

# Chenies School Newsletter

## 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Headteacher's News

I am delighted to share with you the news that Our 'River Chess' Lorry won First Place at Chesham Carnival last Saturday. All of us who were there thoroughly enjoyed the event which was well attended by the Local Community. I would like to thank Clarks of Amersham for providing the lorry and, acknowledge in particular the hard work of Mrs Silverstone, Mrs Docwra, Miss Blakeley and Mrs Sahotay for the part they played in decorating the lorry on the Friday and then organising the children on the day. Thank you also to those parents who acted as marshalls and helped by carrying buckets or just walking alongside the lorry. This team effort ensured that we were able to create another memorable experience for the children.



I have been proud of the children this week and the way in which they have dealt with the heat. I am aware that many of them are tired, having not slept well and we all know tired children can become very fractious! It has been the case however that on the whole the children have been considerate and kind to one another and demonstrated the care for one another that we expect. We have endeavoured to remain in the shade but please do ensure that your child has a water bottle and sun hat in school every day.

### Parent Survey

Thank you to all of you who have already completed the parent [survey](#). Your comments are valuable to us and I would appreciate it if those of you who have not already done so complete it by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### Uniform

Please can I remind you to ensure your children come to school dressed smartly and in the correct uniform. Hair which falls below their collar tied back. I have been particularly concerned this week by the number of children without PE kit in school. They should have shorts, t-shirt and correct footwear please.

### Sports day

We are hoping to have our sports day in school on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents are invited to attend for the afternoon. We will open the gates at 1.20pm for a 1.30pm start.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings are taking place in school next week on Wednesday and Thursday evening next week. The appointments will be available to book on the school website from 5pm this evening.

### Artist of the Week

This week's artist is [Nick Holly](#) and was chosen by Mrs Powell.

### Please remember

- To book your parents' evening appointments for next week
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June PTA Ice Cream- Friday

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher

### STARS of the week

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Alexander</b>	<b>Jia</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Jake</b>	<b>Vedanth</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Arthur</b>	<b>Marcel</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Evie May</b>	<b>Adrian</b>



## Happy Birthday

**Eshaan – 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Cassie – 21<sup>st</sup> June**



## Class News

### Van Gogh

Hope you have had a good week!

### Phonics

The summer term is all about consolidating what we have learnt over the year. At this stage we expect children to be able to recognise digraphs/trigraphs when reading. Therefore we will continue to re-visit all of the Phase 3 sounds and alternative sounds daily and consolidate the position of where these sounds are likely to be found in word. For example, AY would normally be found at the end of a word and AI in the middle. In line with this we will be starting Phase 4.

Week Three	ear are air ure
Week Four	ir ur er oi oy

Please continue to consolidate reading and writing the Phase 2-5 tricky words.

### Reading

It is really important that you continue share books with your child. Please remember it's not just about them reading to you. It is as important that you are reading to them and sharing experiences. This term we will continue to compare and focus on Fiction and Non – Fiction books, looking at the key features for example, contents page, index page etc.

### Writing

Our topic for the next few weeks is The Seaside. Next week we will be learning about being safe near the water and out in the sun. The children will be creating their own posters to display around school.

In addition to the topic writing we will continue to do the words of the day. Please remember if you are doing any writing at home, it is important the children are confidently applying their digraphs when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage them to use their whooshes in and out to form cursive letters, use finger spaces, a capital letter at the start of their sentence and a full stop at the end. Remember writing does not always mean sitting at a desk, they can write lists, recipes, make tickets, label things etc, it's all about then having a go.

### Maths

Next week we will be consolidating counting on/back from hidden quantities. They will also be using a number line to support counting on/back to give totals up to 20.

### Topic

Our topic this term is The Seaside!

### REMINDERS:

**SHOW & TELL:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 –Red House

**STAY, PLAY AND READ:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 1.30

Mrs Sahotay 😊

## **Monet**

In English next week in Monet Class, we will complete our editing and begin to write up our newspaper reports about the sinking of the Titanic in best, using our headlines created today. We will also be moving on to finding out about people who have risked their lives to save others at sea and begin to create a fact file of one particular person. This will link in with finding out more about how we can keep safe at the beach and near rivers with a special visit from the RNLI who will be presenting an important assembly to both key stages on Wednesday.

