



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12th July 2018

WELL DONE YEAR 6!

We are absolutely delighted with the **excellent** Key Stage 2 results this year; pupils in Year 6 really did their best and we are very proud of their achievements. Many thanks to all the members of staff who worked with these children during their time at the school and to parents for their support for the children's learning.

Key Stage 2 Comparative Report 2018

| Subject | Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: Checkendon School | Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally | Average scaled score: Checkendon School | Average scaled score: nationally |
|---|---|--|---|----------------------------------|
| English reading | 91% | 75% | 109 | 105 |
| English grammar, punctuation and spelling | 100% | 78% | 109 | 106 |
| Mathematics | 91% | 76% | 108 | 104 |
| English writing (teacher assessment) | 82% | 78% | N/A | N/A |
| Science (teacher assessment) | 91% | 82% | N/A | N/A |

Diary for Term 6

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| Friday 13 th July | 12:00 Sports Day |
| Monday 16 th July | 12:00 Reserve Sports Day |
| Wednesday 18 th July | 2pm Rhino Class Production |
| Thursday 19 th July | 6pm Rhino Class Production |
| Monday 23 rd July | Year 6 Leavers' Day at Path Hill |
| Wednesday 25 th July | 1.15pm Leavers' Service |
| | Last day of Term 6, finish at 2pm |

Diary for Term 1 2018/19

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| Tuesday 4 th September | INSET Day – no children in school |
| Wednesday 5 th September | 8.50am First day of Term 1 |
| Thursday 6 th September – 11 th October | KS2 Swimming lessons <i>letters in book bags tomorrow</i> |
| Friday 14 th September | School Quiz <i>save the date</i> |
| Monday 8 th to 12 th October | Careers Week: parents, friends and relations will be invited to visit school to talk about their jobs. |

Class Highlights

Children in **Owlet Class** have watched the butterflies emerge from their cocoons and have set them free on the field. The children have been working hard practising their number, reading and writing skills in between lots of independent learning which is still very much focused around dinosaurs. The children have enjoyed getting to know the new reception class starters who will be coming to school in September.

Owlet Class Highlights (by Sophia and Livi)

On Friday afternoon Mrs Lawson visited Owl Class. She is Jewish and she goes to the Synagogue in Reading. Mrs Lawson talked to us about how Jewish families celebrate Shabbat (the Jewish day of rest) and she brought along some special things used in the Shabbat meal such as: plaited bread, wine and grape juice (we only drank the grape juice!) and silver plates and candles. We ate some of her home-made plaited sweet bread and even had seconds! Mrs Lawson showed us how it is the females who light the candles at the meal and she read us some of the blessings in Hebrew from a special book.



Children in **Panda Class** have been learning about shadows and reflections in art and science. They have produced some great artwork based on reflections as well as running a science investigation based on shadows. They have also written fabulous letters to authors praising their books and asking questions about their writing and we hope to send those letters off to the authors themselves.

Congratulations to Miss Thomas

Many congratulations to Miss Thomas who achieved the highest possible grade in her Postgraduate Certificate in Education from Reading University!!

Parent Consent Forms

Please remember to return your parent consent forms that need to be completed for each child following the introduction of GDPR. Deadline is tomorrow please.

Sports Day Friday 13th July 12.00pm

We are very much looking forward to enjoying a wonderful afternoon of sports events tomorrow and hope you are able to join us. Please remember to **provide a packed lunch** or **book a packed lunch option** for your child from Aspens **by 9am** on the day. **Refillable, named water bottles** for each child are also required. Additional food items during the afternoon are not needed; please support us by not providing these for your child during the event.

CHiPPS will be running a refreshments table and would love some yummy cakes to sell. Please bring your bakes in the morning and place them in the school kitchen.

Vacancy for Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor: can you help? Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and school improvement
- Has spare time and the energy for the role

- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

Would you like to find out more about being a school governor? If so just let the School Office know and Tim Lowth, our Chair of Governors, will get in touch.

Pupil's Achievements

Congratulations to Aedan who completed his 10k Poppy Walk in London on Sunday for the Royal British Legion. The walk included a quiz around hidden sights off the busy streets around the City of London. The quiz focused on acts of bravery, kindness and self-sacrifice. Aedan and his Mum were both humbled by what they discovered.

A HUGE thank you from Aedan to all that supported him by purchasing ice lollies, donations and of course the Guess the Steps Challenge. Aedan's step total was 15,555, so the results are:

- 1st Doug Griggs who guessed 16,431
 2nd Mrs Barker who guessed 16,666
 3rd Amelie who guessed 14,000

Well done Aedan on raising £100!



Extra-Curricular Clubs

There is no Running Club on next Tuesday 17th July. The last running session will be Tuesday 24th July.

