

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 7th June 2019

Headteacher's News

Welcome

I would like to start this newsletter by welcoming our new office administrator, Mrs Louise Burchall, to our staff team. She has spent the week enjoying getting to know the children and is looking forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

PGL

It seems a long time ago now but I would like to share with you that the Griffin class residential to Osmington Bay was an amazing week and I am sure one which the children who went will remember forever. I was proud of how supportive and encouraging of one another the children were, as each of them overcame individual personal challenges. I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Tillyer, Mr Furcovici and Mrs Wilson for accompanying the children and to Mrs Dinwiddy for her help with the administration of it.



Parking

Thank you to all of you for the positive response to my request to not park on the yellow lines outside school. Unfortunately I have received a complaint from a local resident this week about cars blocking her drive, so please can I remind you to preserve the positive reputation of the school and park courteously.

Jump Rope for Heart Event

In preparation for Our Jump Rope day next Thursday 13th June, the children have all been practising and developing their skipping skills across the school; both in class and at break times. It is lovely to see so many children enjoying this form of fitness.

Each class will have a session throughout the day when they will aim to complete a continuous skip for a set amount of time, by working in relay teams.

- In Sprites the children will aim to complete a 20 minute skip.
- Phoenix children will skip for 30 minutes.
- Pegasus children will skip for 40 minutes
- In Griffin the children will be challenged to an hour skip.

Your child should already have brought a sponsor form home with them. Any money the children are sponsored with will be helping us raise money for The British Heart Foundation, along with 20% of the funds raising money for outdoor equipment for our school.

Please ensure your child has their sponsor form in school on Thursday, so that it can be signed when they complete the challenge. We will then ask for all sponsor money to be sent into school by Friday 28th June.

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Term	Term Start	Half Term Start	Half Term Ends	Term Ends	INSET Days
Autumn	02/09/19	28/10/19	01/11/19	19/12/19	02/09/19 03/09/19
Spring	06/01/20	17/02/20	21/02/20	03/04/20	06/01/20
Summer	20/04/20	25/05/20	29/05/20	21/07/20	20/07/20 21/07/20

School Uniform

From September we are making some minor changes to our school uniform for the new Reception intake. The most significant change is that the Reception children will now wear shirts. We will also have elasticated ties for sale. There are also changes to the PE kit, again most significantly all children will wear a white polo shirt rather than one in their house colour. **I would like to emphasise that we are not expecting current children to have the new items and expect there to be a transition period.** If however you are going to be purchasing new school uniform items anyway then you may prefer to buy the new items. The requirements from September 2019 are detailed below.

Girls	Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers. White blouse with a collar and school tie. School sweatshirt or school cardigan with the school logo*. Grey socks/tights In summer - a royal blue and white school uniform checked dress. White socks.
Boys	Grey trousers or shorts. White shirt with a collar and school tie. School sweatshirt or school cardigan with the school logo*. Grey socks.
Footwear	Flat, comfortable black shoes should be worn throughout the year. Trainers should not be worn except for specified PE/Games sessions. Children in the reception class will spend at least 50% of their time outside so should also have wellington boots in school.
PE Kit	All children are expected to have a PE bag with a change of clothes. Dark Royal games shorts*, white polo shirt with school logo*, Chenies tracksuit bottoms*, Chenies tracksuit top*, white socks, appropriate trainers Stud earrings must be removed or taped before PE lessons.

A range of uniform is available and can be ordered and purchased from Mapac* at www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/cheniescombinedschool. Please note ties cannot be purchased from the website but are available from the School Office.

Chesham Carnival

Thank you to those parents who have spent time over the last few weeks and today to create the art work and spent this morning, in the rain, putting it together to create the float. I shall look forward to seeing lots of you at Chesham Carnival tomorrow.

Suzanne Powell

STARS OF THE WEEK

Sprites	Olivia Bird	Ethan Barnes	Archie Zahra
Phoenix	Elora Williams	Lily Brown	Daniel Vanstone Daniel Machula
Pegasus	Cassia Williams	Rhys Griffiths	
Griffin	Beatriz Feital	Michael Crouch Lillie Payne	Sophie Koumi Sophie Nunn

PROUDLY PURPLE – TARGET 100%

Sprites – 100%	Phoenix – 97%
Pegasus – 84%	Griffin – 97%

Whole school attendance this week:

96%

INDIVIDUAL CLASS NEWS

Sprites

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 continuing with different types of measure using a variety of equipment. The key word this week will be 'capacity'. We will also continue with our 'snack shop' where the children will pretend to pay for their milk, fruit and water.

Topic: Growing – We continue to talk about keeping healthy with the focus this being on how we grow. We will also be keeping a 'Bean Diary' and looking after the plants in our outdoor area.

Dates:

Stay and Get Physical – 11th June 2019

Dad's in school afternoon – Friday 14th June 2019

Sports Day – Tuesday 9th July 2019

Stay for Breakfast Friday 19th July 2019

REMINDERS: Show & tell dates:

GREEN HOUSE	RED HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE
14 th June 2019	21 st June 2019	28 th June 2019	5 th July 2019
12 th July 2019	-		

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Sahotay

Phoenix

In Phoenix class next week we will be using our senses to create poetry and songs connected to the seaside. We will be looking at animals that live on or near the coast of Britain and classifying them.

In Maths we will be looking at adding coins to make totals to twenty and beyond.

On Wednesday we will be participating in the Multi Activity Event at De Challenor's High School

Pegasus

Next week in Maths we will finish our work on coordinates and translation and start recapping the four operations, with a greater focus on problem solving.

In English we will continue looking at non-fiction texts and learning about other countries, with the aim that the children will write their own non-chronological report.

Year 4 will finish their gardening and cooking lessons.

In science the children will take a survey of the local habitat and the creatures that live in it.

Griffin

Next week plans to be a busy week in Griffin - with different visitors in school.

We will be taking the opportunity to work on our writing skills to produce writing in different genres based around the experiences we will be having. Having an author visit and the VR workshop, will be a great base for exploring writing in different ways.

As the week progresses, we will be covering different aspects of PSHE and Citizenship. We will have a visit from the local Police team to discuss anti-social behaviour and in class we will learn about and discuss road safety, diversity and intergenerational differences (based around Dementia). In any spare time we have we will develop our skipping further, ahead of our sponsored skip on Thursday, and we will also begin our production work.

It's really important that each day every child has in school: their script and PE kit - with trainers

Whilst our timetable may now be differing slightly please continue to read, practise times tables and spellings - weekly tests will continue.

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

Saturday 8 th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 10 th June	Author Workshop – Whole School
Tuesday 11 th June	Griffin / Pegasus – Prime VR Workshop
Tuesday 11 th June	Stay and Get Physical for Reception Parents
Wednesday 12 th June	Secondary Transfer Information evening for Year 5 parents
Wednesday 12 th June	Phoenix Multi Activity at Dr Challoner's High School
Thursday 13 th June	Jump Rope for British Heart Foundation Day
Friday 14 th June	Dads in school afternoon
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 4 children start their weekly visits to Woodville Riding Stables
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	1.30pm Sports Day
Friday 12 th July	School reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 11 th July	1.30pm Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 17 th July	Summer Production : 2pm –pre-school children welcome 7pm – No pre –school children allowed
Friday 19 th July	Stay and Have Breakfast for Reception Parents
Wednesday 24th July	Term Ends at 1.30pm