

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022

Headteacher's News

It has been a very busy start to this term and everyone has been working extremely hard, including our roofing contractors. The half term weather was kind and this meant that enough progress was made to ensure that we can continue to use all areas of the building safely. The progress continues to be good and we are hopeful that the work is going to be completed ahead of schedule.

The Governing Body has for some time been considering the benefits of joining a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). They have looked at a number of MATs and concluded that the values and ethos of the **Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust (ODBST)** are ones which reflect our own. Before joining a MAT there needs to be a period of stakeholder consultation. Please see the attached letter for details of the parent consultation process.

Staff News

As the observant amongst you will have noticed Mrs Whittingham is expecting a baby and will therefore be on maternity leave after Christmas. I am very pleased to have appointed Miss Shine to our staff. She is a very experienced teacher and will be teaching in Hockney class on a Monday and Tuesday and working with children from Hockney and Hepworth class from Wednesday to Friday. Miss Shine will be coming to school next Thursday and will be staying for the workshare evening to enable parents to meet her.

Remembrance Day

Poppies will be available to buy in the playground next week, both in the morning and after school.

Our Remembrance Assembly will start at 10.50am on Friday so if you would like to join us please be seated by 10.45am. We will open the gate at 10.35am.

Rovings Book Fair

On Thursday 10th November, we will be hosting a Rovings Book fair in the hall. The fair will be open for you to buy books from 8.30am -9.30am and again from 2.30pm – 5pm.

The children will be given an opportunity to look around the fair with their classes during the day. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to buy Christmas presents and at the same time support our school, as we will receive a percentage of the sales, enabling us to buy additional books for the school library. You will be able to make payments by cash or card.

Chiltern Toy Bank

Please see the attached flyer for information about additional help with the provision of toys this year or would like to support the Chiltern Toy Bank by donating toys.

Swimming

In the spring term the children from Hockney Class will be going swimming on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be sending more information out about this and consent forms in the next two weeks.

Artist of the Week

This week's artist was Rabindranath Tagore and chosen by Ethan C. The sketch book theme was to draw something with the opposite hand to the one you usually write with.

Safeguarding

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

I am therefore delighted to announce that we are showing our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow <https://thenationalcollege.co.uk/enrol/chenies-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via a brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

I have added this week's weekly guide to our school website e-safety page and will be sharing more information about this in the coming weeks.

PTA

- Thanks so much to everyone who attended the AGM last night. Minutes will be uploaded to Classlist and the school webpage.
- Booking open on Classlist for pyjama night film club, Minions The Rise of Gru on 18th November.
- Class Reps have now communicated hamper items and we thank you for your support on this!
- Christmas raffle tickets on sale now. We have some great prizes still coming in, including an invitation from the King for a family ticket Windsor Castle, so worth buying a few tickets!
- If your child would like to fill and decorate a jazzy jar for the Christmas Fair, please do so and bring in on the morning of 2nd December.
- Heads up that the Christmas fair volunteer rota will be going out soon!

- Don't forget our "Dress the Head this Christmas" collection box will be at all of our events this term so please give generously to turn Mrs Powell into a Christmas pudding for the day!

I wish you all a happy weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Freddy	Arthur F
Monet	Senan	Arthur
Hockney	Ethan	Olivia
Hepworth	Marcel	Kripa

Weekly Attendance

We place great emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality of our students. Please continue to ensure that your children attend school every day and on time.

Van Gogh	75%
Monet	89%
Hockney	90%
Hepworth	95%

Class News

Van Gogh

Welcome back to a very busy term. I hope you had a good break! Thank you to all the parents who attended the Stay and Read session this morning, we really appreciate your support.

Phonics

The children have started to make progress in these areas, but it is really important that you continue to reinforce listening to sounds in the environment, rhyme, alliteration (initial sounds), segmenting and blending and sharing books.

To date the children have learnt the following sounds **s - a - t - p - i - n - m - d - g - o - c - k - ck.**

This week we have been revisiting previous learning and introducing our first digraph. The rule we teach the children is that **ck** is often found at the end of a word e.g. s-o-ck c-l-o-ck d-u-ck. This term our key focus is for the children to be able to segment and blend confidently. It is important that they are hearing the sounds at the beginning of a word and the end of a word. Please continue to practice oral segmenting and blending with your child, to support their learning and applying of these sounds e.g. please pass be the b-a-g... can you put on your c-oa-t... it is time to go to b-e-d. Then ask them to tell you what sound they hear in words e.g. jam j-a-m, dog d-o-g etc.

Words you can help your child practice at home.

Please remember the children need to segment the words and then blend them to read/write. The words in red are our tricky words which cannot always be segmenting and blended and need to be learnt by sight.					
sit	and	sad	pin	dad	mat
pat	pan	it	as	on	gap
at	l	dig	mad	tip	in
dog	lip	can	an	is	top
sat	got	not			

Library Books

Please note library books are changed every Tuesday, if you wish to keep the book a little bit longer you may do.

Maths

This week the children were introduced to number THREE. Next week we will be continuing to count forwards and backwards to numbers 10/20. We will continue to consolidate one more and one less. Match quantities to objects e.g. 3 apples 1apple 2 apples 3 apples. Write and form number THREE accurately. Introduce the children to our net 2D shape the TRIANGLE – I am a TRIANGLE I have THREE straight sides and THREE corners.

Topic

We are continuing to learn about fireworks, Guy Fawkes and firework safety. It is our Remembrance Assembly on Friday so we will also be introducing Remembrance Day and the importance of remembering those who we lost and those who are still fighting in wars.

