



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11th February 2016

Diary for Term 3

Friday 12 th February	Last day of Term 3 – finish at 3.20pm
Monday 22 nd February	First day of Term 4
Monday 22 nd February	3.00pm: Community Worship 'Service' parents invited
Wednesday 24 th February	Wild Science visiting Owlet Class

What have we been learning in school this week?

Working scientifically week: After School Workshop

Thank you to all the children who brought their parents along to the Terrific Teeth workshop after school on Monday. We all had fun making and testing toothpaste for the Bright Smile Toothpaste Company - and agreed that the recipe would need to be altered to stand any chance of success! After a series of tests on shop-bought toothpastes for smell, colour, taste, texture and cleaning power, Macleans fresh mint was the outright winner. We were delighted to welcome back former pupil Oliver to present the rosettes!

Owl Class

Owl Class have been working scientifically this week:

- Looking at patterns in our weather data
- Working out why they put sand and salt on the roads in winter
- Finding out which is the best peg for aliens in trousers
- Discovering which is the best material for bouncing aliens
- Working out which is the bounciest ball
- Observing what colour water goes when you put different materials in
- Finding out which balls float

Panda Class

This week, Panda class children have been working scientifically to end the term. We have been exploring rocks and soils and wondering "What would happen if?" The children are looking forward to sharing the amazing environment homework that they did on Friday before having a restful half term.

Rhino Class

This week in Rhino Class, the children have been learning about the poet Charles Causley. They have been reading a selection of his poems and identifying themes and style. They have written poems with similar themes and have performed their own poetry. In maths, they have been calculating perimeters of both regular and irregular shapes.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome two new Teaching Assistants who are joining the school, initially on a temporary basis, after half term. Julie Lamping will be working in Rhino Class every morning and Amy Fisher, Luke's mum, will be joining Panda Class for literacy lessons. We hope they will both be very happy.

ClubsComplete Gymnastics After School Club on Thursdays

You will have received in book bags forms for this club which will continue after the February holiday. If you would like your child to attend, please return completed forms or direct any enquiries to the school office as ClubsComplete are not dealing with the administration of this club.

Adventure Dolphin School Holiday Activities

Attached are flyers from Adventure Dolphin giving details of February holiday activities.

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Finance Officer/Administrator

Grade 6. Full time, term-time only
Required to start 11th April 2016

We are looking for a warm and friendly person with a welcoming manner, good computer skills and excellent organisational abilities to help run our school office, and to play a key role in school life.

Checkendon is a happy school with lovely children, a great staff team and well-appointed facilities.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 25th February Interviews: Thursday 3rd March

If you are interested in this position, there are more details on our website: www.checkendon.oxon.sch.uk under the 'our school' tab. If you would like to arrange to look around the school, please telephone the school office on **01491 680693** during school hours.

Please email the school office office.3801@checkendon.oxon.sch.uk for an application form.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check will be required

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 11 th February	Parents' consultation evening in Panda classroom
Friday 12 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 22 nd February	First day of Term 4
Monday 22 nd February	3.00pm: Community Worship 'Service' – parents invited
Wednesday 24 th February	Wild Science visiting Owlet Class
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day

Wednesday 16 th March	Mobile Library
Friday 18 th March	Sports Relief/PE Day
Thursday 24 th March	2.00pm: Maundy Communion Service in church – parents invited
Thursday 24 th March	Last day of Term 4
Tuesday 12 th April	First Day of Term 5
Monday 18 th April	3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited
Wednesday 27 th April	Mobile Library
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th May	SATs Week
Wednesday 18 th May	Evening: Circus – organised by School Association
Friday 20 th May	2.00pm: Pentecost Service in church followed by dancing at school
Wednesday 25 th May	Mobile Library
Friday 27 th May	RE Day: Christians around the World
Friday 27 th May	Last Day of Term 5
Tuesday 7 th June	First Day of Term 6
Monday 13 th June	3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited
Wednesday 29 th June	Mobile Library (last one – collection only)
Friday 15 th July	Sports Day
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day reserve
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of Term 6