

# Chenies School Newsletter

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Headteacher's News

This week many of our children have enjoyed attending a sporting event at one of the local high schools. Van Gogh participated in movement to music, Monet did multiskills and Hepworth played Handball. A particular well done to our Hepworth children as one of the teams gained first place. The teachers all told me how proud they were of the positive attitudes and good behaviour that the children demonstrated while at the events.

### Strike Action

As I am sure that you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced that its ballot of teacher members in England has met the thresholds required to commence industrial action and has outlined dates for action that will affect Buckinghamshire schools as follows:

- **Wednesday 1 February 2023,**
- **Wednesday 1 March 2023:**
- **Wednesday 15 March 2023:**
- **Thursday 16 March 2023:**

My current position is that it is my intention to keep the school open on these days, although there may be some alterations to staffing arrangements.

### School Uniform

Please can you ensure your children start the day in the correct uniform and arrive looking smart and tidy. Shoulder length or longer hair or hair that covers the eyes must be tied back so that it is 'off the face' and does not distract from their learning.

### Reading

Two weeks ago I suggested taking advantage of the Buckinghamshire Library Service which will enable you to [borrow audio books for free](#). I hope you will make use of this and even enjoy the books with your children, maybe in the car on the way to school!

I know many of our children are already reading a lot at home but teaching staff have asked me to remind everyone of our minimum expectations for reading, as specified in the school Home Learning Policy, as follows:

### Reception:

Parents should read to their child every day. Children will bring reading books home which they may choose to read to and share with their parents.

### Years 1 and 2

Parents should read to their child every day Children will bring a reading book home that we expect them to spend 10 minutes a day reading either to an adult or independently.

### Years 3 and 4

Children should be reading either independently or to an adult for 15 minutes every day.

## Years 5 and 6

Children should be reading independently for 20 minutes every day.

### Collecting Children

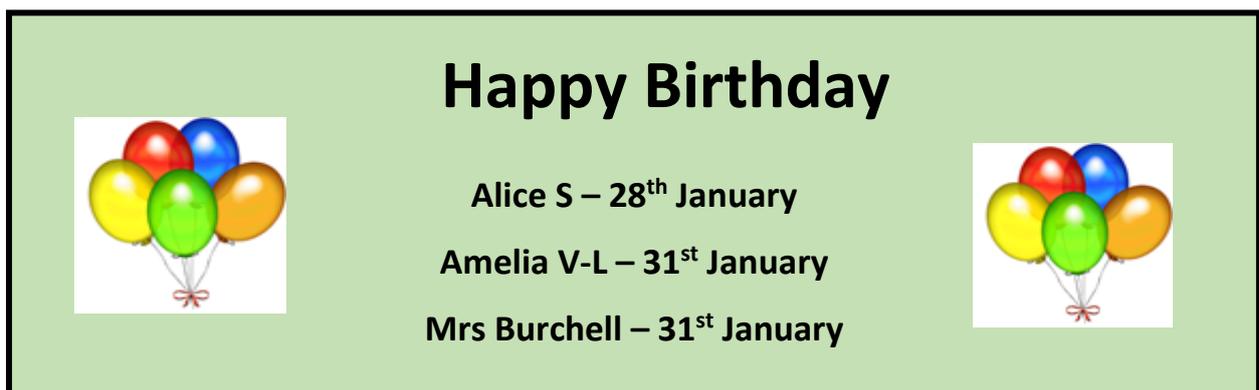
Please be aware that to ensure the safety of our children we will not let them go with someone who does not usually pick them up without first making checks. I would be grateful if you could ensure that you contact and notify the school office if your child is going to be collected by a different adult from usual, even if that adult is a parent of another child in the school.

### Artist of the Week

Our artist of the week was Henry Moore

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Suzanne Powell  
Headteacher



### STARS of the week

|                 |               |                |
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| <b>Van Gogh</b> | <b>Theia</b>  | <b>Lilly</b>   |
| <b>Monet</b>    | <b>Samuel</b> | <b>Aiyanna</b> |
| <b>Hockney</b>  | <b>Harry</b>  | <b>Alina</b>   |
| <b>Hepworth</b> | <b>Ewan</b>   | <b>George</b>  |

## 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.

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| Van Gogh | 89% |
| Monet    | 86% |
| Hockney  | 90% |
| Hepworth | 92% |

## Class News

### Van Gogh

Another busy week of SUPER LEARNING!

Phonics: This week we consolidated our previous learning as the children needed to revisit the diagraphs ll ck ss zz ff qu and also the graphemes j v w x y z x. Please continue to reinforce these at home.

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| Week 3a |                | Capital letter                            |
| Week 3b | ch, sh, th, ng | Tricky words <i>she, me</i> and <i>be</i> |

It is also important that we continue to consolidate Phase 2 sounds and work on segmenting and blending, hearing initial/middle/end sounds and rhyme.

Reading: Please ensure that you write in the reading record every time you hear your child read or share a book with them, so that books can be changed.

#### Writing:

The children have made amazing progress in their writing this week. Please continue to reinforce segmenting and blending at home to help them be more confident when writing. Also, if you are doing any writing at home, it is important the children are confidently applying their sounds when writing words/sentences. Please continue to encourage them to 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:

Next week we will be consolidating our number knowledge to seven.

Topic: Our topic this term is: Chinese New Year - Food from Around the World. This week the children have started to learn about Chinese New Year Celebrations. They have learnt some key facts about China and made Chinese lanterns for our role play area. Next week we will be focusing on the importance of Year of the Rabbit.

