

Chenies School Newsletter

1st April 2022

Headteacher's News

The weather has certainly kept us guessing this week but I am pleased that the children from Van Gogh along with some of their parents were able to enjoy a lovely spring walk this morning.



Reports and Parents' Evenings

On Monday your child will bring home their school report. There will be another workshare evening on Thursday 19th May. Parents' Evenings in the summer term will be on Wednesday 22nd June from 5pm - 8pm and Thursday 23rd June from 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Empty Plastic Bottles Wanted for Chesham Carnival

The theme for our carnival float is going to be The River Chess. Miss Blakeley is keen to get started with making flowers for it and would be grateful if you could send in any empty soft drink plastic drinks bottles. They need to be at least the one litre size and bigger bottles are most welcome. Please ensure they still have the lid on them.

Parenting Webinar

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer which gives details about a one hour parenting webinar on 21st April. It has been designed to provide parents with strategies for supporting their children.

ECO NEWS

In a couple of weeks, the crisp packet recycling scheme which we have been running at school is closing. This is because many supermarkets are now recycling plastic packaging such as crisp packets. We have one more chance to send off a large load of crisp packets (and raise a little more money!)

If you have any CRISP packets at home, please send them in to school next week. They can be any brand of crisps (not snacks!) or 'Walkers'.

We will, of course, still be collecting plastic milk bottle tops, toothpaste tubes, batteries, ink cartridges and old plastic pens (any type).

Thank you!

ECO WARRIORS

Please remember

- Wednesday 6th April - Hockney class Tri Golf at The Misbourne School
- Thursday 7th April - PTA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for any chocolate donation
- Friday 8th April - 9am Year 3 French Horn – parents welcome to listen
School finishes at 1.30pm followed by PTA event

Artist of the Week

This week's artist was William Morris chosen by Mrs Dinwiddy. I have explained to the children that he was a very well - known textile designer and it is common to see designs by him on bags/wallpaper/furniture/upholstery /curtains etc. Please encourage your child to have a look for any William Morris designs you may have at home or when you are out and about.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



Happy Birthday
Jackson – 1st April
George Z – 5th April



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Jia	Alexander
Monet	Arran	Jasmine
Hockney	Tanish	Samuel
Hepworth	Sonia	Jamie

Class News

Van Gogh

What a great end to the week! Thank you for all the mums and Arlo's grandad for joining us on our walk. It was great to see everyone pulling together and supporting the children in their team building and learning. I hope you all had a good time. Apologies for getting emotional, like I said it has been a tough year and we as a family really appreciate your prayers and support. Many people have supported us through this journey but your children have been my rock. They are the ones who got me through each day! You should be very proud of them!

Phonics

Week 5 – 6	Consolidating and applying all sounds and tricky words learnt to date.
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Reading

We continue to focus on Non – Fiction books, we will be comparing them to Fiction books and looking at the key features for example, contents page, index page etc.

Please take note of the children's personal targets in their reading records and continue to share fiction and nonfiction books.

We will not be sending books home over Easter but would encourage you to continue reading daily with your child.

Writing

We will continue with our poems and will be writing the Easter Story.

It is important the children are confidently applying their digraphs when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage the children to write at home, reminding them to use their whooshes in and out to form cursive letters, use finger spaces, a capital letter at the start of their sentence and a full stop at the end. Remember writing does not always mean sitting at a desk, they can write lists, recipes, make tickets, label things etc, it's all about then having a go.

Maths

We will continue to recognise/order numbers, understand and apply them in different contexts and to solve problems.

This week we are introducing number eight more. We will continue to revise number bonds of five and ten.

The children will continue to look for 3D shapes in the environment, for example a sphere has one curved face, it is round and can be rolled on the floor. A globe, ball, marble are all spheres. Other shapes we will be learning about over the next few weeks are cylinder, cube, cuboid, and cone.

We will be re-visiting doubling and halving and consolidating how it is the opposite for example, double four is eight. Half of eight is four. We will also look at how halving means to share between two.

Our snack shop continues to be a success with the children paying for their snack using 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins and starting to compare different values by identifying things that are worth more/less.

The children have also been learning to tell the time using an analogue clock, over the last few weeks we have look at the key features of a clock, clock face, hour hand and minute hand. They have learnt how to tell o'clock and over the next few weeks we will be introducing half past.

Topic

We will continue to look at the importance of 'new life' as we approach Easter and will start by learning about the life cycle of a chick.

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: No Show and Tell this week

DROP OFF NEXT TERM: As a part of their transition to KS1 with effect from the Monday 25th April 2022, we would like parents to drop off at the gate and not bring their child into the cloakroom. It is important that the children are independent and start to walk to the classroom on their own as this is what they will be doing in September when they are in Monet.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

We have had a brilliant week in Monet Class reading, performing and writing our own poems. I have been really impressed with the lovely ideas that the children have come up with whilst revising their knowledge of nouns, verbs and adjectives.

Next week we will continue to read lots of poems, we will be looking at compound words, revisiting contractions such as 'I'll, didn't, I'm, don't', etc. and investigating the prefix, -un, thinking about how this changes the meaning of words.

In maths, Year 1 will be using money to find and make totals, adding 10p and 20p to amounts and finding change. Year 2 will also be using money to find totals to and beyond £1 and finding change by counting up.

We will be going on our walk to the River Chess on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th April (apologies for my mistake in last week's newsletter that said we would be going on 29th). Please remember to bring wellington boots and make sure legs are covered. We can't wait to watch our trout swim away in a real river!