Below is the draft timetable for clubs starting in September:

| | Morning | Booking Details | Afternoon | Booking Details |
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| Monday | | | Gymnastics or tag rugby tbc | To be sent shortly |
| Tuesday | Running Club | Stoke Row Running Club Please email eliseway@hotmail.co.uk | Equestrian | Please call the Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225 |
| | | | Cooking | Booking form attached to email |
| Wednesday | Choir | Booking form attached to email | Drama | To be sent shortly |
| Thursday | Music | Booking form attached to email | Tennis tbc | To be sent shortly |
| Friday | | | Football | Priority booking for current attendees until 7/9/18 |

Term 6 Extra-Curricular Activities

| DAY | TIME | ACTIVITY | YEARS | ORGANISERS |
|------------------|------------------------------|--|---------|--|
| Monday | Lunchtime | Piano | All | Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 |
| | 3.20-4.20 | Pottery (23/4/18 – 9/7/18) | Yrs 2-6 | Sarah Rushbrooke Sarahrushbrooke@outlook.com 07771 768491 |
| | 3.30-4.30 | Cricket (23/4/18 – 9/7/18) | Yrs 3-6 | Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com |
| Tuesday | (S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30 | Stoke Row Running Club Excluding 19th June, 10th and 17th July. Last session 24th July. | 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 (5/6/18 to 3/7/18) | All | Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225 |
| Wednesday | Lunchtime | Piano | All | Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 |
| | Lunchtime | Violin | All | Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com |
| Thursday | 08.00-08.40 | Music Club (19/4/18 – 19/7/18) | All | Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 |
| | 09:50 and 10:10 | Woodwind | All | Lucy Robertson County Music Service |
| Friday | 08.00-08.40 | Tennis (27/4/18 – 13/7/18 excluding 11/5/18) | Yrs 1-6 | Matt Whittle (whittlematthew@hotmail.com) |
| | Lunchtime | Piano | All | Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 |
| | 3.30-4.30 | Football (27/4/18 – 13/7/18) | All | Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332 |
| | 3.30 | Guitar No lessons on 6/7/18 and 13/7/18 Last lesson on 20/7/18 | All | Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816 |

Dates for your Diary

2018/19

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| Tuesday 4 th September | Inset day – no children in school |
| Wednesday 5 th September | First day of term 1 |
| Friday 19 th October | Last day of term 1, finish at 3.20pm |
| Mon 22 nd Oct – Fri 26 th Oct | Half Term |
| Monday 29 th October | Inset day – no children in school |
| Tuesday 30 th October | First day of term 2 |
| Friday 21 st December | Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm |
| Mon 24 th Dec – Fri 4 th Jan | Christmas Holiday |
| Monday 7 th January | Inset day – no children in school |
| Tuesday 8 th January | First day of term 3 |
| Friday 15 th February | Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm |
| Mon 18 th Feb – 22 nd Feb | Half Term |
| Monday 25 th February | Inset day – no children in school |
| Tuesday 26 th February | First day of term 4 |
| Friday 5 th April | Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm |
| Mon 8 th Apr – Mon 22 nd Apr | Easter Holiday |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | First day of term 5 |
| Monday 13 th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| Friday 24 th May | Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm |
| Mon 27 th May – 31 st May | Half Term |
| Monday 3 rd June | Inset day – no children in school |
| Tuesday 4 th June | First day of term 6 |
| Wednesday 24 th July | Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm |

Coffee Morning



at Checkendon Church

Friday 20th July

8.45am – 11am

All welcome

Drop in to church for free coffee, cake and chat

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



MISCHIEF MAKERS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

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Get ready for mischief and mayhem in our FREE reading challenge at your local library!

Join the Mischief Makers in Oxfordshire Libraries this summer for an epic adventure in **Beantown!**

From 14th July to 15th September children across Oxfordshire can join the Mischief Makers for the Summer Reading Challenge 2018. Explore a map of **Beantown** to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers... Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help you solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

Read at least six library books of your choice over the summer holidays. As you read, you will collect stickers to help solve the clues and find the treasure. Complete the challenge and get your own Beano wristband, medal and certificate.

Bananaman says...



Join up at your library,
It's fun! It's FREE! It's local!

There will be fantastic new books and activities at the library throughout the summer holidays and there's a website to add to the fun too, mischief-makers.org.uk

Psst... adults can get involved too. Lookout for the "Oxfordshire Reads" postcards to enter a prize draw!

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The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School is for children aged 7-13 who love to sing. Established in 2013 at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, we now run courses in Oxford, Cambridge, London and Guildford. Courses involve world-class teaching in choral singing, history, theory and much more; intended to inspire in a way that is both varied and rewarding.

This summer we will be exploring the ever-popular music of Gabriel Fauré, including movements from his Mass for upper voices, and two beautiful motets. We will also have two settings - one ancient, one modern - of Shakespeare, and some hilarious settings of Hilaire Belloc's Cautionary Tales.

'My son loves your courses. It's the only thing he sets his alarm for.'

'My daughter came home 'buzzing' each day. She loved everything about it!'

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please look at www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

SUMMER COURSE

OXFORD: SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

AUGUST 29-31 2018

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Saturday 8th September 2018

Henley Showground, Hambleden, RG9 3AS

Show Day - 8.30am - 5.00pm

www.thehenleyshow.co.uk

*Children under 16 go free with a full paying adult. Max 2 per adult

Mobile Post Office

The Post Office is now running a mobile service in the village every Friday from 9am until 11am in the layby in Whitehall Lane.

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