

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

### Headteacher's News

It has felt like an extremely busy week but an enjoyable one none the less with the children still continuing to work hard but interspersed with plenty of opportunities for practising the songs they will sing to you at the end of term. Our KS2 children enjoyed an Ukranian Cultural workshop on Wednesday where they had the opportunity to listen to a story and translate it as well as discussing things that are important to them.

The Christmas tree has arrived. Thank you to Van Hage for donating it, Mrs Docwra for collecting it, Mr Purvis for ensuring it remains upright in the stand and to the Year 6 children for decorating it.



Thank you to our hard-working PTA for organising the wreath workshop last night (which was very well attended by people from the Chenies community as well as school families) and for the effort that has gone into organising this evening's Christmas fayre. The money that the PTA events raise enables us to buy additional things to enhance the children's learning. We took delivery of 15 iPads and cases this week, which have been fully funded (including the licences) by the PTA and this means there are now enough for every child in a class to have one each or two classes can use them at the same time and have one between two. They have also paid for our school library licence. We have also taken delivery of some new staging which has been paid for from contributions made to Chenies School Fund.

As a thank you from the PTA for all your support all of the children were entered into a raffle to win a Christmas tree voucher for Chesham Tree Farm. The winning ticket was Rocky.

### Christmas Post

The Christmas card post box will be just inside the main entrance from Monday. Children can post their cards and they will be sorted and delivered by Hepworth class. When addressing the envelope please put the child's class on as well.

### Safeguarding

Please could I remind all parents again that you should not be parking opposite the school entrance markings or on the corner when collecting your children. It creates a danger for children crossing the road and is also forcing cars onto the wrong side of the road at a point where there is a blind bend. Please ensure you are not responsible for endangering one of our children's lives.

### **National Online Safety**

It has come to my attention that I had been provided with an incorrect link for parents to sign up to the National Online Safety website which is full of useful resources and training for parents. The correct link is <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/chenies-school>. Please do sign up and explore what is on offer. This week's Wake up Wednesday fact Sheet is 'What Parents need to Know about Social Media and Mental Health.

### **Parent Governor**

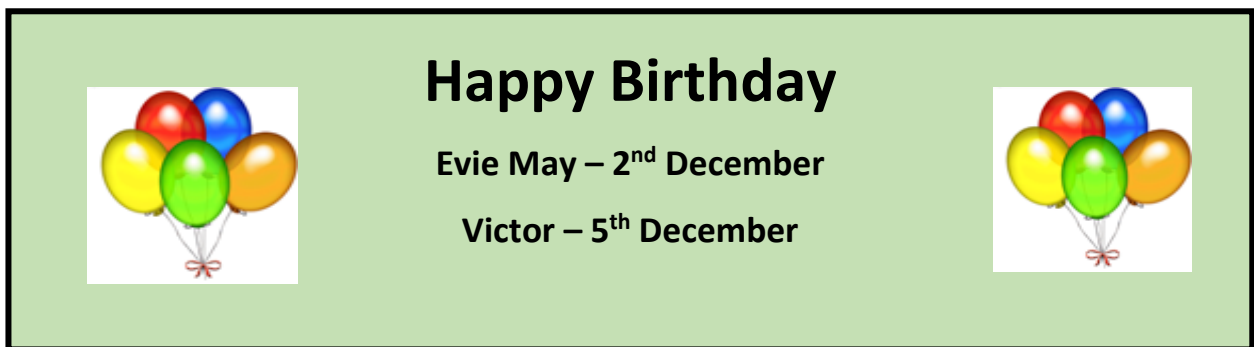
We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please see the attached letter for further information to enable you to decide whether this is a role that you would be interested in taking on.

### **Illness**

As many of you already know there have been quite a lot of children off ill this week. As reported nationally immunity in children is low so please do remind your children about hygiene measures such as using tissues and washing hands regularly.

### **Artist of the Week**

This week's artist was Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni known as Michelangelo and was chosen by Rocky.



### **STARS of the week**

<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Logan</b>	<b>Casian</b>
<b>Monet</b>	<b>Aiyanna</b>	<b>Dylan</b>
<b>Hockney</b>	<b>Rohan</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>
<b>Hepworth</b>	<b>Tanish</b>	<b>George</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	79%
Monet	82%
Hockney	89%
Hepworth	86%

## Class News

### Van Gogh

Hope you have all had a good week!

#### Phonics

Please continue to reinforce orally segmenting and blending cvc words. It is important that the children are hearing the sounds at the beginning, middle and end of a word. For example, 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. It is also important for the children to have a go at writing cvc words.

