

Chenies School Newsletter

10th June 2022

Headteacher's News

The greatest excitement this week in school has been the arrival of our new loose parts construction kit. I am very grateful to the PTA and Hawksmoor Steak Restaurant for their contribution to the purchase of it. It has certainly created a wonderful opportunity for co-operative play and also encouraging the use of the Habit of Mind of Creating, Imagining and Innovating. I was particularly grateful to the children who made me a chair, footrest and table with a coaster for my cup of tea!



ECO NEWS

Just a reminder that we are no longer collecting crisp packets at school as the recycling scheme has ended. Crisp packets and similar plastic packaging is now widely recycled at many supermarkets.

We are however, still collecting plastic milk bottle tops, plastic pens, batteries, toothpaste tubes and printer ink cartridges so please bring those in! Thank you
Eco-Warriors

Refugee Week

Following the huge success of the Pop-Up Café at Chorleywood Station in the past, Chorleywood4Refugees are running the same initiative again this year, involving all the primary schools in Chorleywood and Chenies.

In assembly on Wednesday, Rachel and Mrs Palfreman explained how the children can get involved in the Pop-Up Café as follows:

POP-UP CAFE at Chorleywood Station – **Wednesday 22nd June from 6:30 - 8:30am**

- for children in years to 4-6 who would like to help at the Café, simply use the attached form to register your child
- for younger children, please bring them along to join in breakfast and celebrations at the café!

PEACE TOGETHER FLAGS

- during Refugee Week, all the children will be invited to decorate a Peace Flag, with a message or picture of PEACE or KINDNESS. Flags will be strung together and displayed initially at school and then, joined to the flags from the other schools, in the village. We will be inviting voluntary donations of £1 for the flags.

All the money raised will go to the charity, Safe Passage - dedicated to helping refugee children and young adults to safety.

Please contact either Mrs Powell or Rachel Lesiter: rachellesiter@hotmail.com or 07852215778 if you have any questions.

Message from Bucks Family Learning

As you know transitions are a particularly challenging time for vulnerable children and their families. Buckinghamshire Family Learning are offering some free courses to support parents and children with the start of primary school and the move to secondary school. The flyers are attached. This is open to all families so feel free to recommend them those who you think will benefit from this support.

Message from Bucks County Show

The Bucks County Show, which is one of the biggest one day agricultural shows in the Country, will be held at Weedon Park, three miles north of Aylesbury on Thursday 1st September 2022.

The main attractions this year will be The Bolddog Lings Freestyle Motorcycle Display Team, Military Band, The Sheep Show, Vintage Tractors, Countryside Area and much more. This is a fantastic fun and educational day out for all the family.

This year we are offering up to 3 FREE Child tickets (up to the age of 16) with a full paying Adult or Over 65 ticket when purchased online. To take advantage of this offer please click the link below and follow the instructions. This offer ends at midnight on 31st August 2022.

<https://buckscountyshow.ticketsrv.co.uk/schoolbookings>

Please add the required tickets to your basket

Click 'Checkout'

Enter SCHOOL22 into the promotion code box and click redeem and continue with your purchase.

Please remember

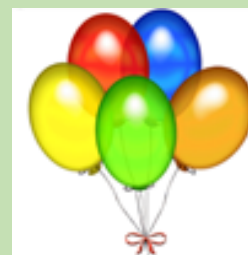
- Saturday 11th June – Chesham Carnival
- Monday 13th June – Class photographs (Please ensure children come to school in correct uniform and looking smart!)

I am looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Carnival tomorrow and pleased to see that the weather forecast is looking good for it! Have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Powell
Headteacher



Happy Birthday
Joseph – 14th June
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Class News

Van Gogh

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Welcome back! Hope you have all had a good half term and a well-deserved break.

Phonics

The summer term is all about consolidating what we have learnt over the year. At this stage we expect children to be able to recognise digraphs/trigraphs when reading. Therefore we will continue to re-visit all of the Phase 3 sounds and alternative sounds daily and consolidate the position of where these sounds are likely to be found in word. For example, AY would normally be found at the end of a word and AI in the middle. In line with this we will be starting Phase 4.

Week One	nk ng ai igh oo oo
Week Two	ar or ir ow (cow) ou (shout) oy

Please continue to consolidate reading and writing the Phase 2-5 tricky words.

Reading

It is really important that you continue share books with your child. Please remember it's not just about them reading to you. It is as important that you are reading to them and sharing experiences. This term we will continue to compare and focus on Fiction and Non – Fiction books, looking at the key features for example, contents page, index page etc.

Writing

Next week we will focusing on Father's Day. We will share a variety of texts and look at writing a poem all about our dads.

In addition to the topic writing we will continue to do the words of the day. Please remember if you are doing any writing at home, it is important the children are confidently applying their digraphs when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage 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

This week the children have been learning to order bigger numbers by looking at the value of the TENS and ONES in the number. We will continue to consolidate this.

Next week we will be looking at patterns in numbers when counting in 10s, 5s and 2s. We will also introduce the 20p coins and work on addition and subtraction using money.

Topic

Our topic this term is The Seaside!

