

Chenies School Newsletter

9th September 2022

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On Tuesday I shared with the children a card from The Queen. It was accompanied by a letter from her Lady in Waiting thanking us for the letter we had sent to congratulate The Queen and tell her about our celebration of her Platinum Jubilee. I have added these to the [school website](#) along with the photographs of the day which Olga (Sonia's mum) kindly took for us and made into a presentation.

This morning it was with sadness that we gathered together as a school community to remember Queen Elizabeth II and reflect on a life of dedicated service. We also took the opportunity to sing for the first time '*God Save our Gracious King*'.

Headteacher's News

It has been lovely to welcome our 'old' and 'new' children to school this week along with our new teacher Miss Moghaddam I am pleased to say that the children have all begun the term with a positive attitude to their learning and behaviour both in the classroom and the playground has been outstanding!

Nut Allergy

We do have children with nut allergies in school so please can you ensure that your child's packed lunch is free from products containing nuts.

House Captain, School Council and Eco Warrior Elections

The House Captain Elections will be taking place on Monday 12th September. House captain positions are open to the children in Year 6 and if they would like to stand they will need to prepare a short speech to present, explaining why they should be the Captain of their house. School Council and Eco Warrior elections will be taking place on Wednesday 14th September. There is one place available for each year group on the School Council and Eco Warrior team. If your child would like to stand for election, please encourage them to prepare a short speech to present to their class explaining why they should represent the class.

Diary Dates

I have put together a list of dates for your diary that I hope you will find helpful. You can find them at the end of this newsletter. Please be aware that there may need to be some changes to them during the year but we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible if that is necessary.

Parent and Pupil Survey

The results of our pupil and parent surveys which were completed at the end of last term are available for you to look at on [our website](#). Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete one. They make encouraging reading and I have included alongside the results our ideas for how we will respond to the suggestions made.

Secondary Transfer Test

The children in Year 6 will be sitting the Secondary Transfer Practice test on Tuesday morning and the actual test on Thursday morning. We will be issuing a letter to parents next week from Buckinghamshire Council about how to register for the results. Please make sure

you look out for this and register so that the results can be emailed to you on Friday 14th October.

Attendance

[Evidence](#) shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. As the new school year begins please try to ensure that your child is in school on time every day. If your child does need to be kept home due to illness please contact the school office by 8.30am on the first day of their absence.

Uniform

We have been emphasising the importance of children wearing their correct school uniform with pride this week. I would be grateful if you could support us with this by reminding your child to do their top button up, tuck their shirt in in and to wear appropriate school shoes and not trainers. Shoulder length hair must be tied up. **Please ensure your child's uniform items are named.**

Forest School

I am pleased to inform you that we are able to run our Forest School programme again this year. Each year group will spend one half term of Monday afternoons participating in Forest School sessions. Year 6 will start their sessions on Monday 12th September. Please ensure that children come to school wearing trousers suitable for climbing and with appropriate outdoor clothing, including sturdy shoes. School sweatshirts should still be worn, but preferably an older one rather than a brand new one!

Artist of the Week

This week's artist was Frank Bowling.

PTA

Congratulations to Aiyanna for winning the sponsored read prize, a £10 book voucher, with their photo of her in France at a vineyard. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Friday 16th September - Year 6 cake sale. Please can everyone bring in a cake donation on Friday morning (homemade or shop bought) and support us in buying cakes at the end of the day - thank you!

Quiz night is 30th September and is now open for booking via Classlist, get your tickets now for £6. No team needed.

There is a Co-Chair and Co-Secretary vacancy on the PTA Committee. If you're keen to learn about either of these roles, email pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk or come along to the next PTA meeting on 22nd September to find out what we get up to!

I hope you have a peaceful weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

STARS of the week

Monet	Georgia	Omar
Hockney	Bryan	Victor
Hepworth	Lily	Aaron

Class News

Van Gogh

Welcome to Van Gogh Class!

