

Chenies School Newsletter

Friday 30th September 2022

Headteacher's News

This is the time of year when I have the pleasure of showing prospective parents around the school and show-casing our lovely grounds and all of the opportunities we offer. Please do take some time to look at our [vision and ethos statements](#) (updated by the governing body last year) on the school website, to remind yourselves of all we are trying to achieve and the things that make our school so special! Once again this week it has been a pleasure to welcome so many parents to the different workshops we have put on but if you were unable to attend the session please do have a look at the presentations available on the school website.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening appointments will be available to book on the school website from Monday 3rd October at 9am.

Appointments will be available as follows:

Wednesday 12th October – 3.45pm – 6pm

Thursday 13th October – 5pm – 8pm

This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher, please ensure that you book the workshare evening on Thursday 10th November in your diary as an opportunity to come in and look at your child's work with them.

Sketch Books

This year we are encouraging the children to use their personal sketch books in a fun and enjoyable way during playtimes. Each week Miss Blakeley will provide the children with a theme for their sketch book which they can use if they want to or they can make their own choice about what to draw. I have added some of the children's drawings from this week to the [art and design](#) page of the website – do have a look!

Doodle Learning

Please continue to encourage your child to complete their Doodle Learning on a daily basis. At the moment Hockney Class are in the lead for the Doodle maths competition with 90% of children being in the green zone. Well done Hockney!

Google Classroom

Please could all parents of children in KS1 and KS2 make sure your child can log in to google classroom. The instructions for doing so are on the school [website](#). We know that the children in Monet class will need help with entering their username but please ensure they know what their own password is. If you are unable to log in please contact the school office and I will reset the password. As well as homework being set through Google classroom teachers do add useful resources which children can access throughout the year and information about what we hope you will support your child with.

Artist of the Week

Our artist of the week was Edgar Degas and the sketch book theme was Gratitude

Half Term Activities

Mrs Silverstone is running a Nature Holiday Club in the October half term. More details can be found on the attached flyer.

Please find a link to the Raring2go! Watford Autumn. It's packed full of information around Halloween, Bonfire Night and half-term events as well as clubs, camps and classes to keep your children entertained throughout the Autumn period.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/watford/autumn2022/>

I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to competing with some of you at the PTA Quiz this evening!

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher

PTA

- Booking now open for Halloween film club, Halloween disco and wreath making workshop. Get your tickets via Classlist.
- We are still in search of a Co-Chair. If you'd like to hear more about the role, please email: pta@chenies.bucks.sch.uk



Happy Birthday
Zuzanna – 2nd October
Oliver V-L – 5th October



STARS of the week

Van Gogh	Lilly	Freddy
Monet	Electra	Barnaby
Hockney	Jake	Amelia R
Hepworth	Rishabh	Charlie D

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	98%
Monet	92%
Hockney	95%
Hepworth	95%

Class News

Van Gogh

The children are getting tired, it is a really big change for them from previous settings. Over the next few weeks you may find they don't want to come to school or they are talking about their nursery settings. This is quite normal as they transition into a new environment and way of learning. I think we're all counting down to half term!

Phonics

This week we introduce the **s – a – t – p**, we will continue to revisit these and think about how to form them correctly. I will talk more about this in the Phonics workshop.

Next week we will continue to revise Phase One, which covers segmenting and blending, rhyme, listening to instrumental sounds and initial sounds in words. We will also be starting Phase 2 and introducing sounds **i – n – m – d**

We will also continue to work on rhyming words, two words that sound the same and listening out for initial sounds in a word. The children have found these areas tricky, we would appreciate if you could reinforce this at home as well. Some ideas... Rhyming Bingo (Matching words that rhyme) – Share story books with rhyme e.g. Oi Frog! – Make up silly rhymes with names e.g. Dean – Bean OR objects in the environment e.g. Cars – Mars. For initial sounds... Show them a couple of objects or pictures, e.g. a sock and an apple which one begins with the 's' sound. Play I Spy... something beginning with the sound 'a'.

Maths

Over the next few weeks we will continue to chant numbers to 10/20 and count back from 10. We will continue to reinforce Number One and Number Two and continue learning about things that come in pairs. The children will also start to pay for their Snack Shop where they will use their knowledge of ONE (1p) to buy their snack. Please continue to reinforce number recognition and ordering from 1-10/15/20.

Topic

Next week we will introduce Harvest and start preparing for the Harvest Assembly. We will be talking about the importance of Harvest and start to think about where food comes from. We will also continue to work painting our portraits.

