

Chenies School Newsletter

10th December 2021

Headteacher's News

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair. I am very grateful to the PTA for organising it and to all of the parents who helped with the setting up and running of the schools. It was a fun day and lovely to see everyone gathered together enjoying themselves.



EYFS and KS1 Nativity

The excitement of the Christmas Story was wonderfully presented by Van-Gogh and Monet class this week and I know that all the staff and parents were rightly proud of how well the children performed. On the second day a technical hitch meant the music stopped midway through one song, even that did not faze the children and they just kept singing unaccompanied, which demonstrated the children's resilience to overcome unexpected challenges. I would like to thank all the EYFS and KS1 staff for their hard work in bringing the production together.

French Horns

I am very proud of the progress the year 3 children have made with learning to play the French Horn this term. Last week they performed Jingle Bells for me and if you would like to listen to them play please do look at the [music page](#) on our website to watch a video recording of them.

Radio Amersham

If you missed our Year 6 children presenting their Christmas radio show you can listen to it again [here](#).

Christmas Craft Day

The children will be bringing home a box of peppermint creams on Monday, the following ingredients were used:

- Dairy free butter
- Icing sugar
- Peppermint essence
- Food colouring



Happy Birthday
Omansa – 10th December
Elena – 16th December



Please remember

- Request KS2 Carol Service tickets
- Hepworth class to return swimming consent forms

I wish you all a very enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell

Class News

Van Gogh

Hope you have all had a good week! We are nearly there, the children are tired and ready for a break well deserved break!

Phonics

Please continue to consolidate all the Phase 2 sounds and work on segmenting and blending, hearing initial/middle/end sounds and rhyme. It is also important that the children are applying their sounds not only to reading but writing as well. Please encourage them to start writing CVC words and simple sentences, E.g. The cat on the mat. Dad has a cap. A pin on a map.

Reading

We will not be sending books home for Christmas but encourage that you continue to read and share books with your child. To support reading, please continue to learn sight reading tricky words alongside the sounds.

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 consolidating all numbers to 5:

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 are consolidating all the learning for numbers 1-5. Please support your child to continue to reinforce previous learning.

Topic

We are continuing to learn about Christmas traditions.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL DATES: There will be no show and tell for the next two weeks.

The next one is on **Thursday 6th January Blue House**

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

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

I am so proud of the children in Monet. They were absolutely fantastic performing 'Hey Ewe'. They sang beautifully, spoke clearly and loudly and carried on even when little mistakes were made (ignoring me when I did the wrong actions to the songs and continuing to sing brilliantly when the music stopped abruptly!). They are all amazing.

Next week we will be winding down and enjoying our class Christmas party, putting the finishing touches to our calendars and making moving decorations in DT.

We will also be reading and learning some Christmas poems, reading lots of seasonal stories and having a go at writing some of our own Christmas riddles.

In maths we will be playing lots of maths games and focusing on areas of difficulty from this half term.

Homework will be on Google Classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Next week in Hockney class we shall be focusing on rounding up our work from this term. We will of course be working on our Christmas rehearsal, the performances of which will be on Thursday.

The children have worked incredibly hard to complete their Christmas bookmarks this week which they will be taking home this afternoon. We have included a photograph of their work of which they are very proud! Please ask them about their bookmarks and the stitches they have used.

We shall not be setting any homework this week but please encourage your child to practise their singing in preparation for Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend gearing up for Christmas!

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

Next week we will be spending time rehearsing our carols for the concert in the church on Thursday. The children have done brilliantly learning these and we are proud of how well they have been singing and reading their lines. We hope lots of you will be able to join us in the church to hear the lovely songs and get you in the festive mood!

We will also be spending time finishing off various final tasks from our learning this term and wrapping up our World War 2 topic. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to throughout the week including Christmas lunch, parties and exchanging secret Santa gifts.

We would like to thank you all for your support this term and we hope the children have a lovely final week in school.

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

Diary Dates

Monday 13 th December	West End in Schools - Pantomime Dance Workshop
Wednesday 15 th December	Class Christmas Parties Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Friday 17 th December	Term Ends 1.30pm PTA Film Club 1.30pm – 3pm

Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY
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