We are very excited and look forward to getting to know the children and make their first year at Chenies a memorable one.

The children have settled in really well and are slowly starting to become familiar with rules and routines. Over the next few weeks we will be getting to know the children and introducing them to their new learning environment. The children will also be given the opportunity to explore the school, play with the older children and start to understand the importance of rules and routines.

Reminders:

Monday 12th September to Wednesday 14th September 2022: 9am until 1.15pm (children staying for lunch)

Thursday 15th September and Friday 16th September 2022: The children can arrive anytime from 8.30am onwards.

Please note that the children do need to be in for registration at 8.55am.

Monday 19th September 2022 will be their first full week.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH ALL NEXT WEEK.

Workshops - Please note that these dates may change but we will try to give you enough notice if one is cancelled as I appreciate you may have booked time off work

EYFS Curriculum and Writing Workshop – Tuesday 13th September @ 1.30pm

EYFS Maths – Thursday 29th September @ 9am

EYFS Maths – Thursday 6th October @ 9am

Please could you send the holiday sheets if you have not already as we will be starting our topic 'All About Me' next week.

Please ensure the children have:

A rain coat – wellies (to be left in school)

A water bottle every day.

PE Bag (to be left in school)

A set of spare clothes, in case of an accident.

Autumn Timetable:

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		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
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 Celebration Assembly
								Story & Home

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for another fun week!

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

The children in Monet have had a brilliant first week settling into their classroom, getting to know each other and thinking about how to be a good friend by showing kindness and sharing worries. We've also been making birthday cards for our special birthday box and practising how to write or draw a worry to put into our class worry box.

Next week we will be talking about our favourite fairy tales in English and thinking about features of fairy tales. We will also be carrying out some fun activities for Roald Dahl Day next week. We will be focusing on remembering our capital letters for names and when using the personal pronoun, I.

In maths, Year 1 will be counting and estimating, comparing numbers to at least 20 and reading and writing numbers. In Year 2 we will be identifying any number to 100, understanding that 2-digit numbers are made up of 10s and 1s, ordering and comparing numbers to 100 and reading/writing numbers to 100.

In Science we will be describing how humans change as they grow and in topic/history we will be introducing the artist Monet and begin to put together a simple timeline of his life. We will also be introducing our collage unit in art by tearing and cutting paper/card in imaginative ways and looking at the artist Matisse.

P.E. will be on Tuesdays and Fridays so children will need their PE bags in school for these days and please could your child bring in a water bottle to keep in the classroom every day. Please read daily to your child and give them lots of opportunities for them to read to you (not necessarily reading books although these will be sent home next week) and do a short five minute session on doodle maths each day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

We are very excited to welcome the children back to Hockney class. The children have settled in well and are ready to learn, which is great to see!

Next week we are starting a new topic Stone Age to Iron Age. Children will explore the meaning of the term 'prehistory' and identify the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age on a timeline. They will find out what archaeologists do and how they find out about the past without written records.

In maths we are beginning the term by focusing on number and place value. We are going to be looking at thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. We are going to be partitioning numbers in different ways. Please help your child access Doodle maths at home, as it is a valuable resource that will help them immensely with their maths understanding.

In English we are starting with a fiction topic focusing on a story called 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat'. We will be focusing on in-depth comprehension and trying to better understand the characters and their actions.

We are looking forward to our PE coaching sessions on Tuesdays and French horn lessons for our Year 3s starting on Friday morning. Please note that all children will need their **PE kits** in school for lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Please support your child in remembering to bring their **pencil case** and **reading record diary** to school **every day**. At the back of their reading diary, we are going to be sticking in children's log in details for Languagenut; therefore, it is important that they have access to it at school.

We hope you enjoy your weekend.

Miss Moghaddam and Mrs Whittingham

Hepworth

This past week has been a great time for children and staff alike to get to know each other better, and pupils' behaviour has been very positive, with lots of enthusiasm for the coming term. We are so proud of all of the class for their excellent attitudes to learning and their hard work already.

