



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th November 2016

Diary for Term 1	
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At Checkendon Primary School this week...

School Values Ambassadors

It was Pheobe's turn to help with whole school worship this week; as well as setting up the hall and being in charge of the music, she read and answered questions about a Bible story (Jonathan and David) and led closing prayers. School Values Ambassadors have also been supervising the sale of poppies and taking a more active role in promoting peaceful playtimes. The first after school workshop to start making the Big Book of Stories took place this week.

Digital leaders

Over the last few weeks, digital leaders have been hard at work taking photographs of School Councillors and School Values Ambassadors. Their skills will be in demand in the coming weeks as Panda Class embark on their greenscreen project making a documentary about Egypt.

PE and school sport

Paul Meakin continues to support the school with expertise in sports coaching; this term children are developing their skills in Sportshall Athletics, multiskills, football and netball. Children in KS2 will continue

with their weekly swimming lessons at the wonderful swimming pool at the Oratory Prep School. The Partnership Cross Country Event at Langtree ably coordinated by Sara Walker was very well supported by Checkendon with 28 children from Rhino Class and Panda Class taking part. Thanks to Mrs McCalla and Mrs Jones for volunteering to help supervise children at this event.

Although the range of clubs offered by Ignite has been reduced, Paul Meakin is now offering a before-school Dodgeball Club on Friday mornings. Do speak to Mrs Doherty in the school office if you would like more information about this.

Outdoor learning

Following our INSET day at which teachers drafted a new PSHE Subject Statement with a focus on outdoor and collaborative learning, children in Owl Class and Panda Class have had the opportunity to participate in extended outdoor learning sessions. Please see the Learning section of the web site for a copy of the new statement.

Worship in school this week

Term 2 theme: Friendship

Week 1 Friendship in Good Times and Bad

Text: Jonathan and David 1 Samuel 18

Music for reflection: The Lord's My Shepherd

Thank you to those who joined us for Community Worship on Monday afternoon; this is a termly event and it would be great to see more parents there next time! Dates are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Parents Forum

At the Parents Forum on Thursday 13th October, topics discussed included the School Development Plan, child mental health and well-being, the feasibility of a proposed building project to link Owlet class to the main school building and ways to support the work of the School Association. Please join us for the next meeting on the 2nd February at 2pm.

Updated policies

Please see the Learning section of the web site for an updated copy of the Assessment, Recording and Reporting Statement and the Documents section for the updated Behaviour Policy. We welcome your feedback on any of our policies and procedures.

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

This week the alien has landed. He is called Mockit and uses words and sounds that support our learning in phonics. Mockit is leaving us lots of information about space so that we can answer some questions that we have been wondering about. We have learned that meteors created craters on the moon and found out what stars are made of.

Owl Class

The pupils in Owl class this week have been busy writing explosive firework poems. The children have also been grouping toys by the materials they have been made of and thinking and discussing why they have been made from those materials

Panda Class

The pupils in Panda class have been rolling toy cars down different surfaces to investigate friction. In history children are becoming explorers of Ancient Egypt, researching how the rich and the poor lived and significant events in Egypt's history. In mathematics they have been working on subtraction and decimals.

Rhino Class

This week in Rhino Class the children have enjoyed burning substances over naked flames! This is in order for the children to discover how heat changes materials, sometimes in irreversible ways. We have also been using 3D objects to look at volume and capacity in mathematics moving onto the Greek related theme

of pi to measure the circumference of circles.

Unaccompanied Children

Please be reminded that pupils should not be dropped off at school unaccompanied before 08.40.

Learning & Outdoor Play

Please ensure children have warm coats every day (and hats or gloves when necessary) to ensure they can make the most of learning and playing outside.

Dodgeball Club

You will have received a letter this week regarding a Friday morning Dodgeball club run by Paul Meakin. If you would like to book a place, please return the booking form to the School Office by Wednesday 16th November. The club will start on Friday 18th November.

Fireworks 2016

Thank you to everyone who supported the fireworks event last Friday by organising the event, donating your time, helping on the stalls, setting off fireworks, selling tickets, helping on the bar and BBQ, providing first aid or by simply attending. The event was a big success with nearly 400 people attending and raising £2186.99 towards the second phase of the play tower on the school field. Without all of your help, such a fantastic event would never have happened so thank you. A special thank you to Lucy Chapman, Kirsty Ball, Kate Pullan, Lisa Browne, Kate Ashley, Harriet Waggett, Diana Turner, and Sue Viney for organising such a wonderful event.

Following such a successful event we need to remind you that the School Association is still looking for a new Chair, which can be undertaken by one or two people. The undertaking of the position of Chair does not commit someone to all the events undertaken by the School Association, as events could be run by smaller sub groups, but it is a legal requirement for the School Association to continue running. Please speak to Suzanne Bradley or Jo Crook for if you are interested in finding out more about this vital role.

School Tea towels

Children have been enjoying drawing a self-portrait to be printed on a School tea towel. The tea towels can be pre-ordered on the sign up sheet outside the School Office, why not order a few as Christmas gifts?

Pottery Club

We are pleased to advise you that the very popular pottery club will be returning next term on Monday after school. The 10 week course is £9 per session (including clay, glaze and firing), starting on the 9th January and will involve handbuilding projects in terracotta clay and glazing. The club is open to all pupils in Years 2 – 6, but spaces are limited so please contact the School Office if you would like to reserve a place for this fun activity. Please look out for details of other clubs on offer next term coming soon.

