

Chenies School Newsletter

15th October 2021

Headteacher's News

Although I was sorry to have to restrict our harvest assembly to the children in school I am grateful to you all for the very generous donations of food which you sent in for us to give to the Chiltern Foodbank. The children in Reception sang, Monet Class performed two poems, Hockney class shared their collages of food inspired by the artist Megan Coyle and Hepworth children performed their own pieces of poetry. I am quite sure your own child will be more than happy to repeat a solo performance for you at home!

Scarecrow Trail

Thank you to Mrs Williams and Mrs Van Loosen for creating our 'Willy Wonka & Violet' entry. Please can you remind children not to touch our display, a lot of hard work went in to making them.

Toy Bank Collection

Mrs Silverstone will be collecting toys for the Chiltern Toy Bank to be given to families in need at Christmas on Friday 12th November. The toy does not have to be new but should be in good condition.

Wear Red Day 2021

Show Racism the Red Card's annual Wear Red Day will be taking place on Friday 22nd October 2021. I will be talking about this with the children during the week and would like to invite the children to wear something red on Friday, in addition to their usual school uniform. This could be a hair band, socks, tights, wrist band or hat.

Queen's Bank Holiday

I have been asked by Buckinghamshire Council to share the following message with you.

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year, the Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional bank holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These days fall in the Summer half term and the DfE would like to ensure all school staff have an extra day of celebration too. In order to accommodate this the DfE have reduced the number of school days in the academic year of 2021-22. Buckinghamshire Council have advised all schools that this extra day will be taken on Thursday 21st July, ending the Summer term a day early. By doing this we believe there will be less disruption to schools, children, parents and transport.

The revised term dates can be found [here](#). Please see the link below for further information regarding the extra bank holiday.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-bank-holiday-to-mark-the-queens-platinum-jubilee-in-2022>

Message from Mrs Dinwiddy

The Autumn/Winter lunch menu has been extended after half-term so you can now book a school lunch on ParentPay up to the end of term (Friday 17th December). Please note that the usual deadline for booking a school lunch continues to be Monday at midnight for the following week's menu. However if you would like your child to have a school lunch during the first week back after half-term, please make sure that you have made a booking on ParentPay by **Monday 18th October** so we can place the order with our caterer.

Message from the PTA

Please use the link to take part in this year’s scarecrow trail! We are number 11 on the trail - please vote for Chenies, all scarecrows are up for this weekend only.

This year’s theme was ‘children’s favourites’ so we went for Willy Wonka and Violet from Charlie and the chocolate factory



<https://chorleywoodmagazine.co.uk/scarecrow-trail-2021/>

Thank you! Katy Williams and Katy Van Loosen



I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell

 **Happy Birthday** 
Alexander C – 16th October
Samuel C – 17th October

Van Gogh	Pippa	Senan
Monet	Ethan	Daisy
Hockney	Anisha	Lily B
Hepworth	Kripa	Joowon

Class News

Van Gogh

We are now counting down to half term!

The children this week have spent a lot of time in the in the wildlife area building campfires, cooking marshmallow, coming up with some interesting concoctions in the mud kitchen, talking about the vegetables and exploring the changes to the environment. We were very proud of the children who confidently stood and performed the Harvest song in front of the whole school.

Phonics

We will continue to consolidate S A T P I N M D G O C. In line with focusing on **initial sounds** in words and **oral segmenting and blending** (Phase 1).

Example: Initial sounds... Make some 'Silly Soup' and add things around the house that begin with **s-a-t-p-i-n-m-d-g-o-c** sound

What things can they find that begins with the initial sound as their name.

Oral segmenting and blending: Pretend you are a robot and sound out words that they can blend e.g. I can see a c-a-t.

Can you pass me the m-u-g? Go and put your c-o-a-t on. Reverse roles and get the children to segment and you blend the words.

Maths

Throughout we will be chanting numbers to 10/20 and continuing to reinforce:

- 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

Topic

We are learning about autumn and have been talking about the changes in our environment e.g. colour of leaves, weather etc. We have also focused on what some animals do during this time e.g. hibernate, migrate, collect food, wasp die etc.

Please continue reinforce the above as this will support your child's learning at school.

REMINDERS:

Multi Skills at Amersham School – Tuesday 19th October at 1.30 – 3.pm

Please remember children should be picked up from Amersham School at 3pm.

SHOW & TELL DATES: Thursday 21st October – Red House

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

We have had a busy week carrying out our smelling investigation in Science (although our classroom did smell quite garlicky by the end of the day!) and using a pestle and mortar to make herbal 'remedies' just like Mary Seacole would have made to nurse the soldiers in the Crimean War.

Next week we will be assessing the children in Reading, Writing and Maths during the mornings. We will also be using ICT to create and name our own portraits and we will be finding out about how to keep safe online. We will be using drama to reflect back over what we've learnt in History this half term, thinking about how Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole improved nursing.

Home learning will be on Google Classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley



Hockney

Next week in Hockney class we will be wrapping up a lot of our learning this term. We will be completing assessments across a range of subjects to see where we have consolidated our learning and where we need to go next. These are nothing to worry about though, just a chance to capture what we have learnt so far.

Around our assessments we will be working on writing hieroglyphics and understanding why this ancient language has been so important in aiding our understanding of how the Egyptians lived. The children have been very keen to write their own names in hieroglyphics and understand how pictures can translate to letters.

We will continue to look at the work of Bob Marley and how his music differs to other popular musicians at the time. We will begin to play accompanying instruments to his music, understanding how different instruments can alter the overall feel of the music.

In PSHE we will continue with our focus on relationships, trying to understand what makes for positive relationships and how we know who to trust. The children have worked really hard to understand what it means to be part of a family and all the positive aspects that things brings to our lives.

In RE we will continue to look at the special books of different religions, trying to better understand what roles these texts play within the lives of the people that follow those religions. The children have been really interested to better understand the religion and culture of all sorts of people and how this makes for a diverse and interesting world. We have been very impressed with their maturity!

We look forward to seeing you all next week for the last week of term and hope that those of you who have been poorly will feel much better soon.

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

Next week is our assessment week. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to show us all the skills and learning they have taken on this half term so far. We are very proud of all their hard work across the curriculum and we hope that they can challenge themselves next week to reflect this in their assessments.

We will be doing assessments in reading, writing, SPAG, maths and science and these will run throughout the week.

Other subjects will continue during the week as well as the assessments. Our PSHE work includes linking Anne Frank's experiences to our understanding of discrimination. Computing next week involves building an air raid shelter using 3D modelling software which the children enjoyed greatly in their introduction to it last week. Year 6 will have their final Forest school session for this half term, before year 5 have the opportunity to take part next half term. We will also spend a session designing Christmas cards to help raise money for the PTA and practice our design skills.

As we approach the end of half term, we know the children can get tired - especially with all the changes they have taken on board over the last term. Do ensure that they get a good night's sleep before the assessments and have time to relax at home. Getting fresh air, good food, exercise and down-time is all they need to prepare for these assessments.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Tillyer and Mrs Wilson

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19 th October	Parents Evening 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 20 th October	Reading Workshop Hockney at 9am
Wednesday 20 th October	Reading Workshop Monet at 2pm
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