Next week, Hepworth will begin with reinforcing their mathematical understanding of place value, involving bigger numbers - reading, writing, ordering and comparing these.

In English, the children will be studying the E-book Mission: Save Pompeii, using their comprehension skills at the beginning of the week, whilst in SPAG we will be looking at pluralisation and general grammar skills.

In Science, children will be learning about space which already seems to be an exciting subject for many of them, so we hope it will inspire them all further. This coming week we'll learn about the names and order of the planets, as well as investigate the scientific arguments for whether planets are spherical.

This first half term Year 6 will attend Forest School on a Monday afternoon, so please ensure that your child is suitably equipped for all weathers! This also means that Year 5s will have lessons in Spanish and Computing during that time. (After the half term holiday this will switch over.) In Spanish, the children will be learning more vocabulary about the seasons and weather, and Computing will be about Spreadsheets.

Our topic this term is 'Stargazers' with the science link to space and studying Ancient Egypt. We will be finding out more about this in our lessons on Thursdays.

Our PE this half term will be gymnastics with a focus on bridges and we will do hockey with Mr Jones. PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Finally, a reminder that the Year 5/6 Netball Club starts again on Monday 12th September, it runs from after school until 4.15 pm. If your child would like to attend please complete the After School Club letter and send it to the office.

We wish everyone an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Saturday 10 th September	Chenies Village Produce Show
Monday 12 th - Wednesday 14 th September	Reception 9am - 1.30pm
Monday 12 th September	House Captain Elections
Tuesday 13 th September	Secondary Transfer Practice Test
Wednesday 14 th September	School Council / Eco Warrior Elections
Thursday 15 th September	Secondary Transfer test Reception class start full time
Friday 16th September	PTA Cake Sale Y3 Start French Horn Lessons
Monday 19 th September	Individual photographs
Tuesday 20th September	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 21 st September	Hockney Class – Celtic Harmony Camp Trip Reading Workshop for Monet parents at 2.15pm
Thursday 22 nd September	Monet Parents Doodle Maths Workshop 2.15 pm Hepworth Curriculum Information Evening for parents 6pm
Friday 23rd September	PTA Doughnut Sale
Wednesday 28 th September	Reading Workshop for Hockney parents at 9am
Thursday 29 th September	EYFS Maths Parent Workshop 9am
Friday 30th September	PTA Quiz Night
Tuesday 4 th October	Monet Sports Event at Dr Challoner's High School - OAA 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 6 th October	EYFS Phonics & Reading Parent Workshop 9am Hockney Doodle Maths Parent Workshop 2.15 pm
Friday 7th October	PTA Tuckshop
Wednesday 12 th October	Parents Evening 3.45pm - 6pm
Thursday 13 th October	Harvest assembly 9am Parents Evening 5pm - 8pm
Friday 14th October	PTA Film Club Secondary transfer test results published
Wednesday 19 th October	9am EYFS Stay and Share - Autumn Walk
Thursday 20th October	PTA Halloween Disco
Friday 21st October	PTA Tuck Shop
Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October	HALF TERM
Monday 31st October	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 nd November	Flu Vaccinations for children in school
Thursday 3rd November	PTA AGM
Friday 4th November	EYFS Stay & Read PTA Tuck Shop
Thursday 10 th November	Rovings Bookshop Van Gogh Sports Event at Dr Challoner's High School - Winter Olympics 9.30-12pm Workshare Evening
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly 10.45am PTA Doughnuts
Monday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 16 th November	Anti Bullying Drama Workshops
Thursday 17 th November	Work Share Evening 3.30pm-5pm
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
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 8th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am PTA Carols on the green
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 9.30-11.30am DCHS Multiskills
Wednesday 25 th January	Hepworth 1.30-3pm The Amersham School Handball
Thursday 2 nd February	Hockney 9.30-11.30am Dr Challoner's High School 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
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 DCHS
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 – Green Park
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