

Chenies School Newsletter

25th May 2022

Headteacher's News

I was so pleased that despite the changeable weather many of you were able to join us for our Jubilee celebration last Friday. It really was a memorable day and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Thank you to the PTA for paying for the Jubilee bears. I would like to say a special thank you to Sonia's mum for being our photographer for the day and we will be sharing the photographs on the school website when they are ready. The children on the PGL residential are having a great time and have already enjoyed Survival skills, climbing, capture the flag and wacky races.

Staffing News

I am sorry to share with you the news that Miss Groves is relocating to another part of the country and will therefore be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Miss Groves has made a very positive contribution to the life of the school since the beginning of the year and I know she will be missed by pupils, parents and staff. I have advertised for a new KS2 teacher to join the staff in September and will share further information about the staffing arrangements for next year in due course.

Family Food Hub

The Family Food Hub is open in St George's Church, White Lion Rd, 9-11am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is there for anyone who needs some practical help to get them through the week, there are a range of different foods, canned and fresh and some other consumables like nappies. The hope is that it will help families get through the pinch points of the month. There is no need for a referral or a voucher. People can come and get what they need and then leave, or they can hang out for a chat, in a warm safe place, and have a cup of tea. ([Family Food Hub - Home](#) | [Facebook](#))

May half-term activities

At the Chiltern Open Air Museum on Wednesday 1st June, Joe Wicks will be running a workout session on the Village Green between 11am and 11.30am. Put on your sportswear or fancy dress and go and take part! You can then spend the rest of the day exploring the museum. Tickets and more information can be found [here](#)

Discover Bucks Museum

At Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury they are celebrating Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a fun-filled week of arts, crafts, games and a 1950s-themed Jubilee cream tea event over the May Half Term. More details can be found on the attached flyer.

Please remember:

- Inset Day Monday 6th June
- PTA Jubilee Bake Off 7th June
- Chesham Carnival – 11th June

Artist of the Week:

This week's artist was Ned Kelly chosen by Renee, Lily, Elora and Gracie.

I am going to join the PGL residential this evening and therefore will not be sending a further newsletter on Friday. I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term and platinum Jubilee celebration weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 7th June.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



Happy Birthday

Freya – 21st May

Adrian – 22nd May

Luca W-D - 25th May

Vihaan – 27th May

Ewan – 29th May

Rocky – 31st May

Gabriel – 3rd June

Arran S – 4th June



Class News

Hockney

Another busy week in Hockney class!

This week we have really enjoyed our Arts week and have created some fantastic writing and pieces of art inspired by the painting 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' by Claude-Joseph Vernet. The children started the week by writing poems based on the painting using poetic devices such as personification and onomatopoeia. They then moved on to write a 'Captain's log' imagining themselves being aboard the ship within the painting and trying to capture what it would be like and all the things they may happen to them upon the voyage. We've also learnt about different ways in which tone can be created just by using pencil and the difference between tone, tint and shade when colour-mixing. We then applied these skills of creating tone and movement within our art in a final piece based upon Vernet's painting. Hopefully many of you were able to see this artwork during the parent work share evening.

We were also lucky enough to play in another tournament this week surrounding tennis and the skills necessary to play tennis. We then rounded off a fantastic week with our wonderful Chenies Jubilee Garden Party!

Next week isn't so eventful for Hockney class but does promise to be an exciting one as most of Hepworth will have disappeared on their adventure and left the children of Hockney class to help run things whilst they are gone. We have spoken to the children at length about the need to be really responsible next week and set a good example so we are really hoping they do us proud! Normal lessons will resume next week, picking up on our study of 'The Spiderwick Chronicles' in English. We are looking forward to discovering what the strange creature is that's causing havoc in the children's house! In maths, the Year 3 children are continuing their work on mass moving on to focus on capacity whilst the Year 4 children are focusing on ordering and rounding decimals.

In science, we shall begin our new topic focusing on light and then moving on to electricity. We shall be learning about different sources of light and what reflection is and how reflection works. We began last week to learn about the lives of important figures who follow their strong sense of morals to follow what they believe is right, even if this can endanger them. We looked at the lives of Malala Yousafzai and the Dalai Lama last week and next week will focus on the life of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and how important interfaith dialogue is.

French horn will be on Friday as usual next week rather than on Wednesday as it was this week. As mentioned, things should be largely normal next week although we may have a few visitors to Hockney class in the form of those not going on the Yr 5 & 6 residential.

Homework will be on Google Classrooms and this is the last homework we shall be setting as we will not be setting any over the half term break. Can you please make sure though that your child recites their times tables over the half term break as much as possible. We will be having a formal times table check in the week beginning 13.06.22.

Please also make sure that your child's pencil case is replenished over the break so that they return to school with everything they need and not having to borrow anything as this really does slow down our lessons having to share limited resources amongst many children.

We wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend ready for the last week of term.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

DIARY DATES

Monday 23rd May - Friday 27 th May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Friday 27th May	PTA Smarties Challenge
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 7th June	The Great Jubilee Bake Off
Saturday 11th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 13 th June	Class photos
Friday 17th June	Father's Day Event
Wednesday 22 nd June	Parent's Evening – 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 23 rd June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm PTA Meeting
Friday 24th June	Ice Cream Friday!
Tuesday 28 th June	Sports Day (parents welcome)
Thursday 30 th June	Hepworth – Athletics @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12pm
Friday 1st July	Ice Cream Friday!
Friday 8th July	Friday Fun Fitness
Tuesday 12 th July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm (parents welcome)
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 Ice Cream Friday!
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 Leaver's BBQ 5.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver's Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm