



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Diary for Term 1	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.00pm: Phonics Workshop for parents
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	KS2 swimming lessons start – please remember to bring swimming kit!
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Mobile Library

## Woodlands

Year 6 pupils are having a fantastic time at their residential week away at the Woodlands Centre in Wales. We have had glowing reports of their enthusiastic participation and excellent behaviour from Mrs Brereton and Mrs Walker who are accompanying them. Do have a look at the photo gallery of our website.

## Adventure Dolphin

We were delighted that all pupils in Year 5 participated in their two day residential visit in Pangbourne earlier this week. They took part in a range of activities including canoeing, kayaking, orienteering and grass sledging and stayed overnight at Thirtover Lodge. They were joined by pupils from Stoke Row and the visit was led by Headteacher Miss Harris. She was impressed by the way everyone supported each other as they tackled challenges including, for some of them, staying away from home for the first time.

## Appeal

We have all been moved by the plight of the many migrants and refugees fleeing war and poverty. In response to this, we launched an appeal this week to raise money to contribute to a crowd funding appeal set up by British teacher Mary Jones to help people in the migrant camp in Calais, northern France. She has set up a library which is focal point for migrants and is now fund raising to supply vital items to make life easier as we go into winter: generators, gas stoves, lighting. We have set ourselves the target to raise enough money to provide a generator by the end of this month. These cost £110.00. Collecting tins are in every classroom and if you have any fund raising ideas, please talk to the class teachers or Mrs Seymour.

## Community Worship

We were delighted to welcome parents and neighbours to our first community worship on Monday. This will be a regular termly event, so do look out for dates in forthcoming newsletters.

## Themes at a Glance

<b>Rhino Class</b>	TERM 1: Local Study TERM 2: The Anglo-Saxons
<b>Panda Class</b>	TERM 1: Town Mouse and Country Mouse TERM 2: The Romans
<b>Owl Class</b>	TERM 1: I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside TERM 2: Fire! Fire!
<b>Owlet Class</b>	TERM 1: Marvellous Me TERM 2: Up, Up and Away

## Values

'Values for Life' is a resource produced by The Church of England to support primary schools in promoting the teaching of Christian values through whole school worship and class discussion. Eighteen values have been selected; courage, trust, creativity, justice, forgiveness, peace, humility, truth, thankfulness, compassion, hope, friendship, generosity, respect and reverence, wisdom, service, perseverance and responsibility. Each year we choose to focus on six of these values. This term we are focussing on thankfulness and compassion. Your child will have brought home a sheet of suggestions of activities on the theme of thankfulness. We do encourage you to try these and welcome your feedback.

## Whole School Information

### P.E. Days

OWLETS	Tuesday
OWLS	Monday, Thursday and Friday
PANDAS	Monday and Thursday (swimming)
RHINOS	Thursday (swimming) and Friday

Please make sure that children have their P.E. kits in school on the relevant days.

## Worship Timetable

Monday	Whole school worship First Monday of each term Community Worship in school
Tuesday	Whole school hymn practice and prayers
Wednesday	Rector leads whole school worship
Thursday	Whole school worship
Friday	Children lead whole school worship

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship and/or RE lessons and should notify Mrs Seymour in writing if they wish to do so.

## Thank You

Thanks to the hard work of the School Council, we now have a smart new scooter rack. We are very grateful to Paul Butler for fixing it.

### After School Club Feedback

You will recall that we asked those interested in Energy Kidz running an after school club to complete their on-line survey so that they could look at demand and booking patterns. Unfortunately they only had 6 replies for a mixture of days and type of booking. They require a minimum of 16 children per day to make the club viable, so they will not be able to launch this service at our school. Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the survey.

### Extra-Curricular Activities for Autumn Term 2015

We work hard to organise a varied timetable of extra-curricular activities for our pupils and we are delighted to offer the wide range of options below for this term. Providers usually require a minimum number of participants for clubs to remain viable.

- Dodgeball, quidditch, hockey and multisports run by Ignite have begun this week and there are spaces available on them all.