General

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

Reminders:

- **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 Phonics – Thursday 6th October @ 9am

Parents Evening – Wednesday 12th October @ 3.30pm and Thursday 13th October @ 5pm

Harvest Assembly - Thursday 13th October @ 9am

Please ensure the children have:

- A water bottle in school every day.
- PE Bag (to be left in school)

We have started to go for our woodland walks and as the weather changes would appreciate if all the children have a raincoat and wellies in school.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Sahotay ☺

Monet

We've had a busy week this week completing our Monet information leaflets and designing and creating our edible gardens. Next week, when the clay is dry, we will paint our Monet bridges for our gardens and watch our cress and mustard seeds grow.

Next week we will be thinking about the steps needed to write instructions and write a set of instructions on how to create a miniature garden.

In maths Years 1 and 2 we will be continuing with number bonds to 10 and 20 and using these to write addition and subtraction sentences, solve and create our own word problems. We will be focusing on the relationship of addition and subtraction so children not only know that $14 + 6 = 20$ but also $20 - 6 = 14$ and use this for real life problems and missing number problems.

In science we will be thinking about the basic needs of humans and animals.

Recent reading assessments have shown that there are some children in Year 1 and 2 who are still not familiar with all of the phase 3 and 4 'tricky words'. These are the common words that they have to learn by sight as they are tricky to read phonetically. I have put a copy of these on Google classroom and will be handing them out at parents evening in a few weeks. Please look at these with your child and practise any that are not known. Phases 3 and 4 should be known confidently by the beginning of Year 1. Lots of regular shared reading at home will ensure that children come across these words frequently.

We are very excited about our Athletics event at Dr Challoner's High School on Tuesday morning. Please see the letter sent out previously for details. We will be meeting at Little Chalfont Library between 9am and 9.15am.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

Hockney

This week the children have been extremely excited about planning their own mystery story. We have been looking at different mystery story tasters and talking about their features. Next week the children will be writing their own mystery story as part of our autumn writing assessment. The children will be using the knowledge they have acquired over this half term to write an engaging story, carefully describing setting, problem, resolution and ending. You can help your child at home by encouraging them to talk about what they would like to write about, who the main characters would be, who would be the villain in the story etc. They could draw their characters, make them out of play dough and act out their story. All this will help them with their writing next week.

In maths the children will start to add and subtract ones, tens and hundreds. Year 4 children will be adding four digit numbers with no exchange, one exchange and more than one exchange using the vertical method. Year 3 children will be using number lines and place value charts to help them with their addition and subtraction. We will also be focusing on problem solving such as:

a) $34_ + 7 = 352$

b) $725 + \square = 731$

c) $45_ + 3 = 462$

In our topic lesson, we will be learning about early humans and the Palaeolithic period. Thank you for supporting your children at home and allowing them to share their artefacts with their classmates. The children are very eager to learn about the Prehistory and love sharing their knowledge with the rest of the class, which is great to see.

Please continue supporting your child with their Doodle learning we would love to win the competition and get £50 to spend on the games for our class.

We hope you enjoy your weekend.

Miss Moghaddam and Mrs Whittingham

Hepworth

Hepworth have had another good week all round and are proving themselves to be very good school role models. They have worked hard in their lessons, but also taken time to be responsible and kind towards others around the whole school. Well done!

Next week in English the SPAG focus will be learning about synonyms and antonyms. Our spelling pattern is words beginning 'trans' and 'tele'. We will start a new stimulus book, 'Greek Myths', which feeds into this term's Topic, Ancient Greece. The children have shown great enthusiasm for this subject so far, so we're sure they'll enjoy it.

Ironically, in Maths pupils will focus on another classic civilisation learning about Roman numerals and how their mathematical system relates to ours today. We will also look at multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 including decimals.

Whilst Year 6 have Forest School on Monday afternoon, Year 5 will carry on looking at Spreadsheets in Computing. They will then focus on dates, weather and seasons in Spanish. In our Science Topic, 'Earth and Space', children will learn about the scientific reasons for night and day and how they can be proved. This theme then continues into PE with children creating planetary dance movement to Holst's The Planets.

In RE we will consider what we might learn from the Buddha's life story and where Buddhists go on pilgrimage. Our music lesson was very enjoyable this week, and next week we continue by listening and appraising 'We Will Rock You' by Queen and comparing it with 'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi. In Topic, we will be learning more about Alexander the Great.

We would like to emphasise the real need to practice times tables. So much of what we cover in maths lessons in years 5 and 6 relies on the ability to quickly recall the times tables up to 12x12. It is significantly hindering some of the children in their lessons when they don't know these. We will share some useful websites on Google Classroom for the children to use to practice these. There are also lots of times tables songs on music streaming sites such as Spotify - perhaps having these on in the car in the morning could help! Please ensure you are doing all you can to help your child with these.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4 th October	Monet Sports Event at Dr Challoner's High School 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 6 th October	EYFS Phonics & Reading Parent Workshop 9am
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 and 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