#### Show and Tell

Unless it is related to the topic, maths or writing, please make sure that the children in the correct house only bring in something to show on a Thursday.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - GREEN HOUSE

REMINDERS:

- STAY AND PLAY – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February @ 1.45
- WORKSHARE EVENING – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 3.20

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 worked very hard in Monet Class this week, writing some super stories, designing our own moving toy and enjoying our multi-skills festival at Dr Challoner's High School among many other things.

Next week in English we will be identifying the features of a report and introducing a significant person in history linked to this. We will then go on to plan our own reports / fact files focusing on correct punctuation.

In maths Year 1 will be practising to count confidently in 2s, 5s and 10s, subtract small numbers by counting back and add small numbers by counting on. Year 2 will be using place value and number facts to solve missing number problems and using numbers facts and place value to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. We will also be revising time on analogue and digital clocks. Please try to practise this at home whenever the opportunity arises so that children develop a good sense of time (what happens at certain times in the day and how long different activities take).

In science we will be testing materials to find out what makes the best covering for food and in history we will be comparing Victorian toys with toys today and begin to make our own moving toys in DT using our designs from this week.

Please remember to try to read every day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Blakeley

## Hockney

### Maths

Children have worked so hard this week in maths even when topics have become quite tricky! Year 4 have been dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers and despite finding it hard to begin with they have worked together to improve their understanding and some of the children have asked for even more additional work! Year 3 have enjoyed learning about measurements, they have been working their way around the classroom making estimates in metres, centimetres and millimetres.

## English

This week children started planning a story about an extraordinary creature. We have been blown away by their writing skills and the way they have captured our attention with their opening paragraphs. We hope to finish these stories by the end of the week and display their hard work around our classroom.

## Topic

In History, we will be learning about what people wore during the Tudor time. In RE, we will explore different beliefs. We will have a discussion and share what we believe about God. In PSHE, we will also be learning how to show compassion to others and ways we can share responsibility to care for people.



This week in Science, Year 3 children carried out an investigation into sound proofing materials. They wrote up some excellent investigations making predictions, drawing their experiments and recording their results. This was the last lesson in this unit, next week they will be doing Art.

Please continue to encourage your child to read daily and to complete homework set on Google classroom, any questions please let us know.

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Moghaddam & Miss Shine

## Hepworth

We've had a lovely, if chilly, week in Hepworth class, producing some great work. Although the highlight for many was probably the Handball tournament at The Amersham School on Wednesday afternoon. Despite never having played the game before, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and our 3 teams really threw themselves into it. Hepworth's efforts paid off and out of the 2 different leagues they won 1st and 2nd place. Well done everyone!

Next week in English, having finished reading our text *Oranges in No Man's Land*, we will be starting our own stories about a character living in a war-torn city. At the end of the week, our SPAG focus will be on present perfect form vs simple past. Our spellings for the week will be words ending in 'ance'.

In Maths, we will be exploring fractions, decimals and percentage equivalents, working out percentages of amounts and using this for problem solving. In Science we will be designing and making boats to counter water resistance, whilst in Computing we will be creating our

animated scenes using Scratch 2. In Topic, we will be looking at UK mountains. Our PSHE lesson will focus on how images can be altered and the effects of this in regards to social media. In RE we will be learning about the Sikh creation story.

### Year 6 parents

As part of our PSHE work on social media, it may be worth watching 'The Social Dilemma' on Netflix and, if you feel it is suitable, perhaps sharing some or all of it with your child if they are in year 6. It is rated 12 so we suggest you watch fully first to decide if you feel it is appropriate for your child. You can find out more about the age rating by searching for it on [www.CommonSenseMedia.org](http://www.CommonSenseMedia.org)

This website is very useful to help you gauge the suitability of films, games, podcasts, youtube, apps and books.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jones

## DIARY DATES

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| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February  | Hockney 9.30am – 11.30am DCHS Mega Fest Rugby                     |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February  | EYFS Stay & Play 1.45pm   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  | Workshare Evening   |
| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>                                   | <b>Non Uniform Day</b>  |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>HALF TERM</b>  |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February  | Van Gogh trip to Pizza Express, Beaconsfield                      |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   | World Book Day  |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March  | 9.15am EYFS Spring Walk<br>Monet Class – Chiltern Open Air Museum |
| <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>                                    | <b>PTA School Disco</b>   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March  | Hockney – Bikeability Level 1                                     |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March  | Mid-Year reports will be sent home to parents                     |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March  | Hepworth Parents Sex Education and PGL Information Evening 5pm    |
| <b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>                                      | <b>Term Ends 1.30pm</b>   |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>                                      | <b>Children return to School</b>                                  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April  | Monet – Games @ DCHS  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May   | Hockney Tri Golf – Chiltern Hills Academy (tbc)                   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May   | KS2 SATs Week   |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May  | Workshare Evening   |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May                | PGL Residential   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May   | EYFS Stay and get Physical  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June   | Hockney 12-2pm Athletics Chalfont Community College               |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June  | Parent's Evening 5pm - 8pm  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June   | Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm                                  |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June  | Sports day 1.30pm - 3.15pm  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July   | Transition Day  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July  | Reserve Sports Day  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | KS2 Summer Production 7pm   |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July  | Year 5 – STEM Challenge Day @ St Clement Danes School             |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July   | KS2 Summer Production 7pm   |

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| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July       | End of Year Attainment Reports will be sent home                              |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July    | EYFS Stay for breakfast<br>Leavers Barbecue 5.30pm - 8pm                      |
| <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> | 11am Leaver's Assembly<br>12pm Whole School Picnic<br><b>1.30pm Term Ends</b> |