REMINDERS:

SHOW & TELL: Thursday 16th 2022 –Red House

STAY, PLAY AND READ: Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 1.30

Mrs Sahotay 😊

Monet

Next week in Monet Class we will be following on from 'What is inside a seed?' to creating an experiment to find out the conditions needed for a seed to germinate. We had lots of fun on Thursday predicting what the inside of a seed looks like then carefully dissecting one using a magnifying glass and microscope to take a closer look inside.

In English and History next week we will be continuing to find out more about the Titanic, thinking about why events happened and what happened as a result. We will also begin to plan a newspaper report based on the Titanic. We will be using the computers to create our own headlines.

In maths Year 1 will be quickly adding a single digit number to a 2-digit using number facts (adding to the next 10, bridging 10, doubles, etc) and revising the months of the year. This will also link to our seasonal change class book in science. Year 2 will be revising adding and subtracting using the most efficient method and revising months of the year. The whole class will also be recapping turns (clockwise, anticlockwise, quarter, half, whole) and we will be using our dancing sessions to consolidate this. Please help your child to practise their right and left at home if they are still unsure.

In art we will be continuing to generate and develop our ideas for 'Shipwreck in Stormy Seas', by Vernet and think about a final piece that we might like to submit to The National Gallery. The painting has already given us so much inspiration which led to interesting conversations about safety at sea and the beach which we will learn more about in the coming weeks.

In RE we will lead on from thinking about people who are special to them by finding out about people who are special in religions. The focus will be on Christianity but we will also talk about other religions.

Homework will be on Google classroom. Please remember to bring in a water bottle every day to keep in the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Blakeley

Hockney

Welcome back to the last and very fun-filled term!

We have lots of exciting things planned this term as well as lots of topics to continue exploring. In English this week we have been getting stuck back into our work on 'The Spiderwick Chronicles' with the children writing letters to the author and then throwing themselves into the text with some superb and very enthusiastic acting! Next week, we are wrapping up our work on this fantasy fiction unit by imagining ourselves as the author and adding an additional chapter to the book. For those of you who don't know the Spiderwick series, it is a collection of different books picking up on the adventures of characters introduced right at the beginning of the series so in this sense, the first few books don't resolve problems in the way many stories do and so are perfect to be continued!

In maths next week we are continuing to study money within Yr 3 & 4, thinking about not only how to add and subtract with it but solve problems in a real-life context. The Yr 4s next week will also have their times table check. This is something that we have mentioned to the children and how they can help themselves be as prepared as possible by reciting times tables to themselves as they get dressed etc.

Our topic this term shifts to focus on an in-depth study of a European country. We shall be learning how to locate major cities on a world map and discussing different countries on different continents. We are going to be using lots of mapping and fieldwork skills to do this, using globes, atlases and digital mapping to locate these various places. We shall then learn to use four-grid references. We shall be focusing on both the human and physical aspects of geography and making comparisons as to how people in different countries might live according to the climate and resources that surround them.

Our computing lessons this term are being taught as part of a cross-curricular approach as they focus on Word processing and PowerPoint presentations. We are going to look at how to introduce really specific skills to these programs we already know so much about, such as how to introduce and format text boxes. We shall then be using these newly-learnt skills to create posters and presentations linked to our work on gender stereotypes within the working world in PSHE and how to use electricity safely within our science lessons.

Please do remember to send your child in with a water bottle each day and their swimming kit on Wednesdays. This term our PE lessons fall on a Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming) same as they did last term.

Homework is on Google classrooms and is focused on the 'ough' spelling pattern. Please do recite your times tables as much as you can over the weekend so you are feeling nice and confident for next week.

Have a lovely and restful weekend,

Mrs Whittingham & Miss Groves

Hepworth

Welcome back to the last half term of the school year, we hope you have had a relaxing break and enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations.

This first week back after the holiday has been very busy, as the forthcoming weeks will be too, but Hepworth have taken this in their stride and worked well. In addition to starting preparations for the school production, many of Year 6 have had meetings with their new schools.

In maths this week, Year 5 have been revisiting rounding numbers, and using their knowledge with word problems and real-life situations. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been undertaking investigations into mathematical patterns and formulae to extend both their understanding and confidence. This will continue next week.

In Topic the children are learning about rivers, with this week's focus being on the main UK rivers. Whilst in Spanish children are continuing to work on the theme of cafes.

We will be doing our sex education lesson on Thursday morning. Do let us know if you have any questions ahead of this.

Finally, as you may already be aware from previous years, this term will be largely focussed on rehearsals for the KS2 production. However, we will have intermittent breakout sessions for children to relax, refresh and refocus. These will involve rounders and other activities, so we would ask that all children have their PE kits (trainers in particular) in school at all times.

We hope you have a good weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

DIARY DATES

Saturday 11th June	Chesham Carnival
Monday 13 th June	Class photos
Friday 17th June	Father's Day Event
Wednesday 22 nd June	Parent's Evening – 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 23 rd June	Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm PTA Meeting
Friday 24th June	Ice Cream Friday!
Tuesday 28 th June	Sports Day (parents welcome)
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 7pm (2pm performance cancelled due to secondary school transition event for some children)
Friday 15 th July	EYFS Stay for Breakfast 8.15am End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home Ice Cream Friday!
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 Leaver's BBQ 5.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver's Assembly 11am School Picnic 12.15pm-1.15pm Term Ends for Children 1.30pm