#### Sounds learnt to date

s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d	g	o	c	k	ck	e	u	h	b	f	ff
l	ll	ss	z	zz														

This week the children learnt writing words with two syllables e.g. lap –top sun-set.

#### Tricky Words learnt to date

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#### Maths

This week we will continue learning about Number Five. We will look at introduce Pentagon (five straight sides and five corners) and use /adding learn Number Bonds to 5 by partitioning number 5 and finding the different combinations e.g. 1+4 2+3 3+2 4+1

**Over the next few weeks we will be consolidating all the learning for numbers 1-5. Please support your child to continue to reinforce previous learning.**

#### Topic

This week we have been learning about the importance of Advent in the Christian calendar, we have two advent calendar in the class so the children will be coming home with chocolate at some point. We have a busy few weeks learning about the importance of Christmas, enjoying Christmas crafts, Christmas production and lots more.

#### Reminders

- Christmas Production: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 PM  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December Afternoon AM

- Reading Books will be changed every Thursday. **In order for us to change the books it is important you write in the reading record every time you read with your child. If there is not a note in the reading record we will assume you have not read and therefore not change the books.**
- Library books are changed on a Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in extra shirts for the production.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

## **Monet**

We've had a busy week rehearsing for the Christmas production and can't wait to perform it next week. Please could any costumes/items needed be brought into school on Monday if you haven't already done so. You should have received a small slip of paper to say if anything is needed but please don't worry if you haven't.

Over the next few weeks in English, we will be reading, rehearsing and performing seasonal poems, leading on to creating, writing and performing some of our own.

In maths Year 1 will be recognising and naming  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an object, shape or quantity and Year 2 will be consolidating this then moving on to  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$  also understanding that  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the same as  $\frac{2}{4}$ . We will be doing this in a practical context and linking it to making Christmas decorations for the classroom. We will also be doubling/halving and recognising odd and even numbers.

We will continue to collect and analyse our weather data in science. The children have really loved doing this and many have said they would like to make a rain gauge to collect the rain at home. We would love to see any photographs of your rain gauges from home if you do make one.

In geography we will be naming and locating the seven continents.

It has been great to hear that so many children are enjoying the weekly riddles sent home. If your child would like to have a go at writing their own riddle for the class to solve, please do!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## **Hockney**

### *Maths*

In Maths, year 3 will continue with learning their times table (2, 4 and 8). Year 4 will be consolidating their learning in multiplication, place value and addition and subtraction, answering lots of reasoning questions. Please encourage your child to practice their times table daily. They can visit this website, which will give them lots of practice.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

### *English*

Children have been enjoying their poetry unit this week and will continue to work on writing a poem with their group. They will explore other poems and discuss puns, homophones and homonyms.

*PSHE*

Hockney class have been celebrating their differences this week and creating their own diversity identity. Next week they will be look at sensitive vocabulary and phrases and discussing what it means to be respectful.

History

We will be looking at prehistory Britain, and will learning how life changed during this period.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Moghaddam & Mrs Whittingham.

## **Hepworth**

As ever, Hepworth have worked well this week, as well as dedicating some of their free time to make leaving cards and presents for Mrs Whittingham. The children (and teachers) will miss her, so wanted to show how much we appreciate her, and show our love and good wishes for her.

We have also enjoyed using the ipads more now that we have enough for everyone in the class to use them at once. We have explored the Parthenon marbles in more detail and learned how to 'hand in' work using the ipads as well as doing maths warmups using interactive games. The children are experts in scanning QR codes to quickly access websites too!

Meanwhile, next week in English, children will be using their knowledge of figurative language and exciting imagery to create their own poetry about nature, whilst in SPAG we will focus on revision of suffixes including a new one - 'sion'.

In Maths, we will be moving on from multiplication to division, looking at both short and long division.

In Science, the children will be making puppets to use in their own shadow theatre production. In PE, we hope to conclude our Greek-inspired group dance, as we were unable to do so this week. The hall has been in increasing demand, with rehearsals for the Christmas production, so we would ask that children have their PE kits in school at all times, in case we get an unexpected opportunity to use it.

In RE we will make some final reflections on our work about pilgrimages whilst in DT we will take the first steps in the creation of our moving vehicles. We will also be doing our first church rehearsal on Thursday afternoon.

On Monday afternoon, whilst Year 5 are enjoying Forest School Year 6 will continue practising how to use different formulae in spreadsheets. Then in Spanish, they will be talking and writing about the weather and seasons. We will focus on an important date later in the month, as we move towards learning about Christmas in Spain.

We wish you all a warm and peaceful weekend,

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

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
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Craft & Jumper Day <b>PTA Christmas Film Day</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties, children to wear party clothes
<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>