

Chenies School Newsletter

14th January 2022

Headteacher's News

I think we have all benefitted from the arrival of blue skies and sunshine this week and the children have enjoyed starting to explore their new topics for this term. Breakfast Club has got off to a good start this week. There are still spaces available so please contact the school office if you would like your child to attend.

Recycling Ink Cartridges

We now have a box in school to enable us to collect and recycle printer ink cartridges through the [recycle4charity](#) scheme. Toner and laser cartridges are not part of the scheme but we will be pleased to accept other ink cartridges. The school will receive a donation for all the ink cartridges we send back which are on the [wanted](#) list. If other printer ink cartridges are received, they will be treated in a compliant manner according to the Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment (WEEE) legislation however, they will not generate a donation.

Parent and Co-opted Governor Vacancy

Due to ongoing working commitments, Dr. Padala has made the difficult decision to resign from the governing body. We are extremely grateful to her for the contribution she has made to the governing body over the last two years. This does mean that we have a vacancy for a new parent governor. If you are interested in volunteering for this role you can find out more about what the role entails and the appointment process in the additional document sent out with this newsletter.

If you would like a conversation about the role then please do talk to Mr Shepherd who is a current parent governor or myself. Mrs Wilson, our Chair of Governors would also be happy to talk to you and that can be arranged through the school office. There is also a vacancy for a co-opted governor so if you know anyone outside of school that would be interested in this role please ask them to contact me.

Artist of the Week

Each week we focus on a different artist and I have been encouraging the children to choose an artist for us to talk about. This week Samyukta chose Georgia O'Keefe as her artist of the week. Please do talk to your child about the artist of the week and encourage them to discuss with you their thoughts about the paintings.

News from the Eco warriors

Thank you so much for sending in all the plastic milk bottle tops. Yesterday we sent an enormous load off for recycling and the money raised will benefit London Air Ambulance. (Special thanks to Zuzanna who collected a huge bag full from the café). We are still collecting plastic milk bottle tops, only milk but any colour, so please bring them in and of course, crisp packets, toothpaste tubes, glue sticks, batteries and plastic pens.



Message from Mrs Dinwiddy

Please see the attached information on applying for Pupil Premium and Free School Meals which results in additional funding for the school.

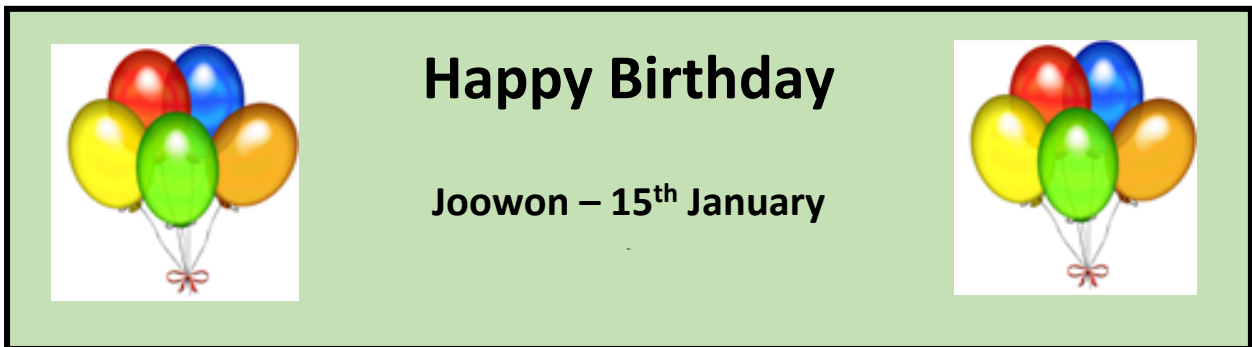
All children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals and no action is required by parents. However, if parents receive a qualifying benefit (e.g. Universal Credit) we could receive additional funding for the school as a Pupil Premium grant.

Free school meals and Pupil Premium funding is also available for pupils in Year 3 and above if parents receive one of the qualifying benefits.

