

Chenies School Newsletter

24th September 2021

Headteacher's News

It has been lovely to see so many parents in school this week attending workshops and we are grateful for the positive feedback that we have received. For those of you who have not been able to attend we have added the presentations to our [school website](#), in the parent zone. There will be a reading workshop for Hockney parents on Tuesday 5th October at 9am and a repeat of this week's Monet workshop on Thursday 14th October.

Allergies

Please do not send in cakes and sweets for children's birthdays. We have a number of children with allergies and sweets and cakes sent in from home can cause complications, both in terms of ensuring no child feels left out and also in creating an expectation that this is something everyone should do. We will of course celebrate children's birthdays with them in class and assemblies.

Virtual Author Visit

Monet, Hockney and Hepworth classes are all looking forward to participating in the virtual author event with Dara McNulty organised by Chorleywood bookshop, next Thursday. If you would like to purchase the book at a discounted price please click [here](#). Your order will be delivered to school.

Photographs

Having listened to parental feedback about photographs you will have noticed that we have changed the school photographer this term. I hope that your child's school photograph brought a smile to your face, as they certainly did to us. Please remember to place your order by 4th October to receive your early bird discount.

Parents Evening

Our parent evenings are due to be held on Tuesday 19th October 5pm-8pm and Thursday 21st October 3.30-5pm. We will be offering both face to face and telephone appointments. Appointments will be made available to book next week and we will send a text out to notify you when booking is open.

Arrival time

I would like to remind you that all children should arrive in school by 8.50am. During the last week there have been a number of children arriving after this. That means they have not had the opportunity to get themselves organised and ready to focus for the start of teaching at 9am. Ensuring your child is punctual teaches them good habits for life. 5 minutes late per day equates to 16.5 hours over the year, the equivalent of nearly 3 days.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest assembly is on Thursday 7th October at 9am and all parents are invited to attend if they would like to. We will be collecting items for the Chiltern Foodbank and they have asked for the following items

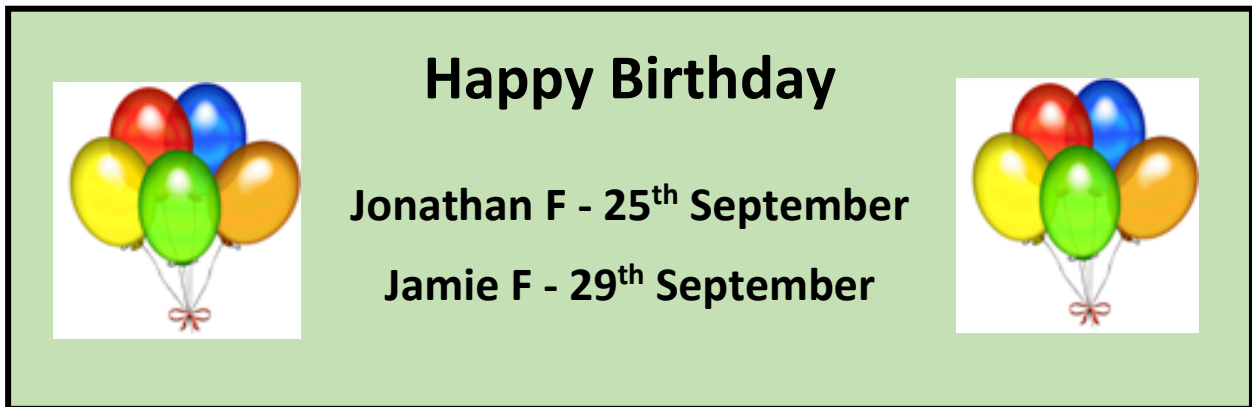
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Sponge Puddings
- Tinned or Packet Custard
- Tinned or Packet Macaroni Cheese
- Biscuits
- Chocolate, Sweets, Christmas treats
- Toiletries (Soap, Deodorant, Shower gel, Shampoo – Mens and Ladies)

They do NOT need:

Dried Pasta, Tuna fish, UHT milk, Baked Beans, Soup

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Megan	Electra
Monet	Omansa	Freya
Hockney	Pip	Rebecca
Hepworth	Frankie	Aris

Class News

Van Gogh

Another busy week with the children meeting their buddies and the team getting to them a little better. The children have responded well to the start of a more structured timetable, doing phonics, and learning all about Vincent Van Gogh. We had a fire practice this week and the children were brilliant, they remembered everything we had been practicing and being the youngest in the school stole the show. We have continued to focus on familiarising the children with school rules and routines, especially the importance of 'good listening'.

