



## CHENIES SCHOOL

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Class	Title	Details
<b>All</b>	Scholastic book magazine £1 book token	Orders to be placed by Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 (£1 tokens can be used)
<b>Sprites</b>		
<b>Phoenix</b>		
<b>Pegasus</b>		
<b>Griffin</b>		

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

- Welcome to our new pupil and her family: Philippa Wakeman started in Griffin class (Year 5)
- Astronomy Roadshow came to Chenies School for children in Phoenix and Sprite Class.
- The Full Governing Body met on Tuesday evening to discuss the progress of the school and to discuss new projects to improve further.
- 4 governors spent a day in school on Wednesday, getting to know children and staff, as well as how the school runs on a daily basis.
- Leap Year assembly for the whole school.
- Griffin had an information assembly and workshop led by ChildLine.
- The PTA met to discuss up and coming events. They are always looking for fresh ideas, new faces to attend their meetings and help at their fundraising events.
- First evening of parent consultations was very successful.
- A thoroughly enjoyable day was had today by children, mums and staff as we celebrated Mums in School and World Book Day. All children have been given a £1 book token. Any feedback comments are gratefully received.

### Attendance

Well done to Griffin for achieving the best attendance last week.			<b>Target = 96%</b> 👍
Sprite: 86% 📉	Phoenix: 96% 👍	Pegasus: 96% 👍	Griffin: 97.1% 👍



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>Listen to each other and don't interrupt</i>	Y1: Ella Thornberry	Y3: Sophie Nunn	Y5: Philippa Wakeman
Sprite: Adrian Loghin	Y2: Eddie Brampton	Y4: Olivia Ince	Y6: Paris Hinchcliffe

*NB: Star of the Week Certificates may be given for achievements other than keep the week's Star Rule.*

## Maths Whizzer of the Week: Robyn Spencer in Year 5.

NB: The child who has made the biggest improvement on Maths Whizz

## 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 will receive recognition of their achievement in Monday's assembly. Well done!

Elena Adams – *for writing extended sentences which includes punctuation, verbs and adjectives, as well as imagination.*

Luc Boehmer – *for writing extended sentences which includes punctuation, verbs and adjectives, as well as imagination.*

Jamie Fuchs – *for choosing to write independently*

William Tan – *for writing extended sentences which includes punctuation, verbs and adjectives, as well as imagination.*

Freddie Zahra – *for choosing to write independently*

## Arrival time to school

We would like to remind parents, for Health & Safety reasons, children must **not** arrive to school and be left on the playground by themselves before 8.45am; other parents are not responsible for your child. Exceptional circumstances for your children arriving to school before this time must be discussed and agreed by Mrs Burnett or Mrs Gobby.

## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are taking place again on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Meetings will take place in the School Hall; all children's work will be on display in Sprites Classroom. Each appointment is ten minutes long; the teachers do their very best to ensure they keep to time. If parents need to bring their children with them, we request that they are kept in the hall and supervised by parents and not left alone in the school grounds. Each year we have a number of parents who forget to attend the appointment they have made; please ensure that you know what day and time your appointment is and arrive five minutes beforehand.

Please don't leave any valuables in your vehicle when visiting the school.

## Snow Days

If by chance we get snow this year, please be assured staff will do their very best to get to school. Many staff live up to 20 miles away, on hills and / or remote areas – making it very dangerous for them to travel. In these circumstances, we hope the school will remain open, but may run on a skeleton staff; the normal curriculum will not take place. Alternatively we may opt for a later start to the day. For those children whose journey is not safe, activities can be accessed via the VLE. We will keep you informed via our text service. Details can also be checked on the Bucks CC website. In snowy conditions, please ensure that your child is dressed suitably for the playground – this includes having a second pair of shoes to be worn outside, such as Wellingtons; tracksuit bottoms / waterproof trousers; gloves, hat and scarf. You may wish to send your child in with spare socks or tights. We do go out to play in the snow, however, they will not be allowed out if they are not appropriately dressed.

**Next Week:**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent Consultations 5.00-8.00pm School Hall

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** Assembly at St Michael's Church

Yours sincerely

**Hannah Burnett & Kay Gobby**  
**Co-Headteachers**

**Next Week's Star Rules**

*Look after the School and its grounds*

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

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A letter from Mrs Pulfreman in Uganda:

*Dear Chenies School*

*I visited a village school yesterday, travelling across Lake Bunyonyi in a boat to get there. We had to climb the hill to reach it, quite hard work in the heat. We bought 30 exercise books in the tiny village shop to give to one class, costing 9000 shillings (£2). The children were all very polite, they are all learning English. Some walk up to 8km (5 miles) to get to school, but have no shoes! The little ones only stay for the morning, the older ones until 5 o'clock. Some children sang for us, the oldest ones were in the middle of a maths test! The school gives the children a bowl of porridge at lunchtime as the children were falling asleep in the afternoon through hunger! You are so, so lucky at Chenies. These families are very poor, living in tiny houses, and farming on steep mountainsides. They have no roads, just earth tracks. They children will go to secondary school if they are lucky, but most will stay at this school until they pass their exams at 13 or 15 or 18, depending on how long it takes. Then they will work in the fields with their families.*

*What do you hope to do? Work hard and you can choose. They can't.*

*Love from Uganda.*



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

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