General

Please support your child to practice getting undressed and dressed independently, including doing up zips and buttons.

Reminders:

Remembrance Assembly Friday 11th November 2022

Request

We are looking out for 100-piece jigsaw puzzles for the children.

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

Next week in Monet Class we will be busy working on our class Remembrance Poem and practising it ready for the assembly next week. We will also be looking at explanation texts in English and begin to write our own linked to science and our seasonal change topic. We will also be recording the weather, temperature and rainfall each week during November and the beginning of December.

In Maths Year 1 will be counting on to add small numbers and counting back to subtract. We will also be revising 1 more and 1 less than any number to 100. Year 2 will be counting on to find a difference between two numbers with a small gap and solving addition and subtraction number problems using known number facts, e.g. bond to 10, doubles, etc.

We will be focusing on dance this half term in our Friday PE session with the inspiration being fireworks and 'winter wonderland' and in PSHE we will be discussing the difference between happy surprises and keeping secrets.

We will also be working on our script for the Christmas Production. Year 2 will be bringing their lines home to practise but please could they bring them into school every day for rehearsals.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

In Maths Year 3 have been subtracting 3 digit numbers using column method and have learnt how to exchange.

Year 4 have started their new topic in maths, looking at area of shapes and next week we will be starting multiplication

In English children have looked at Newspaper reports and have published their own article by writing about shocking fashion trends in the past. Children have enjoyed being reports for Hockney News this week.

Next week in English, we will be looking at different tours, virtual tours and museum tours.

Hockney class have been making their own poppies in preparation for Remembrance Day and looking forward to sharing with you their class poem next Friday.

Please encourage your children to read daily.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Moghaddam and Mrs Whittingham

Hepworth

We've had a productive week in Hepworth, and everyone seems to have come back refreshed and ready to learn.

Next week in English the children will continue developing their debating skills, whilst later on in the week they will be working on direct speech punctuation and will have homophones for their spellings.

In Maths, we will be looking at formal, written methods for adding and subtracting numbers with up to 5 and 6 digits, including decimals. We will build on their skills looking at how to solve word problems.

In Science, our focus on understanding light will include making our own periscopes to understand how light reflects off mirrors, and sends the image back to the eye. By angling the mirrors we will be able to see things that are not directly in our eye line. With this in mind we are putting out a request for empty cereal boxes.

Meanwhile, our topic work will include our exciting lesson where we will be tasting foods that the Ancient Greeks would have eaten. Hopefully your children will be able to try something they've not had before! Thank you to the parents who have responded so quickly to the allergy information form.

In PE, the children will be learning more of our Greek-inspired group dance. We will also complete our collage poppies in our art lesson ready for our Remembrance Day assembly on Friday where we hope we can see many of you in attendance.

In RE we will find out about why some Muslims make the pilgrimage to Mecca. Our next PSHE lesson will look at what it means to be attracted to someone and different kinds of loving relationships, as well as learning that people who love each other can be of any gender, ethnicity or faith.

On Monday afternoon, Year 5 will be attending Forest School (please remember they will need to wear their PE kits), so Year 6 will be learning about Spreadsheets and revising weather and seasons in Spanish.

We hope you have a restful, and less soggy, weekend!

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Thursday 10 th November	Rovings Bookshop 8.30am – 5pm Van Gogh Sports Event at DCHS - Winter Olympics 9.30-11.30am Workshare Evening 3.30pm – 5pm
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly 10.45am PTA Doughnuts
Monday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 16 th November	Anti Bullying Drama Workshops
Friday 18th November	Children in Need Day PTA Pyjama Night Film Club
Monday 21 st November	Hockney Bench Ball - The Amersham School 1.30pm - 3pm
Thursday 24 th November	Hepworth trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Friday 25th November	PTA World Cup themed cake sale
Thursday 1st December	PTA Wreath Making Workshop Hepworth -The Amersham School Dodgeball 1.30 – 3pm
Friday 2nd December	PTA Non uniform day PTA Christmas fayre
Wednesday 7 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 8 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
Thursday 15 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Friday 16th December	Christmas Craft Day PTA Christmas Film Day
Monday 19 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20th December	Term Ends 1.30pm
Wednesday 4th January	INSET DAY
Thursday 5 th January	Children Return to School
Monday 23 rd January	Van Gogh Sports Event Movement to Music at The Amersham School 9.45 - 11.45am
Tuesday 24 th January	Monet 9.30am - 11.30am DCHS Multiskills
Wednesday 25 th January	Hepworth 1.30 - 3pm The Amersham School Handball
Thursday 2 nd February	Hockney 9.30-11.30am DCHS Mega Fest Rugby
Monday 6 th February	EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm
Thursday 9 th February	Workshare Evening
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Monday 20 th March	9.15am EYFS Spring Walk
Friday 24 th March	Hockney – Bikeability Level 1
Monday 27 th March	Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents
Thursday 30 th March	Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm
Friday 31st March	Term Ends 1.30pm
Monday 17th April	Children return to School
Thursday 4 th May	Monet Games at Dr Challoner’s High School
Friday 5 th May	Hockney Tri Golf – Chiltern Hills Academy (tbc)
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 18 th May	Workshare Evening
Monday 22 nd May - Friday 26 th May	PGL Residential

Wednesday 24 th May	EYFS Stay and get Physical
Monday 12 th June	Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College
Wednesday 21 st June	Parent's Evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Monday 17 th July	End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home
Wednesday 19 th July	EYFS Stay for breakfast Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm
Friday 21st July	11am Leaver's Assembly 12pm Whole School Picnic 1.30pm Term Ends