

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Headteacher's News

The highlight of this week for me was our Harvest Festival assembly. It was lovely that so many parents were able to attend and enjoyed watching the children recite poems, sing songs and share information about Harvest around the world. Thank you so much for all the gifts that you sent in. Your generosity is very much appreciated by The Chiltern Foodbank



It was also good to see so many parents at parents evening. If you were unable to attend please contact the office to rearrange your appointment.

### Mental Health and Well-Being

Monday was World Mental Health Day and we spent time talking about how we can talk and listen to others about concerns. Please do look at the Mental Health Tips for talking to your child leaflet attached to this letter. One of the six ways to well-being that we advocate in school is that of 'Get Enough Sleep'. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school. Attached to this newsletter is some information about a free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines.



### The School Roof

The second phase of replacing the school roof is due to begin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. We are expecting the scaffolding to be erected this weekend and toilet units will be placed in the back playground, on Monday. The children's toilets in the main building will be out of use for a period of time after half term and we will be using next week to plan and explain to the children any new routines which will need to be in place after half term.

### Football Match

Last Monday our Year 5/6 football team played their first match of the season against Chesham Bois School. We lost the game 12-3 but I am so proud of the way the children demonstrated their Habit of Mind of perseverance and supported one another throughout. They left the pitch smiling and far more importantly than winning had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On Monday at 3.45pm they will be playing a match against Butlers Court School at Home. If anyone would like to stay and cheer them on you are very welcome to do so.

### Artist of the week



This week's artist was chosen by Amelia in Hockney class and is Johannes Vermeer. The sketch book theme was food.

I hope you have a good weekend. If you are able to take the opportunity to enjoy an autumn walk this weekend and collect conkers and acorns we would be very happy for you to bring them into school, to add to our collection of playtime activity resources.

**Suzanne Powell**

**PTA**

- Book for Thursday's Halloween disco on Classlist now
- Christmas card ordering closes on 18th October. Don't miss out, remember to order before this date!
- AGM is 8pm on Thursday 3rd November in the school hall. Please attend if you are available. It is the most important PTA meeting of the year and a good turnout would be appreciated.
- Save the date: our Christmas Fair will take place after school on Friday 2nd December. We will not be able to run this event without sufficient volunteers so please keep it free if you can.

	<h1>Happy Birthday</h1> <p><b>Alexander C – 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Samuel C – 17<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Logan – 19<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>	
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**STARS of the week**

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Theia</b>	<b>Charles</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Jia</b>	<b>Hari</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Caelan</b>	<b>Jamie</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Jonathan</b>	<b>Vihaan</b>

## Weekly Attendance

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality of our students. Please continue to ensure that your children attend school every day and on time.

Van Gogh	100%
Monet	87%
Hockney	95%
Hepworth	91%

## Class News

### Van Gogh

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evenings. It was lovely catching up with you all. I appreciate it was a brief overview of where the children are but please remember we are always here to help and support in any way we can.

### Phonics

Please continue to reinforce listening to sounds in the environment, rhyme, alliteration (initial sounds), segmenting and blending and sharing books.

To date the children have learnt the following sounds **s - a - t - p - i - n - m - d - g - o - c**. We will continue to focus on the children recognising/ listening to these sounds within words and trying to segment and blend to read/write them. Please continue to practice oral segmenting and blending with your child, to support their learning and applying of these sounds e.g. please pass be the b-a-g... can you put on your c-oa-t... it is time to go to b-e-d. Then ask them to tell you what sound they hear in words e.g. jam j-a-m, dog d-o-g etc.

Words you can help your child practice at home. Please also remember following the parents evening, you now at what level your child can access this learning. We want the children to enjoy learning and not see it as a chore.

Please remember the children need to segment the words and then blend them to read/write. The words in red are our tricky words which cannot always be segmenting and blended and need to be learnt by sight.

sit	and	sad	pin	dad	mat
pat	pan	it	as	on	gap
at	l	dig	mad	tip	in
dog	lip	can	an	is	top
sat	got	not			

### Library Books

Please note library books are changed every Tuesday, if you wish to keep the book a little bit longer you may do.

## **Maths**

This week we will be consolidating what we have learnt to date.

## **Topic**

This week we will continue to talk about Harvest and the importance of sharing food. We will be making comparisons to other countries and also talking about the importance of sharing within the community and those who are in need. The children will be looking at the works of the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

We will also introduce autumn and changes in the environment.

## **General**

Please support your child to practice getting undressed and dressed independently, including doing up zips and buttons.

## **Reminders:**

- Autumn Walk Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.15

We have started to go for our woodland walks and as the weather changes would appreciate if all the children have a raincoat and wellies in school.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

## **Monet**

The children in Monet Class have had a busy week working on their assessments alongside some fun, practical and creative afternoons. We also loved performing our action poem, 'Nut Tree' by Julia Donaldson in our Harvest Assembly.

