



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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## At Checkendon Primary School this week...

### School Values Ambassadors

Max has been helping with worship this week, setting up the hall, leading prayers and reading from the Bible.

### PE and School Sport

### Worship in school this week

Term 3 Value: Courage

Week 1: Encouraging others

Text: Shipwreck! from Lion Bible for Children

Music for reflection: Blue Danube by Johann Strauss

Thank you to those who joined us for Community worship on Monday afternoon, it was lovely to see you there.

## What have we been learning in school this week?

### Owlet Class

Pupils in Owlet Class have started the new learning project: *Once Upon A Time*. The role play area is now a cottage in the woods for the three bears, the witch or one of the little pigs. They also have a forest with trails made from white number pebbles, lanterns and mysterious creatures. There are lots of traditional tale story baskets throughout the woods and we have been exploring the stories in our literacy and maths work.

### Owl Class

Children in Owl Class have received a letter from Olaf asking them to find out about what summer is like in Norway: the inspiration for Arendelle in the film *Frozen*. On Wednesday we travelled to Sognefjord by plane and ferry to see what it is like there and compare it to Checkendon.

### Panda Class

Panda Class pupils have completed their computing project on Wikis by researching the different aspects of Tudor life and presenting it on their group pages. In maths, they have been improving their ability to solve increasingly bigger maths problems involving addition and subtraction. They created their own class poems after researching Robert Louis Stevenson and have started to investigate and write about Greek myths. We had a brilliant visit to Ufton Court to start our second learning project finding out about Henry VIII and his SIX wives!

### Rhino Class

Children in Rhino class started their new literacy learning project by taking part in a crime scene drama and writing their own newspaper reports based on their evidence! In maths they are learning about negative numbers and solving word problems including temperature. In ICT they are learning how to research safely and efficiently. We are looking forward to our visit to the Gurdwara at the end of the week!

### School Value for Term 1 - COURAGE

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COURAGE. Please see the separate attachment for more information on what you could do at home to accompany our work within school on this value.

### School Council News

Mrs Seymour came along to our first meeting of the New Year to finalise the order for the new playground equipment. Our school survey of popular playground activities indicated that we needed to buy a long skipping rope, a selection of lengths of individual skipping ropes and Velcro catching games. We then began the class by class analysis of the survey completed by all pupils in the autumn term of the best and the worst things about playtime and lunchtime. Our next step is to produce an overall school summary.

### Learning Projects for Term 3

In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, we are trialling a slightly different approach to curriculum planning this term, with a focus on a series of learning projects rather than timetabled weekly lessons across the whole term. This means that, for example, a science unit that may have been taught once a week across the term will be taught as a separate learning project on consecutive afternoons (literacy and maths lessons will continue timetabled daily every morning). There is evidence that this improves the development of subject specific skills and allows for more opportunities for children to make links to the 'Why?' as well as the 'What?' they are learning. We welcome feedback from parents and children about this in due course.

<b>Owlet Class</b>	Once Upon a Time		
<b>Owl Class</b>	Geography: Frozen	Science: Ice Investigations	Art: A Tiny Flake of Snow
<b>Panda Class</b>	Computing: Wiki makers	History: The Six Wives of Henry VIII	Science: Zoo Keepers
<b>Rhino Class</b>	Literacy: <i>There's a boy in the girls bathroom</i> by Louis Sachar	History: Fireworks Night	Art: Printing in Art

### Spring Term Clubs

Please see below for a copy of this term's timetable, if you have any queries or are unsure how to book any of the clubs please speak to the School Office. We do hope you will give these clubs your full support in order that they will continue to run.

## **Autumn School Census 19<sup>th</sup> January FISH AND CHIPS**

**Please order a school meal for your child for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January.** The funding for meals provided for pupils here is **based on the number of lunches booked on the 19<sup>th</sup> January**, so it is very important that as many children as possible book meals on that day. Friday and Thursday meals will be swapped that week so fish and chips as well as a packed lunch option will be offered on Thursday, whilst carbonara will be available on Friday. Please note however that it is not possible to update the web site with this change so you need to order carbonara on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January to receive the fish and chips (carbonara will not be available). If you would like carbonara on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, you must select fish and chips (fish and ships will not be available). Apologies for the complication.

## **Parents' Evenings**

Please be advised that Parents' Evenings will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Use of the school playground and field outside of school hours**

It has come to our attention that the school premises including the field and playground are being used outside of school hours. This is prohibited; please ensure that your children do not under any circumstances enter the school grounds outside of school hours.

May we also remind you that if the school field is not used within the school day, pupils are not permitted to use the field after school. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring that children do not use the field after school on these occasions.

## **The Book People**

We have just received the latest collection of books from the Book People, which are displayed outside the library if you would like to take a look.

## **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 telephone or 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 have sent emergency contact email details to the office. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email if they have asked to be contacted by email;

- Look on the county public website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://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.

### Term 3 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
<b>Monday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Drama Factory (16.1.17-27.3.17)</b>	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
	3.30-4.30	<b>Pottery (9.1.17-20.3.17)</b>	Yrs 2-6	Sarah Rushbrook 07771 768491
<b>Tuesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Stoke Row Running Club</b>	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	08.00-08.40	<b>Judo (24.1.17-</b>	Yr1-6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club (10.1.17-7.2.17)</b>	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	<b>French Club (17.1.17-4.4.17)</b>	Y2-6	Tutorbox Irene Casey Tel: 0118 9841684
	3.30-4.30	<b>Archery Club</b>		Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Violin (11.1.17-</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	<b>Netball</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Thursday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Music Club (5.1.17-6.4.17)</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	11.10-11.30	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	Lunchtime	<b>Chill Skills Club (5.1.17-9.2.17)</b>	Yr5&6	Sophia Cleverly, Relax Kids 07811268990
	3.30-4.30	<b>Magical Maths Club (12.1.17-23.2.17)</b>	All	Tom Ward 01162029944
<b>Friday</b>	08.00 – 08.40	<b>Dodgeball (13.1.17-10.2.17)</b>	All	Paul Meakin 07976 651635
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Chess Club (20.1.17-31.3.17)</b>	Y3-6	Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	<b>Football (20.1.17-31.3.17)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	<b>Guitar</b>	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

## Dates for your Diary

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Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 5
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Bluebell Walk
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Census – Please order a school meal
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First Day of Term 6
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Issued
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	1.15pm: Leavers Service
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm

Church Services & Community Worship		
Community Worship	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	3.00pm
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	2.15pm
Community Worship	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	3.00pm
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	2.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	3.00pm

INSET Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017

Parents Forum	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	2.30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	2.30pm

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

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