

Friday, 2 February 2018

Chenies School Friday Letter

This Week:

Dear Parents and Carers

Wednesday afternoon in Griffin was probably the best two hours of school I've ever had the good fortune to experience. As part of their WWII topic, Griffin were visited by Jimmy James, a 94 year old WWII veteran. Jimmy flew in the RAF and in September 1944 he was shot down and captured in Rimini, Italy. He spoke his story to the children: signing up, training, flying missions, capture, prison in Poland, prisoner march, prison in Berlin, escape and freedom. The clarity of his memory was remarkable, his powerful description of these events had the children (and adults) transfixed. The children asked excellent questions and listened with intense concentration; I am sure this will inspire wonderful work as they progress through the topic.

As you may know, with some parent volunteer help, next Wednesday we are reorganising the library; rescanning all the books and scanning in the new books our fabulous PTA purchased, which have all been delivered. The teachers are also focusing on reading with a particular focus on reading records. We expect that our children will be heard reading at home at least five times during the week, this vital practice allows children to develop their reading skills, be that new phonic sounds or developing greater understanding of inference and deduction. Your support in this critical area of our children's development is greatly appreciated.

World Book day is on Thursday 1st March and we will celebrate that day as a key part of the whole week of celebrating reading. More details will follow.

We said goodbye and thank you to our lovely Sprites TA, Mrs Collins, on Thursday—we wish her all the best for the future.

Please take note of the information regarding absence and lateness below. Ideally we would like the children here by 08:45 so they can be in class, organised and ready for learning by 08:55 when the register closes. It impacts their day if they start behind, feeling rushed and unprepared. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jonathan Hook
Head Teacher

Absences & Late Arrivals:

If your child is unwell or has a medical appointment, please ensure you email or telephone the school office by 9.15am on the morning of each absence explaining why your child will not be attending school.

Hot meals cannot be ordered after this time if your child arrives late.



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Well done to all our star achievers for this week:

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
Sprites	Oliver Barnes	Marcel Bothamy	Isobel Gallagher
Phoenix	Elena Adams	Tiana Cozens	Evie-May Barker
Pegasus	Shrenik Madavapeddi	Emily Coleman	Charlotte Flood
Griffin	Kaita Abiodun	Alice Taylor-Wheeler	Anastasia Machula

Proudly Purple - Target 100%

Sprites - 100%	Phoenix - 93%
Pegasus - 96%	Griffin - 60%

Great weeks for Sprites, Phoenix and Pegasus— well done. Griffin, very disappointing that you have not made an improvement this week. You know what you need to do to be better students.

Whole school attendance this week:

93.5%

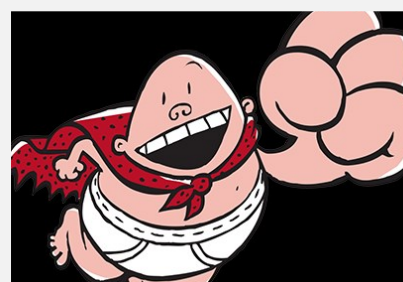
Parents @ Chenies School (PTA):

Our film club launches this Saturday, 3rd February. Booking forms have been sent home with your child this week. The film will be Captain Underpants. Payment can be made on the day, but please email us if you wish to come.

Fundraising suggestion forms were sent out this week so you can pop down ideas for how you and your children would like to see PTA money spent. We value all suggestions and everything you jot down will be discussed.

Next meeting will be 7.30pm @ The Bedford Arms on Thursday 8th February. Please come along!

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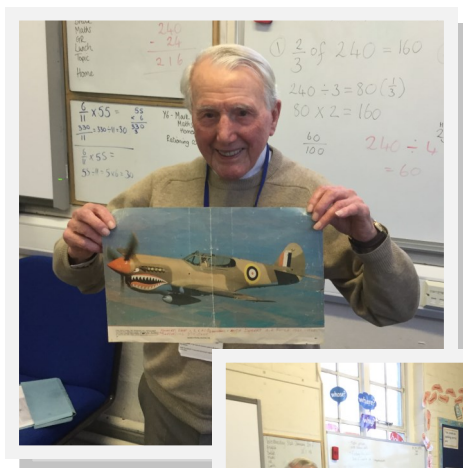
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SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS

We value everyone's input on what you would like to see PTA funds spent on. Please take some time to have a think and a chat with your children to come up with some ideas that we can discuss at our meetings. Ideas can be anything from sports equipment to workshops. Any ideas for fundraising would be welcome too. Please use the space below.

This slip can be returned to the box labelled PTA suggestion box which will either be located outside the school hall or in the playground.

THANK YOU!



Diary Dates - January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
5	6	7 Sprites NHS Heights & Weights check	8 PTA meeting (7.30) Bedford Arms	9 Dads' Night Out 8.30 at The Pome-roy	10	11
12 HALF TERM	13 HALF TERM	14 HALF TERM	15 HALF TERM	16 HALF TERM	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Griffin WW2 trip to Holdenby House	28	1 World Book Day	2	3 Film Club (2-4.30)	4
5	6	7 Phoenix trip to Oxford Castle	8	9 Mothers in School Afternoon	10	11
12	13 Parents Eve (3.30-6.00)	14	15 Parents Eve (5.00 - 8.00)	16	17	18

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