We will be starting our new topic 'Autumn' next week and will be spending a lot of time outdoors looking at the changes in the environment. In line with this we will continue to learn more about each other, while following a more structured timetable and do baseline assessments.

The children met their Year 6 buddies this week and it has been great to see them eager to go out and spend time with them during lunchtime. Please remember the system allows the reception children to have a 'go to person' during their first year at school.

EYFS Workshops:

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the EYFS workshop. We hope that you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, please I will be happy to arrange a time to talk to you.

Autumn Timetable:

Autumn Timetable: Please note that this is a general overview of the week, activities may vary due to the topic and interests of the children.									
		9.15 – 10.15			10.45 – 11.45			1.30 – 2.30	
Monday	Register and Brain Break	PE - Dance (Mrs Sahotay)	Daily Mile & Brain Break	Snack	Phonics Handwriting Reading	Lunchtime	Register and Brain Break	Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	Story & Home
Tuesday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			PE (PE Coach)			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Wednesday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	
Thursday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play			Show & Tell Child Initiated Play	
Friday		Phonics Handwriting Reading			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play			Focused Activities Child Initiated Play	

REMINDERS:

EYFS Workshops:

Over the next few weeks I will be running workshops covering key aspects of the new EYFS Curriculum (2021). The workshops are designed to give you an insight into the expectations of the Early Years Curriculum and how you can support your child at home. If you are unable to attend, I am happy to arrange a meeting to talk through the key points, I will also be posting the information on Google Classroom once it has been set up.

Thursday 30th September 2021: EYFS Phonics & Reading (9.15 – 10.15)

Recycling

We collect and recycle the following items in school.

- Crisp packets (any brand not twiglets, cheddars or popcorn). It would be really helpful if the packets are flat not scrunched up.
- Batteries, toothpaste tubes, old plastic pens and plastic milk bottle tops.

PE:

The children will be having PE lessons on **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child has the full PE kit outlined in the EYFS information pack. If your child wears earrings, they must be removed or taped up on these days.

Walks:

Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies (to be left in school) and a raincoat, as we do often go for walks and spend a lot of our day outside.

Labels: Please ensure that all CLOTHING AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS ARE LABELLED.

STAY AND PLAY SESSION DATES:

Over the year you are invited to come and spend time with your child in their learning environment. Siblings are not allowed to attend these sessions, as we believe this is an opportunity for your child to share their experiences of school with you. The picnic is a family event and an opportunity for us all to celebrate the end of the year and the children's achievements.

STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS	
Wednesday 13 th October 2021 9.00 – 10.30	STAY AND COME FOR AN AUTUMN WALK
Tuesday 30 th November 2021 1.45 – 3.00	STAY AND PLAY
Wednesday 26 th January 2022 1.30 – 2.45	STAY AND READ
Friday 1 st April 2022 9.00 – 10.30	STAY AND COME FOR A SPRING WALK
Monday 16 th May 2022 9.00 – 10.30	STAY AND GET PHYSICAL
Monday 15 th July 2021 8.15 – 10.00	STAY FOR A BREAKFAST PICNIC WITH SIBLINGS

SHOW & TELL DATES:

Throughout the year your child will get an opportunity to bring something in for 'Show & Tell'. This could be something they are interested in and willing to talk about, for example a special toy, something they might be collecting, or something related to the current topic. Please do not send in anything valuable as we cannot be held responsible for any damage.