Clubs starting over the next week or two are drama, tag rugby, judo, pottery, equestrian, art and football. These clubs also still have spaces available.

Please ask the office for information and forms on any of these clubs.

- Music lessons will also start from next week and are taught during the school day. Lessons include violin, guitar and woodwind and there are currently spaces available. If you are interested in your child having music lessons, please ask the school office for details.

Below is a full list of activities for this term:

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
<b>Monday</b>	8.00-8.40	<b>Dodgeball</b> (07.9.15-19.10.15)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		<b>Guitar</b> (beginners welcome)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816
	(Hall) 3.30-4.30	<b>Drama Factory</b> (21.9.15-07.12.15)	Yrs 3-6	Berzerk Matt 07976 652742
	Playground 3.30-4.30	<b>Tag Rugby</b> (14.9.15-19.10.15)	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin Sports <a href="mailto:paulmeakinsports@orangehome.co.uk">paulmeakinsports@orangehome.co.uk</a> 07976 651635
<b>Tuesday</b>	12.00-12.45	<b>Judo</b> (29.9.15 – 8.9.15)	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252

	During school	<b>School Council</b>	Reps from Y2-6	Gill Peeling
	3.30-4.30	<b>Pottery</b> <b>(22.9.15 – 24.11.15)</b>	Y2-6	Sarah Rushbrooke Tel: 07771 768491
	3.30-4.30	<b>Quidditch</b> <b>(08.09.15-20.10.15)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club</b> <b>(22.9.15 – 20/10/15)</b>	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
<b>Wednesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Running Club</b>	Yrs 3-6	Chris Lee Susan Darnbrough
		<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		<b>Violin</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	<b>Hockey</b> <b>(09.09.15-21.10.15)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00-8.40	<b>Multi - Sports</b> <b>(10.09.15-22.10.15)</b>	Yrs 1-6	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
<b>Friday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Rhino Classroom 3.20-4.30	<b>Art</b> <b>(18.9.15-4.12.15)</b>	Yrs 4-6	Susannah Lovegrove <a href="mailto:zanski@icloud.com">zanski@icloud.com</a> Tel: 07970 768082
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	<b>Football</b> <b>(18.9.15-11.12.15)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332

## Year 6 Children – Moving on to Secondary School

Applications are now open for children born between 1 September 2004 and 31 August 2005, who will start secondary school in September 2016. The deadline for submitting applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015. You will find all the information you need to apply on line at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

Below a list of secondary school future open day dates.

## Open Day/Evening Dates for Secondary Schools

Langtree	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	6.30pm am: Please book appointment am: Please book appointment
Chiltern Edge	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	6.45 pm – 9.00 pm 9.15 am – 10.45 am 9.15 am – 10.45 am
Gillotts	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00 pm – 8.15 pm 9.00 am – 12.00 pm and 1.45 pm – 3.00 pm
Highdown School	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	6.45 pm

	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 am – 10.30 am 9.30 am – 10.30 am
Kendrick	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Reading Boys	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
The Abbey	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Abingdon School	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Pangbourne College	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Queen Anne's	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am
Leighton Park	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	10.00 am
Oratory	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October taster day	9.40 am – 12.00 pm Please book a place
Reading Blue Coat	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.30 am
Our Lady's Abingdon	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00 am – 12.30 pm
St Helen & St Katherine	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	10.00 am – 2.30 pm

### Is Your Child 3 or 4 Years Old?

If your child was born on or between 1 September 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 you need to apply for a primary school place now. The deadline for submitting applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. You will find all the information you need to apply on line at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm: Phonics Workshop for parents
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	KS2 swimming lessons start
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Mobile Library
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Charlotte Snowden taking individual pupil photos
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Mobile Library
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Wednesday Workshop for parents
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	No KS2 swimming lessons today
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Inset Day – no children in school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	First day of Term 2
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Fireworks Night – organised by School Association-
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday Workshop for parents
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2 (finish at 2.00pm)