We will also be enjoying lots of Easter craft next week, making Easter cards, finishing our Easter baskets and singing seasonal songs.

Please login to 'activelearn' to access a game related to our maths learning this week and remember to keep up the good work with doodle maths.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

What another busy week we have had in Hockney class!

We've really gotten stuck into our English topic studying poetic form and the children have been fantastic at comparing different forms of poetry and discussing what they might like about each one. We shall be continuing with our poetry study next week, having looked at the work of both Grace Nichols and James Carter.

The children have been really excited to start learning about an ongoing geography topic of volcanoes and earthquakes. We've been studying what the earth is made up of beneath the surface with a focus on tectonic plates. These have been some really fun and practical lessons to better understand the implications of these tectonic plates bumping into one another. They have also been making their own seismographs to understand how to read earthquakes and learning about the measures put in place to try and limit the damage that such earthquakes cause.

Next week will be a wrapping up of many areas of study to start afresh in the Summer term. We will be finishing our work on fractions in maths by cementing our understanding of how fractions, percentages and decimals all relate to one another.

In science we will be wrapping up our investigation into different conditions for cress growth and analysing the results. This has been an ongoing investigation with many of the children regularly observing the cress and discussing what's happening with it so please do ask your child about this. We will also be sending home our sunflower seeds so that they don't die over the Easter holidays in the warm classroom! Please do find somewhere, if you can, to plant these emerging seeds as the children have taken great care to look after them.

Next week we also look forward to taking the children to a Tri-Golf tournament on Wednesday afternoon. Details have already gone out about this trip but please do ensure that your child brings a pack lunch and a water bottle with them on Wednesday as we will need to have lunch earlier than normal to get to the tournament on time. We would also like all parents and carers to collect their child from The Misbourne School, HP16 that day at 3pm rather than from school.

A very busy last week with many things to look forward to.

Please do ensure that your child gets plenty of rest over the weekend so that they are able to make the most of it.

Homework is as ever, on Google Classrooms and this is the last week of doing so as we shall not set homework over the holidays.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

We can't believe there is only one week left of the spring term! The children have been working hard this week and we know they will work their socks off in the final week next week.

We were also pleased to see those of you who came along to the PGL and Sex Education meeting yesterday - thank you for attending! If you do have any further questions once you've gone home and had time to think - do remember that you can

always contact us via the school office to make an appointment where we will be happy to have a chat, or simply send us an email.

Next week is assessment week for year 6 only. This is their final chance to familiarise themselves with the assessment process and have a final practice before the official SATs week in May, where children all across the country will be doing the same assessments. (The dates for SATs week are 9th - 13th May). We are incredibly proud of our year 6 children and the effort they have put into improving their work across the curriculum.

The children in year 6 do not need to do anything to prepare for the assessment week next week, just a good night's sleep and a good breakfast will be helpful. Year 5 will be using the time that year 6 are doing their assessments to have some further practice and consolidation on the areas that they need to work on in English and Maths.

In the afternoons, our foundation subjects will continue as usual as much as possible. In Science we will be looking at fossils. In topic we will be concluding our studies of the Maya by comparing their civilisation in 900 CE with the Anglos Saxons in Britain at the same time, and what they have left behind of their culture. In Spanish the children will be continuing with their work on translating the song about spring. In PE children will be taking time to focus on their well-being through Yoga and Pilates. If your child has a yoga mat that they would like to bring in for the session that is fine, but please ensure that it has their name on it.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing the children next week for their final week of hard work before the Easter holidays!

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

Diary Dates

Monday 4 th April	Mid-Year Reports will be sent home to parents
Wednesday 6 th April	Hockney – Tri Golf @ The Misbourne 1pm - 3pm
Thursday 7th April	PTA Own Clothes day (return for a bring a bottle or chocolate)
Friday 8th April	9am Year 3 parents are welcome to stay for 15 minutes and listen to their children play the French Horn Easter Egg Hunt Term Ends at 1.30pm
Monday 25th April	Children Return to School
Thursday 28 th April	Hepworth – Rounders @ The Chalfonts Community College 12.30pm – 2pm
Friday 29th April	PTA Tuck Shop
Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th May	Monet Athletics @ The Misbourne 1pm-3pm
Thursday 5th May	PTA Meeting
Friday 6th May	PTA Tuck Shop
Thursday 12 th May	Hockney – Cricket @ The Chalfont Community College 12.30pm – 2pm
Friday 13th May	Friday Fitness Fun
Monday 16 th May	EYFS Stay & Get Physical 9am
Thursday 19 th May	Hockney – Tennis @ Dr Challoner’s High School 9.30am-11.30am Workshare Evening PTA - Carnival Workshop
Monday 23 rd May - Friday 27 th May	Y5/6 PGL Residential Trip
Friday 27th May	PTA Smarties Challenge
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 7th June	The Great Jubilee Bake Off
Saturday 11th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 13 th June	Class photos
Friday 17th June	Father’s Day Event
Wednesday 22 nd June	Parents’ Evening 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 23 rd June	Parents’ Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm PTA Meeting
Friday 24th June	Ice Cream Friday!
Tuesday 28 th June	Hepworth – Games @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12.30pm
Thursday 30 th June	Hepworth – Athletics @ Dr Challoners High School 9.30am – 12pm
Friday 1st July	Ice Cream Friday!
Friday 8th July	Friday Fun Fitness
Tuesday 12 th July	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
Wednesday 13 th July	KS2 Summer Production 7pm
Thursday 14 th July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm & 7pm
Friday 15 th July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 8.15am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home Ice Cream Friday!
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver’s Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm