

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

### Headteacher's News

#### Remote Control Cars

There has been much excitement in the playground this week as the remote control cars which the PTA have funded have made their way to the playground. The children have so far used them really sensibly and demonstrated their ability to take turns and devise systems to ensure everyone is enabled to play with them fairly.



#### Weather

The weather is really changeable at the moment. I do encourage the children to play outside whatever the weather so please can you make sure your child brings a named coat to school and if we are fortunate to have some sun that they bring a named sun hat.

#### Pokemon Card Ban

Unfortunately Pokemon cards have once again become disruptive and have been causing disputes between children which are spilling over into what should be learning time. I have therefore decided that they will once again be banned from school and this includes the stopping of the Pokemon Club which Mr Furcovici was so kindly running. I am sure you will support the school in reminding your children that I had agreed to the reintroduction of the cards on the understanding that the children demonstrated to me that they could be trusted to show excellent standards of behaviour towards each other when playing with them and as it has now become evident this is not the case the privilege has been lost.

#### Music Lessons

On Thursday Mrs Felsted, from the Buckinghamshire Music Trust Service came to school to talk to the children about playing the violin. Over the next two weeks we will also have a visit from the woodwind and brass teachers. I do hope this will inspire some more of our children to think about taking up an instrument next year and will be sending home some more information in the next few weeks about music tuition in school.



## INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

### Sprites

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**Phonics:** We will be learning and consolidating sounds in Phase 2 and Phase 3. The children will be encouraged to use their knowledge and understanding of phonics to segment/blend to read and write across all areas of learning.

- ck - h - b - l - ll - f - ff
- j - v - w - x - y - z
- qu - ch - sh - th - ng
- ai - ee - igh - oa - oo
- ar - or - ur - ow - oi
- ear - air -er

The Super hero and Princess tricky words are in the back of the reading records. Please continue to reinforce these.

**Literacy:** We will be continuing to learn about stringing a sentence together **e.g. the dog is white**. They count the number of words (four) and write one word at a time, saying each word out aloud to help them hear the sounds. We will also be talking about nouns – verbs – adjectives. The children are encouraged to use sound mats to identify sounds and write key words independently.

**Maths:** We will be re-visiting different areas of maths to consolidate learning.

**Topic:** Growing – We will also be keeping a 'Bean/Cress Diary' and looking after the plants in our outdoor area.

#### Dates:

Sports Day – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Stay for Breakfast Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019		28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

Thank you for your ongoing support.  
Mrs Sahotay

## **Phoenix**

In Phoenix class next week we are thinking about imaginative language and extending vocabulary. We have printed a seascape and we will add some collage pieces to create natural and human features.

In Maths we will be thinking days of the week and months of the year, making sure we know the order and how to spell them.

## **Pegasus**

Next week in Maths we will continue recapping the four operations by looking at methods of working out addition and subtraction. We will also carry on with practising methods of problem solving.

In English we will be “Word Detectives”, looking at the words in the English language and their quirks and spellings, as well as their etymology.

Year 4 will be going to the stables on Tuesday and the Year 3 children will continue with their gardening and cooking, dependent on the weather.

In topic we will continue looking at the history of fashion and clothing in Britain since 1066, focussing on the “flamboyant and puritan” styles of the Stuarts. We will also continue looking at habitats by looking at rainforests and their importance to life on the planet. In ICT the children will continue with their animation project

## **Griffin**

In Griffin next week we will be increasing our production work with a daily rehearsal. Every child has been asked to spend time (as homework) to learn their lines and their cues. They have also been encouraged to consider the characteristics and mannerisms of their production role.

The Community Card scheme ends for Year 6 on Monday - when they must hand in their cards. If they haven't already, a visit to a library over the weekend or going to a community event (for example a fete) can gain stickers for those that need them.

Year 6 will also be holding a bake sale after school on Wednesday and each child has decided what they are going to provide (home-baked / bought). The bake sale is to raise money that they will donate to the Alzheimer's Society as part of their Inter-generational sticker.

We will spend time focusing on our 'Scream Machine' topic next week. The class will work on a design for their own theme park ride. Their maths focus alongside this will be to investigate and work on the real-life problem of running a theme park. We will also continue our ancient Egyptian work and our science work relating to forces. We will be looking at the effects of friction and investigating this. The children have an ongoing project that they will be working on where they are finding out more about UK rivers, worldwide rivers and the features of these.

Year 6 will have the next session of their PSHE/Sex Education session later in the week.

**Important Dates (Dates added or changed this week are in blue)**

<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Class photos</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition (Moving-up) day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Griffin Games at Dr Challoner's High School
Sunday July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair 2pm-5pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Sports Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production : 2pm –pre-school children welcome 7pm – No pre –school children allowed
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Stay and Have Breakfast for Reception Parents
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Term Ends at 1.30pm</b>