Next week in Monet Class we will be exploring and writing our own version of a chosen traditional fairy tale and we will be continuing the theme of harvest in science by thinking about healthy and unhealthy foods, moving on to understanding the importance of hygiene.

In maths we will be consolidating number bonds and using number facts to help us add and subtract, e.g. counting on, using bonds to 10, using doubles, etc. We will also be estimating and measuring lengths. Year 1 will initially use cubes to do this and Year 2 will begin to use cms and metres.

We will be linking our science to computing next week where we will be looking at food related websites. We will be rating them and thinking about how we recognise that a website is appropriate for children.

Please remember to read daily with your child whether it is their reading book, library book or other book of choice from home and record it in their reading diary. It's lovely to see that children are reading other books as well as the books sent home from school. Please also remember to read the poem if you receive one and encourage your child to highlight/colour the sounds we have been learning in phonics during the week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## Hockney

We have enjoyed our art lesson this week. The children were excited about making their own paint using resources that would be available in the Stone Age. Instead of using brushes, we used sticks and our fingers to paint. We used spices such as turmeric, curry powder and paprika to make different colours. We searched the school grounds for chalk and charcoal to create black and white paint.

In our topic next week, we are going to be finding out about people who lived in the Mesolithic period. We will look at Star Carr, which is an important archaeological site. We will be answering questions such as *What happened to Britain's coastline when the ice sheets of the last Ice Age retreated? What was Mesolithic life like? How do you think we know about this period?*

In maths next week, we are going to be focusing on subtraction. We are also going to be revisiting the work we found tricky in our assessments last week.

In English, we are starting our new book called Shocking styles. The children will be retrieving information from the text to answer questions such as: *What role does fashion have in clothing? What are 'accessories'? What does 'over-the-top' mean?*

Please continue to read with your child every day and record that they have read in their reading diary. The children should be bringing their reading diaries in to school every day.

We hope you have a lovely weekend thank you for all your support.

Best wishes

Miss Moghaddam and Mrs Whittingham

## Hepworth

We can't believe next week is the last week of this half term - it's flown by!

Well done to all the children in Hepworth Class who have worked their socks off, put huge amounts of effort into their work and behaviour and been kind and helpful. It's a pleasure teaching you all!

Next week in English the children will use their knowledge of the Greek Myths we have looked at together to write their own myth. Then at the end of the week our SPAG focus is on conjunctions and our spelling rule is prefixes bi, cir and ex.

In Maths, we are focussing on mental strategies for addition and subtraction and then finalising our work on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

In PE, the children will add final touches to their whole class dance inspired by the planets, whilst in Science our focus moves onto the moon. Year 6 will have their last Forest School session, whilst year 5 will create a Spreadsheet to help plan an event in computing. Year 5 will also read a poem about the seasons in Spanish.

For our Topic work we are going to be finding out more about ancient Greek democracy. In PSHE we will be learning about consent and what makes a healthy relationship. In music we will continue to work based on Livin on a Prayer - comparing it with Smoke on the Water by Deep Purple and practicing our musical activities learning the notes.

Thank you so much to all the parents that came to Parents' Evening this week - it was lovely to meet you all and have the chance to say so many positive things about your children.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	9am EYFS Stay and Share - Autumn Walk
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>PTA Halloween Disco</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>PTA Tuck Shop</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for children in school
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>PTA AGM</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	EYFS Stay and read <b>PTA Tuck Shop</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Rovings Bookshop Van Gogh Sports Event at DCHS - Winter Olympics 9.30-11.30am Workshare Evening 3.30pm – 5pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Assembly 10.45am <b>PTA Doughnuts</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying Drama Workshops
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need Day <b>PTA Pyjama Night Film Club</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Hockney Bench Ball - The Amersham School 1.30pm - 3pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Hepworth trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>PTA World Cup themed cake sale</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Wreath Making Workshop</b> Hepworth -The Amersham School Dodgeball 1.30 – 3pm
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Non uniform day</b> <b>PTA Christmas fayre</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Craft Day <b>PTA Christmas Film Day</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day & Class Parties
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Term Ends 1.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children Return to School
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Van Gogh Sports Event Movement to Music at The Amersham School 9.45 - 11.45am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Monet 9.30-11.30am DCHS Multiskills
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Hepworth 1.30-3pm The Amersham School Handball
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Hockney 9.30-11.30am DCHS Mega Fest Rugby
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Workshare Evening
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Hockney – Bikeability Level 1
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Term Ends 1.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to School</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Monet Games at Dr Challoner’s High School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Hockney Tri Golf – Chiltern Hills Academy (tbc)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Residential
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Parent’s Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent’s Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	11am Leaver’s Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic <b>1.30pm Term Ends</b>