Checkendon School Association Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Book Fair at Checkendon Primary School on Thursday 24th November at 3.20pm and Friday 25th November at 9.00am. This fun event not only raises money for the school but gives you an opportunity to purchase some Christmas presents. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pupil Update Form

Please don't forget to return the pupil update forms to the School Office by Monday 14th November either stating that no changes are required or by marking changes on the form. Thank you for your support in

ensuring our records are kept up to date.

Shoebox Appeal

So far we have received only seven filled shoeboxes, please don't forget to return yours to the School Office by Monday 14th November. Thank you in advance for supporting this campaign and sending some Christmas joy to children who are less fortunate.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14th December

Please don't forget to order Christmas lunch for your child for Wednesday 14th December, any existing orders for roast pork will need to be changed as the system does not update automatically to the new menu choice.

A message from Byways Dental Surgery

We have been informed of two instances of yoghurt pots being thrown at cars parked outside the dental surgery. If you know anything about these incidents, please contact the School Office.

Newspapers

We would be very grateful if you could bring into school any old newspapers as we use them for a number of activities. These can be given directly to class teachers. Thank you.

Term 2 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (19.9.16-05.12.16)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club Run by Stoke Row School but offered to Checkendon Pupils	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	09.45-10.05 Sep – Dec 2016	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball (14.9.16-14.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	11.10 – 11.30 From January 2017	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	08.00 – 08.40	Dodgeball (18.11.16 – 9.12.16)	All	Paul Meakin 07976 651635

Friday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	Football (16.9.16-9.12.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	Library	Guitar	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

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Tuesday 7 th February 2017	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Monday 27 th February 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm: Ash Wednesday Service, all welcome
Thursday 27 th April 2017	Bluebell Walk
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May 2017	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 th May 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 25 th May 2017	Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June 2017	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 th July 2017	Reports Issued
Friday 14 th July 2017	Sports day
Monday 17 th July 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July 2017	Leavers Service

Church Services & Community Worship		
Christmas Service	Wednesday 14 th December 2016	6.30pm
Community Worship	Monday 9 th January 2017	3.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 27 th February 2017	3.00pm
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm
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Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm

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INSET Day	
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	
Friday 7 th April 2017	

Parents Forum	
Thursday 2 nd February 2017	2.30pm
Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports		
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 8 th February 2017	3:30 - 5:50
Parents' Evening	Thursday 9 th February 2017	3:30 - 5:50
Reports issued	Thursday 6 th July 2017	

THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

Christmas 2016

19th and 20th December 2016

WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD



About us

Established in 2013, *The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School* is for boys and girls aged 7–13 who love to sing. The singing school was established to give children the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

About the course

Based at Worcester College, Oxford, pupils will learn some beautiful music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory and history. This Christmas we will be exploring some beautiful Medieval, traditional and contemporary carols.

Families are most welcome to come and listen to a mini-concert at the end of each day. Courses include whole-group singing, musical games and exercises to improve sight reading, small group vocal coaching and much more.

"Thank you for another fabulous course! His teachers have said they notice a real difference!"

"Thank you! Your course was the high-light of the holidays."

"How lucky are these young singers. They are brilliantly taught and have lots of fun and you will be amazed at what they achieve in just a few days – all in the most beautiful surroundings." Bob Chilcott.

Places are limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

We have regular courses in Oxford, Cambridge and London. For more information and to book a space, please visit our website.

www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk



Ho, ho, ho... Santa's back for the last ever appearance at Reading's iconic Jacksons department store.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

Each session including Christmas Crafts, the Elves and Santa lasts approx 30 mins. This year at Jacksons.....Jelly, Berzerk Productions and Spirited Events are back for a third year presenting an immersive Father Christmas to spread even more Christmas cheer for Reading's believers...

For groups of up to 7 children at a time (they can come with friends) they will get creative and then cookie decorating with the crafty Elves, a visit to Santa's grotto for games and story time with Father Christmas.

This year there is an option of a personal Santa selfie photo, new grotto surprises and a thoughtful gift all at no extra cost.

Many happy parents expressed their delight in the experience for the last 2 years and how it created a warm feeling for their children, many of whom saved their gold coin they were given to leave for Santa on Christmas eve. Come see and feel the magic for yourself.

Bookings limited so don't delay.

Other Dates available:

<http://saturday3makesanta.eventbrite.co.uk>

<https://sunday4makesanta.eventbrite.co.uk>

<http://saturday10makesanta.eventbrite.co.uk>

<http://sunday11makesanta.eventbrite.co.uk>

A letter from The Little Welly

The Little Welly team are busy working on our planned events for next year and we will soon be releasing the dates for 2017 to the general public. Next year we will add St Albans to the list of locations, giving us three regional events that will be larger in numbers and what we have to offer.

We are sending this email to all our contacts, before we start advertising, to see if you or anyone you know would like the opportunity of working with us as a marshal, on-site, at all or one of our events.

We are offering the following:

- 20% discount if you have children that would like to take part at any of our events:- 13/14 May -

Surrey, 24/25 June - Henley or 15/16 July - St Albans.

- £10ph - 8am-5pm on either both days or just Saturday or Sunday at one or all three events
- Petrol expenses to each one of our sites, if not local.
- Mini bus to each of our locations if you cannot drive.

Our biggest priority at The Little Welly is the safety of the children and getting the right staff at all our events is part of what makes our events safe and fun for the children.

We look ideally for parents (or "Fit Mums & Dads" as we say) to marshal the course for the following reasons:

- Can show real encouragement and support to the children as they go around the course
- Know what to do if a child falls and hurts themselves.
- Can manage younger marshals.
- Can smile and look happy (most of the time anyway!!)

If this is of interest and you would like more information then please let me know asap. We shall start advertising in December.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes, Jo Crook

Checkendon C of E Primary School accepts no responsibility for the organisation of external events.