AUTUMN TERM			
Red House	Yellow House	Blue House	Green House
x	Thursday 30 th September 2021	Thursday 7 th October 2021	Thursday 14 th October 2021
Thursday 21 st October 2021	Thursday 4 th November 2021	Thursday 11 th November 2021	Thursday 18 th November 2021
Thursday 25 th November 2021	Thursday 2 nd December 2021	x	x

SPRING TERM			
Red House	Yellow House	Blue House	Green House
x	x	Thursday 6 th January 2022	Thursday 13 th January 2022
Thursday 20 th January 2022	Thursday 27 th January 2022	Thursday 3 rd February 2022	Thursday 10 th February 2022
Thursday 17 th February 2022	Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Thursday 10 th March 2022	Thursday 17 th March 2022
Thursday 24 th March 2022	Thursday 31 st March 2022	x	x

SUMMER TERM			
Red House	Yellow House	Blue House	Green House
x	x	Thursday 28 th April 2022	Thursday 5 th May 2022
Thursday 12 th May 2022	Thursday 19 th May 2022	Thursday 26 th May 2022	Thursday 9 th June 2022
Thursday 16 th June 2022	Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Thursday 30 th June 2022	Thursday 7 th July 2022

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

Next week in Monet Class we will be planning, writing and editing our own stories. We will be focusing on basic punctuation including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be thinking about how we can extend our sentences to make them more interesting using words such as 'because' (and other conjunctions in Year 2).

In Maths we will be looking at time and estimating/measuring length. We will be continuing to practise our number bonds to 10 and 20 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Please practise these at home regularly.

In Topic we will continue to find out about Florence Nightingale and how she helped the soldiers in Scutari. We will be naming and labelling the basic parts of the human body in Science and talking about the different groups we belong to in RE.

Home learning will be on Google Classroom this week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

We have noticed that many children in Hockney class are coming to school without their reading records. Please make sure that these stay in their school bags. We will often give children information such as how to log on to Google Classroom and if they have not got their reading record in school we have to hand out bits of paper instead that could easily get lost. Likewise if they are heard read we have nowhere to record this.

Next week we are continuing our work on number, looking at addition and subtraction crossing boundaries and the mental strategies we can use to do this. We are starting to build confidence with our number work but crossing those boundaries to take us into the next 10, the next 100, the next 1000 is something that we will continue to work on in the coming weeks.

In English we are continuing our work on 'Storm' focusing on inference and really trying to understand characters and what their actions might be motivated by. We will also look at the importance of speech in moving a story along and how we punctuate speech.

Next week we will start preparing our contribution for the Harvest assembly. We will be creating a collage of different fruits and vegetables. We will be studying the work of American artist Megan Coyle and using her work as inspiration for our own collage. If you have any magazines that you could donate to help us with our collage it would be much appreciated.

On Thursday we are looking forward to our live stream author Dara McAnulty paying us a visit all from the comfort of the classroom. Then in the afternoon we shall all be visiting the local secondary school to take part in a basketball workshop. What an exciting day for us! All children will need to make sure they have their PE kits in school on this day and that they have a packed lunch as we shall need to eat our lunch earlier than normal.

A lot of exciting things to do next week, we looking forward to seeing you all then.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

We have had another lovely week in Hepworth with lots of hard work from the children, who are settling in to the term well and rising to our expectations.

Thank you to the parents who came along to our curriculum evening yesterday - it was great to see you and hopefully we were able to answer all your questions. The presentation we shared will be uploaded to the school website.

English

Next week we will complete our work on 'Friend or Foe' with us exploring the characters and how they developed. We will then discuss possibilities for different endings to the story, before planning and rewriting the ending.

Our spelling focus is on the prefixes 'trans' and 'tele' and our 5 focus words are: soldier, special, surface, together, weird

Maths

We will start the week by learning Roman numerals. We will explore the different numerals and learn how to say different dates using them, before solving problems using the numerals in different ways.

Towards the end of the week we will be multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

Other subjects

Year 6 will have Forest School on Monday afternoon - please remember to wear trousers / leggings, along with full school uniform on top.

Year 5 will continue learning different stitches and Vera Lynn songs on Monday.

In Spanish, we continue to explore healthy and unhealthy foods, then saying and writing sentences. Our science will involve asking questions around fair tests and devising our own investigations, using series and parallel circuits. In topic we will be looking at the evacuation of children during WW2 and combining this with geography: locating the places on maps and using grid references. In RE we will be investigating how religion and beliefs are changing in our region. PSHE will focus on peer influence and peer approval and gymnastics and sports will continue on Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

Diary Dates

Thursday 30 th September	EYFS Phonics & Reading Parent Workshop 9am
Thursday 30 th September	KS2 10am Live Stream Author Event Dara McAnulty
Tuesday 5 th October	Reading Workshop for Hockney 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
Thursday 14 th October	9am Reading Workshop(Repeat) Monet Parents
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	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