



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11th January 2018

Diary for Term 3

Friday 12 th January	Parent Participation Survey in book bags <i>Please return your surveys on 15th January</i>
Friday 12 th January	Owlet Class visit: The Story Museum, Oxford
Census Day Thursday 18 th January ***Census Day***	Please help us raise funds for the school by booking a free school lunch for your child. We are aiming to have 100% children in Owlet and Owl Class signed up for a free school lunch!
Wednesday 8 th February	3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February	3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Friday 9 th February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Monday 19 th February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 20 th February	8:50am First day of term 4

Census Day: Thursday 18th January

The Department of Education carries out a Census three times a year and the information collected is used to calculate the School's grants and funding. The next census will take place on the 18th January.

The government funding for meals *for the whole year* is based on the number of lunches booked on the 18th January, so it is very important that as many children from Owl and Owlet Class as possible book meals on that day. Please help us by ordering a school meal for your child on **Thursday 18th January**. Menu options have been altered to include fish and chips! (Aspens are working on altering their menu on their website. You may find that Thursday's main meal says meat pie. It will be fish and chips on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th will be meat pie.)

Free School Meals and Discounts on School Visits and Activities

Did you know that by registering for Free School Meals your child not only has the opportunity to enjoy a free school meal but he/she could also be entitled to a substantial reduction in the cost of residential visits and music tuition? Please see the letter and application form attached to the newsletter regarding how to check your entitlement to free school meals and discounts on school visits and activities. The application form should be returned to the school office by Tuesday 16th January. Registration is completely confidential.

At school this week...

Whole School Worship

Term 3 Value: Perseverance (*please see the separate attachment for more information on what you could do at home to accompany our work within school on this value*)

Week 2: Persevering with the truth

School Values Ambassadors

Perdy and Polly led worship on Monday; we learned about the story of Jeremiah who was determined to carry on doing the right thing even when he was threatened by the king. Our music for reflection was a Gregorain

Chant, Lauds Hymn: *O gloriosa Domina*

Learning highlights

Children in **Owlet Class** have listening to lots of traditional tales. They made props for Jack's cottage in the role play area, made a story map for Little Red Riding Hood, acted out and sang songs from Hansel and Gretel and some of us have written our own stories. Children in **Owl Class** had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum in London. We were fascinated by the size of the lunar lander, the scorch marks on the real Apollo 10 Command module and the Yuri Gagarin presentation. We especially liked our time in the Pattern Pod finding out about different patterns in nature.



Children in **Panda Class** have had an exciting start to the term using sketching techniques they learnt with a classroom visitor, to sketch their own impressive Dragons. We will continue to learn about dragons whilst reading 'How to Train your Dragon' as part of our book study. Children in **Rhino Class** have had a great day in the presence of a Viking warrior. They have learnt all about Viking raids, invasions, sagas and taken part in reconstructions of famous stories.





Sporting highlights

We are looking forward to an action packed term of events which started on Tuesday when children in Rhino class attended an exciting and very noisy sports hall athletics event at Langtree! The competition started with an obstacle relay and sprints before moving on to the field events and finished with a very exciting over and under race. We were very proud of the children as everyone worked together to encourage each other. Well done Rhinos!

School Council News

At the last three School Council meetings we have been busy discussing priorities in the School Development Plan. In December we discussed the priority “to develop the school as a learning community so that parents participate as partners in their children’s learning”. We conducted a survey of the School Council members in which we summarised parental involvement in reading, homework and the many other ways in which our parents support our learning in school. Last week we moved onto the priority “to produce an inspiring school curriculum which goes beyond statutory obligations”. Each year group thought about a Learning Project they had undertaken in Term 2 and we summarised what had worked well and what had not worked so well. Our findings have been passed on to Mrs Seymour to provide useful evidence for the School Development Plan.

Learning Projects for Term 3

Hard copies of the curriculum newsletters for Term 3 and Term 4 were sent out last week and have been attached to the newsletter. Below are the learning projects for Term 3:

Owlet Class	Once Upon a Time		
Owl Class	History: The Eagle has Landed	Computing: We are Astronauts	DT: Aliens in Underpants
Panda Class	English: How to Train your Dragon	Science and Geography: Our Fragile Earth	
Rhino Class	History: The victorious Vikings	English and drama: Characterisation and Viking sagas	DT and Art: Viking Longships
	Science: Can you feel the force?		

Parents in Partnership

We have 9 key priorities in our School Development Plan 2017-18, each one linked to our vision for the school. Priority (2) focuses on **Parents in Partnership**. During this year, we aim to **develop the school as a learning community so that parents participate as partners in their children’s learning**. So that we can plan what to do next, we are asking all parents to complete a Parent Participation Survey. The survey will be in book bags tomorrow and is attached to this newsletter. It is really important that we gather views from *all* parents, so please complete and return your survey by **Monday 15th January**. Thank you for your support.