Please read the attached information, and return any application forms to the office. If your child already qualifies for Pupil Premium then you do not need to complete a new application form for this academic year.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Electra	Zuzanna
Monet	Alice	Rohan
Hockney	Ciaran	Samuel
Hepworth	Dexter	Luca

Class News

Van Gogh

It's been a long week, but the children once again have taken things in their stride and settled in well for the term ahead.

Phonics

The children have enjoyed learning this week's digraphs and have already started to apply them in their reading and writing. Please continue to reinforce these sounds so that the children are confidently applying their phonic knowledge to reading and writing words/sentences. The children also need to consolidate and be able to read the tricky words sets by sight.

	Please consolidate Phase 2 Set 1-6 Tricky words.	
Week 1	ch sh th	she he we me be was
Week 2	ng nk ai ee	that this then them they
Week 3	igh oa (coat) oo (pool) oo (look)	see for now down look too
Week 4	Consolidate all sounds	all are my by her went

It is also important that you continue to consolidate Phase 2 sounds and work on segmenting and blending, hearing initial/middle/end sounds and rhyme.

Reading

This week the children started Guided Reading and it was great to see them grow in confidence as they read in group and discussed text. Please note it is important to continue reading and sharing books with your child daily. All reading books should be returned on a Thursday so that they can be changed and returned on Friday.

Writing

The children are very excited about writing, they are discovering that they can segment and blend to write simple words and sentences. Please continue to encourage them to write at home, remember they will use their phonic knowledge to spell words and should be praised for having a go.

Maths

We have continued to work on mathematical vocabulary related to addition, learning how to read/write simple number sentences and make up stories using objects and drawings.

This week we will be chanting numbers to 10/20 and will be learning about number 6 and 7:

Conservation of a number: Number of objects in a set does not change even when they are moved around.

Composition of a number: Number are made of two or more other smaller numbers involving a 'part' and a 'whole'. Learning to 'see' a whole number and its parts at the same time.

Subitise: Look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting.

We will continue to consolidate numbers six and seven, 2D shapes with six and seven sides (hexagon & heptagon) and look at patterns when describing the properties, for example the number of sides and corner are the same. Our snack shop has been a huge success, the children are growing in confidence when paying for their snack using 1p 2p and 5p coins. Please continue to consolidate this at home.

Topic

Our topic this term is: Chinese New Year - Food from Around the World

This week we will continue to talk about different celebrations and looking at similarities and differences, comparing Harvest, Bonfire, Diwali, and Christmas. This will lead us into introducing Chinese New Year... 2022 The Year of the Tiger.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: The next one is on Thursday 20th January 2022 - Red House

TRIP: Sports Event Thursday 20th January 2022 – Details to follow

STAY & READ: Wednesday 26th January 2022 – Please note this is subject to the Covid restrictions at the time.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

We've had lots of fun in Monet Class learning about the Great Fire and creating 2D Tudor houses. They really are fantastic.

Next week in English/history we will be continuing with our diaries just like Samuel Pepys and thinking about what we would save if we were trying to escape and why. We will also be thinking about the reasons why the fire burned for so many days.

In Maths, Year 1 will be looking at the value of each coin to £1, adding 2/3 coins to 10p and finding 10 more and less than any 2-digit number. If you have any spare change at home, please let your child have a go at counting and identifying the coins. In Year 2 we will be recapping the value of each coin and adding 2-digit amounts.

In art/topic we will be finding out about sculpture, looking at sculpture using recycled materials and beginning our own recycled 3D Tudor houses. We will link this to our Science which is looking at the suitability of a range of materials and PSHE which is to think about how we can look after the environment.

We are going to learn a song all about The Great Fire in Music and continue with our seasonal songs as well.

Please read daily and remember to return reading books on a Tuesday to be changed. Homework will be on Google classroom.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Thank you so much to all of you who have kindly donated boxes so far for our Anglo-Saxon project. Please continue to do so as we will need these to create our Anglo-Saxon settlements!

