

Chenies School Newsletter

1st October 2021

Headteacher's News

This week has been a busy one with a virtual author visit from Dara McAnulty and the restarting of the local consortium sports events and inter school football matches. Hockney class enjoyed their visit to DCHS to play basketball and Mrs Whittingham said that the class were an absolute credit to our school. They showed excellent sportsmanship and all remembered their manners.

Our PTA Needs You!

The PTA has contributed an enormous amount to the school over the years, not just in terms of funding extras for the children but also social events for us all. As you know after a long time of service our Co-chairs and treasurer are stepping down from the role and we are looking for new people to replace them. Under charity commission rules there has to be a chair and treasurer so I would be grateful if you would consider volunteering in order for us to maintain a PTA. Further information about what the roles entail is attached to this newsletter. If you would like to express an interest in taking on the role then please either speak to me or email pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk

Morrisons Good to Grow Vouchers

I have registered Chenies School with the Morrison's It's Good to Grow scheme For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token which we will be able to exchange for FREE gardening equipment. More information can be found [here](#) but even if you do not shop at Morrisons please encourage your friends and family to donate their tokens to us.

PE Kits and Coats

All children should have a coat in school every day, as they do go out to play in all weathers and I do not want children to be sitting in wet school uniforms in their classrooms. Your child should also have a warm layer under their jumper as it is becoming colder and we do still need to keep doors and windows open to aid ventilation.

Please remember to ensure your child brings their PE kit back to school if they have come home in it due to clubs or matches. Earrings should either be removed for PE days or if a child is not able to remove the earrings yet they will be required to put tape over them for their own and others safety.

Fidget Toys

We recognise that there are some children who have had fidget toys recommended by other professionals and where we have already discussed such recommendations with parents we are very happy for those children to continue to use them appropriately. It has however become apparent that a large number of children are bringing fidget toys into school and just playing with them when they should be focussing on their learning. I would be grateful therefore if you could ensure your child does not bring fidget toys into school unless you have discussed it with your child's class teacher.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly will be taking place next Thursday at 9.00am in the school hall. You are all welcome to attend. Items for the Chiltern Foodbank can be brought in on Wednesday or Thursday next week. The foodbank have asked for the following items:

- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Sponge Puddings
- Tinned or Packet Custard
- Tinned or Packet Macaroni Cheese
- Biscuits
- Chocolate, Sweets, Christmas treats
- Toiletries (Soap, Deodorant, Shower gel, Shampoo – Mens and Ladies)

Parents Evening

Parents' evening appointments will be available to book on the school website from Monday 4th October at 12pm. Appointments will be available as follows:

Tuesday 19th October - 5pm-6.30pm (in person) and 6.40pm-8pm (by telephone)

Thursday 21st October - 3.30pm-4.30pm (in person) and 4.40pm-5.30pm (by telephone)

This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher, please ensure that you book Thursday 18th November in your diary as an opportunity to come in and look at your child's work with them.

Football Match News

We are delighted that we are starting to form football squads in Years 5 and 6 again following a year without inter-school matches.

On Wednesday we took part in our first U11 competition of the academic year, with a mixed Year 5 and 6 team facing matches against Robertswood, Lark Rise and Our Lady's Schools.

At times the matches were tough, but all of the players from Chenies showed fantastic determination, perseverance, commitment and team skills, supporting and encouraging each other at each stage of the games. Mrs Tillyer was extremely proud of each of the players. We decided that our 'Player of the Day' was Luca Walton-Dawes.

Thank you to all the parents that supported the team, transporting them to the game.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell



Happy Birthday
Zuzanna – 2nd October
Oliver V-L – 5th October



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Zuzanna	Henry
Monet	Jasmine	Jessica
Hockney	Oliver B	Archie Z
Hepworth	Frankie	Samyukta

Class News

Van Gogh

It has been great to see the children happy and confident in their learning environment. They have already come on leaps and bounds as they build on their experiences at school. We have spent the week practicing for the Harvest Assembly and hope that you will join us next Thursday as the children are very excited to perform their song. We will continue with our Autumn topic looking at the changes in the environment and getting ready for our first walk into the woods towards the end of the week.

Phonics

We will be revisiting S A T P I N and introducing M D G O C. Even though the children will be learning these sounds our key focus next will be oral segmenting and blending (Phase 1).

Maths

Throughout we will be chanting numbers to 10/20 and learning about

- Number 1 - Counting out one - Matching numerals to written and spoken numerals – Circle (One curved side) – 1p coin
- Number 2 – Counting out two – Representing two - Matching numerals to written and spoken numerals – Semi Circle (One curved side and one straight side) – Practical addition (introduce number sentences $1+1=2$) – Double one equals two – 2p coin ($1p + 1p$) – Talking about pairs
- Counting numbers to 1-6 on a track

EYFS Workshops:

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the EYFS workshops. We hope that you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, please let me know if you are interested and I will be happy to arrange a time to talk to you.

