

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday March 15th 2019 Spring Term – Week 10

Headteacher's News

This week the whole school community has continued to enjoy watching and handling the **chicks**. It has been a fabulous opportunity for the children and I am sure is something that they will remember for many years to come. **The Art Gallery** was also the cause of much excitement. I was very impressed by the high standards that the children achieved and over the last few weeks as the children have been creating their pieces it has been lovely to hear many of the children talk about their work with a real sense of pride.

During our assemblies we found out about **Commonwealth Day** and continued to talk about our learning habits and the importance of **persistence**. I challenged the children to try and find out some more about Commonwealth Countries and shared a story about The King and the Cockerel. The story was one which the children joined in with to help me tell it- perhaps you could ask them to retell it to you!

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming the **author Olaf Falafel** next week. If you would like to order a copy of his book "One Giant Leek for Mankind" please bring your £10 and order form into school by next Tuesday. If your child is taking part in **Bikeability on Monday** (only) please remember to bring their bikes and helmets to school! Bikes may be stored in The Hall on arrival in the morning.

I would also like to remind you that the PTA still have bottles of **Chenies Apple Juice** for sale at £2.50 each and you are welcome to purchase them from the school office as well as at school events.

If you have not yet booked an appointment to see your child's teacher at **Parent's Evening** next week please do so through logging onto the school website. If you need a reminder of your log in details please contact Mrs Hulme in the office. Mrs Parsey one of our parent governor's term of office will be coming to an end next term and we will be looking for a new parent governor. If you are interested in finding out more about the role there will be information available and a governor to talk to about it at parent's evening.

Suzanne Powell
Head teacher

Message from the PTA

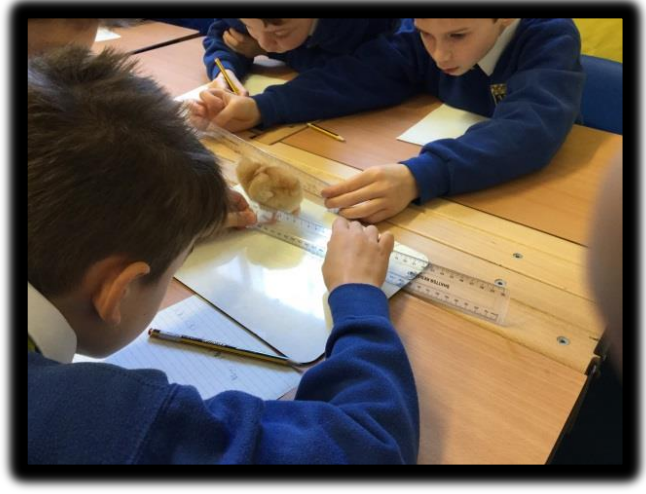
Thank you for everyone's support at the Art Gallery - the children's work looked fantastic! If you didn't get a chance to attend The Gallery and you are still interested in purchasing your child's artwork, we will be holding on to the pictures until **Friday March 22nd**. Please contact the office for more details.

We have our Spring Disco **on Friday 29th March**, Please keep an eye out for booking forms!

Please don't forget to use www.easyfundraising.co.uk when shopping online - it's a very easy way to raise £££'s for the PTA.

We only have space for two more quiz night teams so please get your forms in if you want to join us!

Katy Williams





Note from Mrs Hulme – to Pegasus Parents

Bikeability takes place on **Monday 18th March only**. There will be no Bikeability on Tuesday as only 14 children have enrolled so a second day wasn't considered to be necessary. Please note there is no swimming on Tuesday 19th March, as originally we thought that that Bikeability would run across two days. So it will not be necessary to bring swimming kits in to school on Tuesday. Many thanks.

STARS OF THE WEEK

	English	Maths	Star of the Week
Sprites	Amelia Rozwadowski	Dennis Loghin	Samuel Coleman
Phoenic	Evie-May Barker	Ewan Densley	Jonathan Fuchs
Pegasus	Rosie Wakeman Jamie Fuchs	Emily Coleman	James Dalkin Ella Thornberry Sienna Butcher
Griffin	Chloe Hutton	Alex Szulc	Oliver Alexander

PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 87%	Phoenix – 81%
Pegasus – 84%	Griffin – 93%

Whole school attendance this week:**92.5%**

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Sprites:

Phonics: Next week the children will continue to work through Phase 2 and Phase 3 and consolidate sounds learnt to date. They will use their knowledge of phonics to segment and blend to read/write new words 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

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. The children are given a picture or a set of cards as a prompt **e.g. a cat sitting on a mat**. They count the number of words (six) and write one word at a time, saying each word out aloud to help them hear the sounds. The children are encouraged to use sound mats to identify sounds and write key words.

Maths: We will be continuing to work on addition by counting on from a given number using a range of apparatus. The children will also be using money in the role play area. Please help your child to recognise coins and apply them to addition problems.

Topic: We will be continuing with our Food Creation & Chinese New Year topics.