Parents' Evenings

Please be advised that Parents' Evenings will take place on the 7th and 8th February from 3.30pm. The 10 minute appointment with your child's teacher gives you an opportunity to review your child's progress. Please look out for sign-up sheets outside the school office from Monday 29th January. May we politely ask that you keep to your allocated 10 minutes appointment; if some parents overrun by 5 minutes, this can easily throw out allocated appointments for other parents, resulting in a lot of unsatisfactory waiting around! If you would like a longer appointment, please phone the school office to make a separate arrangement on a different day. Thank you for your support.

YouTube Safety

We have attached a Child safety on YouTube: parent factsheet to the newsletter. We hope you find this useful.

Class Cups

Please return class cups to the office. Thank you.

Arrangements for Emergency Closure of the School

On rare occasions, for example during extreme weather conditions or when the school has no heating or water, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors may have to take the decision to close the school. It is school policy to keep the school open if at all possible, but there are occasions when it would not be possible to operate the school within the health and safety requirements.

In the very unlikely event of an emergency closure during the school day, the school will contact parents via the email contact details kept in school. All children will be kept safely until collected. Please ensure, therefore, that the school has your up-to-date daytime contact details.

In the event of an emergency closure before the start of the school day the school will notify Oxfordshire County Council and the local radio stations and will send a group email to all parents who receive the weekly newsletter. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email and the school website
- Look on the county public website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures;
- Listen to the announcements of the local radio stations:
 - BBC Radio Oxford – VHF/FM 95.2
 - Heart FM (Oxfordshire) – VHF/FM 102.6
 - JACK FM – VHF/FM 106.8

Parents are advised not to call the radio stations otherwise switchboards can become jammed and prevent the radio stations receiving information from schools. Parents may attempt to call the school, but the school cannot guarantee that there will be someone in the office to man the phone.

Our hot school meals are prepared in the kitchen at Langtree School and delivered to Checkendon in time for lunch. Langtree School may be closed on days when Checkendon School is open. We ask therefore that, if there is snow on the ground but Checkendon School is open, parents assume that hot dinners will **not** be delivered, cancel their lunch online and send their child with a packed lunch.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see further below for all this term's clubs. Unfortunately due to low numbers, Berzerk have cancelled the Drama Club. If your child was interested in the club but hadn't signed up, please let the office know so we can see if the club can restart. We are currently investigating pottery and Spanish clubs for next term.

Relax Kids

FREE TASTER CLASS FOR children in years 1-6 on Friday 12th January 8-845 in the Hall. Relax Kids is the leader in children's relaxation and mindfulness classes in the UK. The theme for next term is BRILLIANT ME! See attached poster and leaflet for details.

The classes are fun-based and include games, stretching and practical relaxation techniques (diaphragmatic breathing, self and peer kind touch, affirmations and visualisation) to instil and reinforce positivity, focus, concentration, kindness and empathy. The classes are inclusive and are taught to all children with the same seven step method but themed and tailored to the age group and can be adapted to suit particular children's needs. They are brilliant for all children who seem to enjoy the classes hugely, as well as learn from them and can also help children with special educational needs.

Further to the free taster, cost is £6 per session per child. Please contact Sophia to reserve a place for the taster.

relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com,

facebook: Relax Kids South Oxfordshire

#07811268990

WANTED - EXAM INVIGILATORS FOR LANGTREE SECONDARY SCHOOL



Do you have a spare couple of hours during the school day? Would you like to get more involved in the school process? Would you like to join our team of exam invigilators?

If so, please contact Mrs Hilary Protheroe, Exams Officer on 01491 683368 /

hprotheroe@langtreeschool.com, for more information.

Training provided. DBS clearance required

Term 3 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Tag Rugby (8/1/18 – 5/2/18)	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club (starting back on 9/1/17)	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (9/1/18 – 6/2/18)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 17/1/18)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics (10/1/18 – 7/2/18)	All	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (11/1/18 – 29/3/18)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	10:10	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
Friday	08.00-08.45 (Hall)	Relax Kids (restarting 12/1/18 with free taster session)	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Football (12/1/18 – 23/3/18)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 19/1/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26 th February	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
Fri 30 th March – Fri 13 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 th April	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 17 th April	First day of term 5
Monday 23 rd April	3pm Community Worship
Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 25 th May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 28 th May – Fri 1 st Jun	Summer Holiday
Monday 4 th June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 th June	First day of term 6
Monday 11 th June	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 5 th July	Annual Reports issued
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm



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