



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th December 2015

| Diary for Term 2 | |
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| Mon 14 th December | 2.00pm in school hall: Owl and Owlet Class Christmas Nativity |
| Tues 15 th December | 6.30pm in school hall: Owl and Owlet Class Christmas Nativity |
| Weds 16 th December | Aspens children's Christmas dinner |
| Thurs 17 th December | 6.30pm: Christmas Service in church |
| Fri 18 th December | Last day of Term 2 Finish at 2.00pm |
| Diary for Term 3 | |
| Tues 6 th January | First day of Term 3 |
| Weds 7 th January | Owlet Class visit to Oxford Story Museum |

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

We have been rehearsing scenes and singing songs from the Nativity. In class we have been reading stories about Christmas and thinking about the gifts we would give baby Jesus.

Owl Class

Children in Owl Class have been working hard on their acting and singing skills in preparation for their Nativity performance next week. They have also been making cards featuring the three kings, star shaped tea light holders and lollipop Rudolfs.

Panda Class

Children in Panda Class have been learning about Roman deities especially Saturn. They have been writing myths and learning to tell the time.

Rhino Classes

Children in Rhino Classes have been researching Anglo Saxon settlements and creating information posters. In literacy we have been writing character studies for the 'man in the moon' from the John Lewis advert. This week children enjoyed fun swimming activities with a range of inflatable equipment.

School Council News

At our meeting this week each class reported back on the vote in Class Councils as to how many girls would like to have a slot in the football timetable for playtime and lunchtimes.

The number of girls interested was as follows:

Rhinos: 12

Pandas: 7

Owls: 4

In each class the girls expressed a wish for girls only football. As a result of this the football timetable will be changed after the Christmas holidays.

Owl and Owlet Nativity Play - Monday 14th December at 2.00pm and Tuesday 15th December at 6.30pm

Please do come along to the Owl and Owlet Nativity Play. There will be two performances: the first on the afternoon of Monday 14th December, starting at 2.00pm; the second at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15th December. Both performances will be in the school hall.

Mr Boyer asks that the children be in school by 6.10pm to change and prepare for the Tuesday evening performance.

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December

Aspens, our school lunch provider, are arranging a special Christmas Lunch for the children on Wednesday 16th December. We would encourage all children to opt for lunch on this day, even if they have not had a school lunch before.

To order online you will need to set up an account with Aspens (<http://www.aspens-services.co.uk/meals/>).

If you have already ordered lunch for your child on either of these days, the usual menu will not be available so please ensure that you change your orders on line in plenty of time. Thank you.

Carol Service – Thursday 17th December at 6.30pm

Our carol service will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 17th December in the church. We do hope that you and the rest of the family will be able to join us in this Christmas Celebration. All pupils will be singing carols and songs. Key Stage 2 pupils will be reading, acting out the nativity, performing poems and leading prayers. **Year 4 pupils should arrive by 6.10pm, all other children by 6.20pm.**

End of Term 2 – Beginning of Term 3

Please note that Term 2 ends next Friday 18th December at **2.00 pm (not 12 noon)**. Please collect children promptly as there will be no staff on site in the afternoon.

Term 3 starts on **Tuesday 5th January 2016** (there is an inset day on Monday 4th January).

Parents' Collection for David the Lollipop Man

A card and envelope has been organised for a Christmas collection from parents to David. Please see Mrs Griffin in Panda Class if you would like to donate and sign by Monday 14th December. Thank you.

School Association News

- **School Tea Towels**

These will be on sale in the playground after school on Friday 11th & Tuesday 15th December costing £4.00 each. Maybe an extra Christmas gift for grandparents this year? Thanks so much to Louise Maze for organising

- **Thank you!**

A big thank you to Pete & Carrie Schmidt for their generous donation to School Association funds. We now have a SA charity bucket which will live in the school office. If anyone would like to make a donation, no matter how small, please feel free to pop in an envelope marked SA donation and this will be added to the bucket. All funds are going towards buying new play equipment for the field.

- **End of term drinks at The Highwayman**

Please don't forget to join us, if you can make it for an end of term drink at The Highwayman next Friday 18th December from 12.30pm to 1.45pm.

Prayer Spaces

We all really enjoyed the prayer spaces programme led by Russell Martin last week. There are some great images in his prayer space report attached.

Russell is leading a kids club at his church on Saturday 19th December, details below:

Celebrate Christmas

at dtwo, 55 Market Place, RG9 2AA.
www.dtwo.co.uk | 01491 635 733

Kids Club Christmas Special

SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER 10-11AM | 50P ENTRY

For children at primary school. Join the Kids Club team for a fun-filled time including crafts, games, dancing, and food. Bacon butties and coffee for parents in the café.



Dates for your Diary

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Tuesday 5th January

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Children's Christmas dinner
12.30pm-14.45pm the Highwayman Inn: Parents Christmas Drinks – organised by School Association
6.30pm: Christmas Service in church
Last day of Term 2 (finish at 2.00pm)
First day of Term 3 (Monday 4th January is an Inset day)