI Day

Tuesday 1st November:

Grow a Pound event

Wednesday 2nd November:

PTA meeting 3.30pm School Hall – all welcome

Yours sincerely

Hannah Burnett & Kay Gobby
Co-Headteachers

Spooky Disco & PTA

The PTA Spooky Disco was a great success last week. The PTA would like to thank all those who helped on the night, Katy Van Loosen & Rachel Lehrman for their spooky decorations and our DJ Danny Rolnick. Both children & parents had a great time!

The PTA Co-Secretaries Kathryn Simpson and Sally Bolton both stood down at the PTA AGM, many thanks to them both for all their hard work. Thanks to Sharon Bradbury for the beautiful bouquets presented to Kathryn & Sally from the PTA.

Next PTA meeting is after school **Wednesday November 2nd at 3:30**, we would like to invite as many parents and staff to join us to organise this year's Christmas Fair on Sunday November 27th. A colouring corner will be available children during the meeting. Please join us to make this event a success! The PTA wish everyone a very happy half term!

Please see attached Spooky Mufti Day letter, Amazon voucher scheme and Minutes of PTA AGM.

Amanda Thornberry (PTA)

The Governing Body are pleased to announce that the selection process has now concluded and Jonathan Hook will be joining us as Headteacher.

Jonathan will be the fulltime Headteacher from January next year. We are also reviewing the transition options with a view to getting Jonathan involved during this term and maximise the knowledge transfer opportunities.

We will be in touch with more information as it is agreed but wanted you to know this before the half term break.

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

Telephone Number: 07703658641 email: governors@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

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I would like to request a place for _____ to attend the multisport club on Tuesdays in the 2nd half of the Autumn term.

Signed _____ Date _____

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

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