The children have been very excited about the chicks in school. We will continue to look at the life cycle of a chicken.

Dates:

- Tuesday 19th March 2019 – Parents Evening (After School)
- Thursday 21st March 2019 – Parents Evening (Evening)
- Week beginning 25th March 2019 – RE Week (Easter)
- Tuesday 26th March 2019 – Whole School Trip to St Albans Cathedral
- Thursday 28th March 2019 – Stay for a Spring Walk

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE & RED HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
29 th March 2019	4 th April 2019		22 nd March 2019
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Reading Books: Please could you ensure that your child has their reading book and record in school every day so that we can record when a member of staff/parent helper has shared a book with them. Also, please encourage your child to be independent and encourage them to put their reading folders in the tray every **Monday/Wednesday/Friday** so books can be changed.

Looking forward to catching up with you at parents evening.

Home Learning Tasks to be completed by 29th March 2019

Phoenix Class

In Phoenix class we are learning about the life and work of Beatrix Potter. We will be looking at her stories and creating art using watercolour and close observation.

In maths this week we have been looking at fractions of shapes. Next week we will be using arrays to help learn times tables.

In literacy we will be creating stories about animals and using the stories of Beatrix Potter as a starting point for some characterisation.

Pegasus

Next week in English we will be aiming to produce leaflets to present that information gathered about the history of the school. Some children have chosen to take a photocopy of their English books home as homework to do the finishing touches to their work in time for next week. Please remind your child to bring it back on Monday as they will need it for their work.

In maths we are going to continue looking at measurements, looking at working out the area of shapes.

Pegasus will work continue their work on the Tudors focusing on the age of sail. We will also aim to finish the windchimes next week.

Griffin

English

Year 6 will begin the week with assessments in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. This will be their final familiarisation assessment before SATs week, which will help us guide our teaching appropriately after Easter, before their tests.

Year 5 will begin the week learning new grammar techniques and focussing on reading comprehension, when we will focus on developing different reading comprehension skills.

Maths

The beginning of the week will see year 6 having assessments - arithmetic and two reasoning and problem solving papers.

Year 5 will be looking at using all 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to solve missing number and weird problems. The children will then continue their work on shape: learning more about angles in different 2D shapes as well as calculating missing angles.

Topic

We will continue to learn about explorers of the polar regions, with Mrs Palfreman also showing photos and sharing her recent trip to Antarctica with us.

We have singing to continue to rehearse too - it sounds fantastic so far. In science we will continue our work on life cycles - comparing the life cycle of a chick with other animal life cycles and looking at how different they are. The children have really enjoyed having the chicks in school and we have been very impressed with their care and gentle manner when handling them as well as their observations on how the chicks have changed in the short time we have had them.

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

Monday 18 th March	Bikeability Level 1 – Pegasus – One day only – No Bikeability on March 19th
Tuesday 19th March	No Swimming for Pegasus
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.40pm *Sprites 4.15pm-5.30pm
Thursday 21 st March	Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.50pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Whole school visit to St Alban's Cathedral
Wednesday 27 th March	6pm Y6 Information evening about SATs
Thursday 28 th March	Swimming for Pegasus (as missed lesson on March 26 th)
Thursday 28 th March	Football Match at Ley Hill School 3.45pm
Friday 29 th March	Griffin at Music Festival Cluster Rehearsal
Friday 29 th March	Spring Disco KS1 6pm-7pm
Friday 29 th March	Spring Disco KS2 7pm-8pm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Griffin at Music Festival at Kings Church – 3.45pm
Friday 5 th April	PTA Film Club 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday 5th April	Term Ends at 1.30pm
Tuesday 23rd April	INSET Day – School closed to children
Wednesday 24 th April	Children return to school
Wednesday 24 th April	6 pm Y5/6 Information Evening about PGL and Sex Education
Friday April 26 th	PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm-11pm
Tuesday 7 th May	Griffin Swimming Gala Team – Chesham Leisure Centre 9am DCHS
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs
Saturday 18 th May	PTA Duck Race Restore Hope Latimer
Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip PGL
Tuesday 21 st May	Pegasus DCHS Swimming Gala
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 6 Cyber Talk
Saturday 8 th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 10 th June	Author Workshop – Whole School
Tuesday 11 th June	Griffin / Pegasus – Prime VR Workshop
Wednesday 12th June	11+ Information evening for Year 5 parents
Wednesday 12 th June	Phoenix Gymnastics at Dr Challoner's High School
Friday 14 th June	Dads in school afternoon
Tuesday 2 nd July	Transition (Moving-up) day
Thursday 4 th July	Griffin Games at Dr Challoner's High School
Sunday July 7 th	Summer Fair 2pm-5pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Sports Day (Time TBC after consultation with parents)
Wednesday 10 th July	School reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day (Time to be confirmed)
Thursday 17 th July	Summer Production : 2pm –pre-school children welcome 7pm – No pre –school children allowed
Wednesday 24th July	Term Ends at 1.30pm