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

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

The children in Monet have had a busy week planning, telling and writing stories about their worry dolls.

Next week we will be beginning a Poetry topic, focusing on Harvest poems, sound and rhythm, poems about senses and linking what we read to our own experiences. This will link to our Science which is to name the five senses and plan an experiment based on smell.

In Maths we will be looking at symmetry, turns (quarter/half/whole turns clockwise and anticlockwise) followed by subtraction later in the week.

In History we will be thinking about the improvements that Florence Nightingale made and beginning our own collage and textiles self-portrait in Art.

In PSHE we will be continuing to think about people who care for us and the role they play in our lives.

Home learning will be on Google classroom (Monet 2021/2022)

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Next week in Hockney class we are beginning to think about writing our own stories based upon our study of 'Storm'. We will be focusing on how to create setting, character and plot using rich vocabulary and practising oral rehearsal before we record our ideas down. In our spelling lesson this week we will wrap up our work on all the different ways in which a dictionary can be used before moving on to study different prefixes and suffixes.

In Science next week we are looking forward to continuing our work studying the human skeleton, really trying to understand the different functions of a skeleton and being able to name some important bones. Some of you may have seen our rather strange skeletons chalked out on the playground last week!

Next week in our Topic lessons we will continue to study the everyday lives of the Egyptians but with a particular focus on mummification. This is an area we all seem to be really interested in so if you find any interesting facts regarding mummification then please do share them with the class next week. We will be looking to find out not only what this process involved but what was the reasoning behind it. In other words, why was mummification so important to the Egyptians?

We will also be continuing our study of Bob Marley and wider reggae music next week, thinking about what marks this particular type of music out, what instruments it employs and how it reflects the time. We will continue in our efforts to learn some of Bob Marley's songs-something I know the children really enjoy.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

Another week has passed and the children in Hepworth have once again worked so hard and achieved so much.

English

We will begin the week focussing on autumn and Harvest, exploring words and phrases to describe them and feelings about them. We will then develop this into poetry writing and write our own poems about autumn and Harvest. We look forward to sharing these poems with you in our Harvest assembly. Our SPAG session on Friday will focus on co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions. Our spellings will focus on the prefixes 'dis' and 'auto' and our key focus words are: accident, amateur, anxious, apparent and available. These are available to practice using the Sir Linkalot site, which the children have on their Google Classrooms.

Maths

We will begin the week with a focus on mental addition and subtraction. We will discuss and explore methods we can use to help us calculate mentally, focussing particularly on the use of rounding and estimation to support calculating, alongside using and applying facts we already know to help us find out what we need to.

Later in the week, we will revisit multiplying and dividing both whole and decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

Other subjects

On Monday afternoon, year 5 will be designing a cushion cover, which we will begin to make the following week. If there is a piece of material or an item of clothing that is no longer needed, please send it in with your child, so that they can use it as the base material for their cushion. This ties in well with the 'Make do and mend' aspect of our topic. They will also continue learning and evaluating war time songs.

Year 6 will have forest school on Monday afternoon - please remember to wear trousers with school uniform on top and to make sure trainers are in school.

In Science we will be exploring how circuits can vary using different components and investigate how we can change a circuit from a series to a parallel circuit, drawing circuit diagrams using the appropriate symbols. Our Spanish work will focus around saying and writing questions and answers based around what we are eating and drinking, developing conversational language. For topic we will be finding out about Anne Frank and this will then link with our PSHE work for the remainder of the half term as we find out more about discrimination. In RE we will consider how a place of worship helps people to practice their religion. In PE we will be creating a gymnastics routine using the skills we have developed so far. For PE - please remember that full PE kit should be in school at all times including trainers.

If your child has joined the 'Football Squad' there will be training on Tuesday lunchtime with Mr Jones, so please remember football boots and shin pads.

As always, please do come and speak to us, or drop us an email, if you have any questions or concerns.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

Diary Dates

Friday 1st October	PTA Film Club
Tuesday 5 th October	Reading Workshop for Monet parents at 9am
Thursday 7 th October	Harvest assembly 9am
Thursday 7th October	PTA AGM Meeting in the school hall
Wednesday 13 th October	9am EYFS Stay and Share - Autumn Walk
Friday 15 th October	Secondary Transfer Test results day
Tuesday 19 th October	Parents Evening 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 20th October	PTA Halloween School Disco
Thursday 21 st October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half Term
Monday 1st November	INSET Day
Thursday 4 th November	Flu Vaccinations for children in school
Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45am
Monday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 18 th November	Hepworth trip to Holdenby House
Thursday 18 th November	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
Wednesday 24th November	PTA Wreath Workshop
Tuesday 30 th November	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
Friday 3rd December	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 4 th December	PTA Christmas Fair 12pm – 3pm
Wednesday 8 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 9 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Craft Day
Wednesday 15 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Friday 17 th December	Term Ends 1.30pm