Chenies School Newsletter Friday 5th March 2021

Headteacher's News

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the children return on Monday, as I am sure many of you are! I do hope that this is the end of remote learning but we do all still need to be conscious that Covid 19 has not gone away, we are still in a national lockdown and should be minimising contacts with other people. Please remember that if anyone in school tests positive for coronavirus we will have to close a bubble and revert to remote teaching, so let's do all we can to minimise the spread and keep safe!

School Uniform

All children will be expected to wear full school uniform except on Wednesdays and Fridays when they should come to school in their PE kits. Tracksuits may be worn. The weather is still variable and the end of the week has been quite cold so please remember to encourage your child to wear an extra layer **under** their uniform and ensure they have a coat in school.

What to Bring to School

All children need to bring a water bottle each day and packed lunch/coat if they need it. We also know that the children will have become used to eating throughout the day and when they return to school may find they feel hungry. The children in KS1 will be provided with fruit. Hungry children in KS2 will not learn well though so they may bring in some fruit to snack on at given times in the day, to help them concentrate.

All children in Hockney and Hepworth class should bring in their own named pencil case which will be required to be left in school. It should contain a blue pen, writing pencil, coloured pencils, an eraser, a pencil sharpener (with its own collecting pot) and a glue stick. The children in Reception and Monet already have individual school pencil cases in school.

World Book Day

I do hope that the children enjoyed their world book day activities yesterday and made time for some additional reading. I will be giving all of the children a World Book Day token on Monday, which they will be able to swap for a free book or put towards a book of their choice.

Forest School

From Monday 8th March it will be the turn of children in Hockney class (who have not been in school since January) to participate in Forest School sessions on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in trousers and sturdy footwear as well as a waterproof coat. The children will be outside whatever the weather and may get muddy!

Chenies Radio Stars!

Two weeks ago, Isobel from Hockney class, was interviewed about her book Adventurous Guinea Pigs Visit the Stone Age on Heart radio. You can listen to the audio recording of the interview if you go to the <u>news section of our website</u>.

Congratulations to Oscar in Hepworth class who has completed his 100 mile walk and raised more than £1500 for the Citizens Advice Bureau. You may also have heard him on the radio giving shout outs for Chenies!

Easter Tennis Camp

I know that many of our children have enjoyed participating in tennis sessions run by one of our parents in school, Mr Butcher. He is involved in a tennis Easter camp in Northwood during the Easter holiday so I have attached a flyer to this newsletter for your information in case you are looking for something for your child to participate in during the holiday

Mothering Sunday Ideas

Mothering Sunday is on the 14th March this year and I have attached a helpful list of suggested activities from the PTA that your child may like to do at home during the next week. I would like to say a big thank you to Ella in Hepworth class who I know helped with the ideas.



As a reminder the times for dropping your child off from Monday 8th March in the turning circle are as follows:

- Hepworth & younger siblings 8.30am 8.40am
- Hockney and younger siblings 8.40am 8.50am
- Monet 8.50am 9am

The collection times are as follows, **Please do not arrive before 3pm** as this causes traffic queues onto the road. If you have more than one child please collect them at the time stated for your **oldest** child.

- Van Gogh/Monet: 3pm 3.10pm
- Hockney 3.10pm 3.20pm
- Hepworth 3.20pm 3.30pm

I wish you all a happy weekend.

Suzanne Powell

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021 / 2022

Spring Term 2021

Inset Day Term Starts Half Term Term Ends

Summer Term 2021

Inset Day Term Starts Half Term Term Ends

Autumn Term 2021

Inset Day Inset Day Term Starts Half Term Inset Day Term Ends

Spring Term 2022

Inset Day Term Starts Half Term Term Ends

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts Half Terms Inset Day Term Ends Monday 4th January Tuesday 5th January 15th – 19th February Thursday 1st April @ 1.30pm

Monday 19th April Tuesday 20th April 31st May – 4th June Wednesday 21st July @ 1.30pm

Wednesday 1^{st} September Thursday 2^{nd} September Friday 3^{rd} September $25^{th} - 29^{th}$ October Monday 1^{st} November Friday 17^{th} December @1.30pm

Tuesday 4th January Wednesday 5th January 21st – 25th February Friday 8th April @ 1.30pm

Monday 25th April 30th May – 3rd June Monday 6th June Thursday 21st July @ 1.30pm