In maths we will be reviewing the months of the year, revising telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to (and for Year 2 five minute intervals). Please regularly practise telling the time on different clocks at home.

In science we will be monitoring our experiment to find out what conditions a seed needs to germinate and we will be finding out and describing the lifecycle of a plant.

In art we will be finding out about the Artist, Kehinde Wiley, in particular his seascapes and creating our own seascape painting using our knowledge of secondary and tertiary colours.

In RE we will be continuing to find out about who is special in religion, this week focusing on Judaism.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

We made an excellent start to our new topic of exploring Europe this week. The children made some fantastic contributions to our class discussion about countries within Europe and all the different things you might see and eat whilst there. Please do talk to your child about some of the places within Europe you have visited if you can and what it was like there.

Next week we shall begin our final English topic for the year-a non-fiction unit focusing on space exploration. We are going to be thinking about the qualities you might need to possess in order to become an astronaut, linking this to our current focus on personal attributes within our PSHE lessons. We shall be discussing these attributes in the context of diaries and begin to explore biographies, what makes them an interesting genre and why we might want to read them.

In maths we shall continue to focus on money. Identifying money, counting with it and solving real-life problems using money. The children have made an excellent start to our work on money and are really getting to grips with problem-solving. Alongside our focus on money, we are also looking at time. We have set this as homework in recent weeks as we have many children at different stages of being able to tell the time and this is something that is perfect to continually revisit and build in at home as much as possible. We will work on certain aspects of telling the time in class but as much as possible please keep telling the time to others at home-this really is the best way to learn this all-important skill.

Next week we will be continuing to learn the songs for the KS2 Summer production. So far, we've done really well with learning these and are so excited to be back with Yr 5 & 6 after a two-year hiatus!

Please do remember to bring your water bottle to school every day and make sure to wear some sun protection. Homework is as ever on Google Classrooms. This week the focus of our English homework is the 'ough' spelling pattern and we are applying this through thinking about our cursive handwriting. As already mentioned, our homework in maths is work relating to telling the time.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

## **Hepworth**

This week Hepworth has been working hard on the school production again, and some of the children have been focusing on their accents – Cockney, Bristolian and Mancunian - with much aplomb!

We have also been very pleased with some of the children's commitment to the production, particularly their offers of props and costumes. This is both very helpful and encouraging, and we are very grateful for all your support.

In between rehearsals, the children have been working independently on the Rivers topic and we are impressed by their mature attitude towards their self-study. This will stand them all in good stead as they progress to the next chapter in their school careers.

In Maths, Year 5 children have been revisiting negative numbers, particularly in everyday situations such as temperatures and overdrafts! Meanwhile, Year 6 have been manipulating numbers, patterns and searching for formulae in their mathematical investigations.

We are investigating mould in our science lessons this week which will continue next week as we see what our results are and draw conclusions. In PSHE the children have had their sessions on puberty on Thursday this week. We were very impressed with the maturity of children's questions and their general attitude to the lesson. The second session (year 6 only) will include how a baby is made as well as relationships. This will be next Thursday.

In Spanish, children practised their own café role plays and Mrs Walker was very pleased with their enthusiasm for the subject.

Next week we will be asking the children to limit their use of the production scripts in rehearsal, so they can focus on the acting side. We would appreciate it if you could encourage and support your child to memorise their lines.

We hope you have a great weekend and that you enjoy the sunny weather (without overheating!).

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent's Evening – 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm <b>PTA Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Ice Cream Friday!</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (parents welcome) 1.30pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Hepworth – Athletics @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Ice Cream Friday!</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Monet Athletics @ The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Friday Fun Fitness</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm (2pm performance cancelled due to secondary school transition event for some children)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 8.15am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home <b>Ice Cream Friday!</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's BBQ 5.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm <b>Term Ends for Children 1.30pm</b>