



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th October 2017

Diary for Term 1

Monday 16th October	Pupil Learning Snapshot reports in book bags: attitude to learning comments for subjects taught this term have been made based on the Pupil Code of Conduct Pupils will be courageous, hopeful learners who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • take responsibility for their learning • ask thoughtful questions • make mistakes • persevere • work hard enough to find out how good they can really be
Thursday 19th October	KS2 Swimming lessons (<i>last one</i>)
Friday 20th October Last Day of Term 1	Non-uniform Day: please bring in an item for the fireworks tombola. After school Cake Sale to raise money for ShelterBox
Monday 30th October	INSET DAY: no children in school
Tuesday 31st October	First Day of Term 2
Friday 3rd November	School Association Fireworks
Monday 4th December	Flu Vaccination (Reception to Year 4) <i>Consent forms will be sent out on 31st October</i>

Learning highlights this week...

Children in **Owlet Class** have been making pumpkin jam and marmalade from the pumpkins they have harvested. After reading the Little Red Hen Story they sampled the jam with some freshly baked bread. It was delicious. Look out for the jam stall in Owlet class next week. Children in **Owl Class** were very excited to have Reverend Davies visit us on Friday to talk about his role as a leader in the church. He talked about the seven churches he is responsible for and how many different people he has to talk to in a day. That must keep him very busy! Children in



Panda Class thoroughly enjoyed making bird and hedgehog sculptures this week. They learned how to manipulate and join wire, polystyrene and paper together with texture rubbings to represent feathers and

prickles. The models illustrate our autumnal poem beautifully. Huge congratulations to Freddie, Hugo, Liam and Oliver in **Rhino Class** who achieved a fantastic second place at The Oratory



School's Maths Challenge. They enjoyed a morning of fun and competition. The teams took part in activities in three sections: multiple-choice, estimation and a relay maths game. The team worked well together, showed great perseverance and determination with some very tricky mathematical challenges. Well done Freddie, Liam, Hugo and Oliver!

Playtime Football suspended

Following an incident in school we are currently considering options to improve safety. There will be **no playtime football allowed on site** (this includes after school) until next term when new guidelines will be issued. Football Club will go ahead as planned.

Too much litter!

Children of all ages have been coming up with suggestions to reduce litter in the school grounds. We have decided to implement 3 changes to try to improve the outdoor environment:

1. **No crisps allowed:** if children bring in packets of crisps, they will not be allowed to eat them at playtime.
2. Parents to be asked to provide snacks without wrappers.
3. Children to remain the area near the bins until they have eaten their snacks.

Thank you for your support as we work together to keep our school tidy.

Christingle Choir

If your child would like to be involved in this year's Christingle Choir, please return the permission slip to the School Office by Monday 16th October at the latest.

Secondary School Transfer Applications

Year 6 parents, have you done yours yet? Just a gentle reminder if you haven't, the closing date is 31st October 2017.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are just working on our clubs for term 2 and in discussions with Ignite Sports as to whether they can offer gymnastics on a Tuesday and archery on a Thursday. More details to follow next week.

There is room for another group of violinists after half term so if your child is interested please email Elestr Lee at elestr.lee@btopenworld.com.

Fundraising

ShelterBox

Our next fundraising event will be a cake sale on Friday 20th October 2017 (last day of term 1). Nicky and Joseph West are going to run the cake sale so please bring in your cake donations on the day. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

This year's Christmas card designs have gone out in today's book bags along with an order form. To maximise how much we fundraise, please send your orders back to the school office by Monday 16th October. Cheques should be made payable to Checkendon School Association.



School Association

Fireworks display 3rd November

We very much need your support to make the evening a success so please spread the word. Caroline Herbert, Carolyn Robb and Kate Pullan are heading the organisation of the event but desperately need more volunteers to come forward to help in the run up and to help on the evening itself. **IN PARTICULAR WE NEED 4/5 PEOPLE TO HELP WITH LIGHTING THE FIREWORKS ON THE EVENING.** So if you would like to help in whatever capacity, please speak to Caroline, Carolyn or Kate who will be very grateful and happily assign you a role or email Kate at kate.pullan@yahoo.co.uk

TOMBOLA PRIZES FOR FIREWORKS NIGHT

We need your donations please for the Tombola at our Fireworks Night.

We'd love any of the following:



Bottles (wine, beer, cider etc.)

Chocolates, gifts, toys or books



This is a great opportunity to give away some unwanted gifts that are maybe cluttering your cupboards, but please make sure items are NEW.

Children can wear their own choice of clothes on Friday 21st October **in exchange for donating a Tombola prize.** Please bring your donations to the collection point at the school entrance.

Term 1 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (11/9/17 –27/11/17) No club on 30 th October due to inset day	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk Tel: 07976 652742
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club (restarting 12/9/17)	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 (12/9/17 – 17/10/17)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics Club <i>Not running due to numbers</i>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 20/9/17)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	Dodgeball (20/9/17 – 18/10/17)	All	Paul Meakin
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (7/9/17 to 14/12/17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	14:15	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	3.30-4.30	Archery Club <i>Not running due to numbers</i>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Friday	08.00-08.40	Relax Kids (22/9/17 – 20/10/17)	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Football (15/9/17 to 8/12/17)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 22/9/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31 st October	First day of term 2
Monday 6 th November	3pm Community Worship
Monday 4 th December	Flu Immunisation (Reception to Year 4)
Monday 11 th December	2:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play
Tuesday 12 th December	5:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 th December	6pm Christmas Service
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm
Thursday 4 th January	First date of term 3
Monday 8 th January	3pm Community Worship
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Friday 9 th February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb	Spring Holiday
Monday 19 th February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 20 th February	First day of term 4
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

South Oxfordshire Music Centre

This is just a reminder that South Oxfordshire Music Centre is up and running again for the Autumn term. We're at Wallingford School in the Music Department from 9.30am - 12pm on Saturday mornings. We run a variety of ensembles for beginners to grade 5+. Come along for a free trial this Saturday....

- Lots of fun music - tomorrow we're trying a new arrangement of the Game of Thrones theme and a piece from Home Alone with the Senior Orchestra!
- A yummy tuck-shop (we've just been shopping)!
- A great opportunity to make like-minded musician chums (we're a friendly bunch)!



For more information, please go to: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/south-oxfordshire-music-centre> or email lorna.waters@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Checkendon Church warmly invites you to:

An illustrated talk

Out of the Wood: Ideas in the Making

given by

Philip Koomen, Furniture designer-maker,
one of the finest craftsmen in wood today.

Philip has had a workshop in Checkendon since 1984.

in **Checkendon Village Hall,**

8.00pm Friday 17th November

Doors open at 7.45pm. Talk starts at 8.30pm

Ticket £8.00 - to include canapés

Tickets from: sj.endacott@googlemail.com tel: 0118 9843858

Ticket proceeds in aid of the upkeep of Checkendon Church and graveyard.

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