This week the children were very excited to finish their autobiographical PowerPoints and present them to the rest of the class. They did an excellent job of these, talking through their PowerPoints with enthusiasm and clarity and even taking questions from their listeners. We definitely have some budding teachers within Hockney class!

This means that next week we will move on to our new English topic which is a fiction unit exploring the legend of Saint George and the Dragon. We will be focusing on the themes explored within a legend and looking at how the use of powerful language means that the stories have a lasting impact upon the reader.

In maths next week we are working on multiplying 1 digit numbers by 2 digits and then doing the same with division. We will also be looking at how to divide 100 into 2, 4, 5 and 10 equal parts touching on fractions as we do so.

In our topic lessons we will continue our work on the Anglo-Saxons trying to better understand where they settled and what about the geography of these places made them ideal areas to settle in. We shall be exploring how availability of natural resources played a huge part in influencing where these settlements would be.

In our RE lessons we have begun our new topic of understanding religion in the community. We will be focusing on the religions of Islam and Christianity trying to better understand how people who follow these religions do so and what difference being part of a religion has to their everyday lives.

The Year 4 children really enjoyed their time at forest school this week and this will continue every Monday afternoon until the end of this term. Please remember that the children must come to school wearing their school uniform on top and wearing warm leggings or trousers with a waterproof coat and sturdy footwear that you do not mind getting dirty.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

The children have been working hard in Hepworth this week, undertaking science investigations, starting our Maya topic and going swimming on Wednesday which they were very excited about!

Next week in English we will continue studying a graphic novel, Salamander Dream, which has limited narration but instead uses pictures and inference to tell the story. This encourages the children to look deeper into story-telling, and tests their imagination and creativity. At the end of the week we will be doing some comprehension practice and looking at active and passive sentences. Our spellings will focus on time connectives.

In maths, we begin the week with our first session on fractions - looking at unit / non unit fractions and comparing and ordering fractions. By the end of the week we will be working on adding and subtracting fractions. It is critical that the children know their tables for this work, so please ensure your child is practising these at home.

Our science next week sees us continuing to look at separating mixtures of materials and considering whether changes are reversible or irreversible. In RE we will be finding out what we can learn about the Dalai Lama as a leader. In PSHE we will be finding out more about stereotypes in the media and how these are sometimes promoted. Swimming will continue on Wednesday. Please encourage children with long hair to have plaits or tied up smoothly and tightly in a bun to help with getting swimming caps on. Do avoid clips as these can make holes in caps!

On Tuesday, we are very excited to be having a Maya workshop running for the whole day! This session is run by an external company who are coming in to do a whole range of

activities throughout the day with the children and sounds incredibly exciting and a brilliant learning opportunity with a Maya expert. The children don't need to bring anything in for this workshop.

As ever, please contact us via the school office if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

Diary Dates

Wednesday 19th January	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 20 th January	Van Gogh Movement to Music Event, Chalfont Community Leisure Centre
Friday 21st January	After School Tuck Shop
Wednesday 26 th January	EYFS Stay & Read 9am
Friday 28th January	PTA Film Club
Friday 4th February	After School Tuck Shop PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 9 th February	DoodleLearning Workshop – Parents Y1,2,3 9am
Thursday 10 th February	DoodleLearning Workshop (Repeated) – Parents Y1,2,3 2pm
Friday 11th February	PTA Valentine Disco
Thursday 17 th February	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Friday 18th February	Break the Rules Day
Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February	Half Term
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 1 st April	EYFS Spring Walk 9am
Monday 4 th April	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Friday 8th April	Term Ends at 1.30pm
Monday 25 th April	Children Return to School
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 5 th May	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
Monday 16 th May	EYFS Stay & Get Physical 9am
Thursday 19 th May	Work Share Evening 3.30pm - 5pm
Monday 23 rd May - Friday 27 th May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Inset Day
Monday 13 th June	Class photos
Tuesday 28 th June	Sports Day 1pm
Tuesday 12 th July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 14 th July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm & 7pm
Friday 15 th July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 8.15am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver's Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm