

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 15th January 2021

Headteacher's News

This week has seen some adaptations to our provision of remote learning and I have been grateful for the constructive feedback that parents have shared to enable us to continue our provision for the children. It has been a real pleasure for me to see many of the children enjoying their google meet sessions. I have added a new document to the [school website](#) today, that provides further information about what you can expect from our remote learning provision.

Our live teaching sessions on google meet have been going very well but teaching staff have raised a few issues with me and we would be grateful if you could ensure you reinforce the following messages with your children at home:

- Children must be appropriately dressed in daytime clothes at all times, as should any other household members who may appear in the background.
- Children should not be eating during the lesson
- Live video calls should be in a quiet room in the house and without the presence of siblings, preferably with the children sitting at a table ready to learn.
- Backgrounds should be neutral and not changed during the sessions. (Teachers are finding it difficult to see work children are showing them when children use the virtual backgrounds)
- Children should be muted to reduce background noise (Please remember however that your child may have needed to unmute to participate and family members and comments can be heard in the background!)
- At least three children must be present for live lessons to take place.

Children and Parent's Wellbeing

There is an expectation from the government for us to be setting a minimum of 4 hours of remote learning a day for children in KS2. We are fulfilling this requirement but I am aware that some children are finding it difficult to complete all of the work set each day and have displayed some anxiety about it. It is important that children do their best to complete the work set but not at the expense of either their or your well-being. If your child has spent a reasonable amount of time and tried their best it is perfectly acceptable to submit a partially completed piece of work. Your children do need to have time away from computer screens and it is important to ensure they have regular opportunities to relax. If they were in school they would be having regular breaks (playtimes, assemblies, daily mile, story times) from completing work during the school day. The fact that the children are learning at home does not lessen the need for short regular breaks from their learning tasks. If you have any concerns at all about how your child is managing the set work please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via the school office. They will be only too happy to support you.

New Interactive Whiteboards

I am pleased to say that this week we have had new interactive whiteboards installed in Monet, Hockney and Hepworth classrooms. They are a significant improvement on the ones that they replaced and I am really grateful to the PTA who have contributed half of the cost to enable us to proceed with the work.



Happy Birthday
Joo Won – 15th January



Urgent Appeal from Chorleywood4Refugees

Chorleywood4Refugees are asking for urgent help to provide snow jackets, trousers and salopettes for refugee children in Europe living rough in bitterly cold winter conditions.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

It's very simple.....

EITHER DONATE ITEMS

Ski jackets, trousers and salopettes - please make sure items donated are in good condition (ie zips and buttons working and no holes or stains)

Post or contactless drop to: 18 Blaketts Wood Drive, Chorleywood, WD3 5QH if you're out taking exercise or passing getting your food shop.

OR DONATE FUNDS

So that items can be purchased asap in France,

Donate

to [#https://www.facebook.com/donate/217053026709712/#KidsInTheCold](https://www.facebook.com/donate/217053026709712/#KidsInTheCold) [#FrostBites](#) [#TogetherWeCan](#) [#Donate4Refugees](#) [#chorleywood4refugees](#) [#HertsForRefugees](#)

Deadline - Friday 29th January 2021

Thank you for helping a child stay warm this winter.

Chorleywood4Refugees

Bikeability

The Bikeability Trust are running a competition throughout January which is open to all school children.

Competition time! Design your dream cycling jersey and win a Frog bike!

Throughout January The Bikeability Trust are running an exclusive competition with Frog Bikes – this is your chance to get creative by designing your dream cycling jersey, using one of our [Tools for Schools](#) fun activities. The lucky winner will win a brand new Frog bike of their choice, courtesy of Frog Bikes, as well as a fantastic Frog cycling jersey to complete the look.

You will be able to enter the challenge from 4 January until 29 January 2021 – the winner will be chosen by judges from the Bikeability Trust and Frog Bikes teams.

You can find a template to use here: <https://bikeability.org.uk/download/3786>

<https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/family-cycling/just-for-fun/>

I wish you all a good weekend.

Suzanne Powell

TERM DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020 / 2021

Spring Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 4 th January
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	15 th – 19 th February
Term Ends	Thursday 1 st April @ 1.30pm

Summer Term 2021

Inset Day	Monday 19 th April
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 th April
Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 st July @ 1.30pm