



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Diary for Term 1

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

### **Fundraising**

#### **ShelterBox**

Our next fundraising event will be a cake sale on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> October. Cheques should be made payable to Checkendon School Association.



## School Association

### Fireworks display 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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  |
|------------------|------------------------------|---|---------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Lunchtime                    | <b>Piano</b>  | All     | Emma Davies<br>Tel: 01491 680252  |
|                  | 3.30-4.30                    | <b>Drama Factory<br/>(11/9/17 –27/11/17)</b><br>No club on 30 <sup>th</sup> October<br>due to inset day | Yrs 2-6 | Berzerk<br>Tel: 07976 652742  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | (S.R.Pavillion)<br>8.00-8.30 | <b>Stoke Row<br/>Running Club<br/>(restarting 12/9/17)</b>  | Yrs 3-6 | Stoke Row Running Club<br>Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk                |
|                  | Lunchtime                    | <b>Piano</b>  | All     | Emma Davies<br>Tel: 01491 680252  |
|                  | 3.30-5.15                    | <b>Equestrian Club<br/>(12/9/17 – 17/10/17)</b>   | All     | Checkendon Equestrian Centre<br>Tel: 01491 680225                           |
|                  | 3.30-4.30                    | <b>Gymnastics Club</b><br><i>Not running due<br/>to numbers</i>   | All     | Ignite<br>Tel: 01869 220890   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Lunchtime                    | <b>Piano</b>  | All     | Emma Davies<br>Tel: 01491 680252  |
|                  | Lunchtime                    | <b>Violin<br/>(restarting on 20/9/17)</b>   | All     | Elestr Lee<br>Tel: 0118 9478685<br>elestr.lee@btopenworld.com               |
|                  | 3.30-4.30                    | <b>Dodgeball<br/>(20/9/17 – 18/10/17)</b>   | All     | Paul Meakin   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 08.00-08.40                  | <b>Music Club<br/>(7/9/17 to 14/12/17)</b>  | All     | Emma Davies<br>Tel: 01491 680252  |
|                  | 14:15                        | <b>Woodwind</b>   | All     | Lucy Robertson<br>County Music Service                                      |
|                  | 3.30-4.30                    | <b>Archery Club</b><br><i>Not running due<br/>to numbers</i>  | All     | Ignite<br>Tel: 01869 220890   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 08.00-08.40                  | <b>Relax Kids<br/>(22/9/17 – 20/10/17)</b>  | Yrs 1-6 | Sophia Cleverly<br>Tel: 07811 268990<br>relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com |
|                  | Lunchtime                    | <b>Piano</b>  | All     | Emma Davies<br>Tel: 01491 680252  |
|                  | 3.30-4.30                    | <b>Football<br/>(15/9/17 to 8/12/17)</b>  | All     | Pro-Direct<br>Tel: 07921 726332   |
|                  | 3.30                         | <b>Guitar<br/>(restarting on 22/9/17)</b>   | All     | Russ Payne<br>Tel: 07921 087816   |

## Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October                        | First day of term 2                    |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November                         | 3pm Community Worship                  |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                         | Flu Immunisation (Reception to Year 4) |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                        | 2:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play   |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December                       | 5:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December                     | School Christmas Lunch                 |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                        | 6pm Christmas Service                  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December                       | Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm      |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                        | First date of term 3                   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January                          | 3pm Community Worship                  |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017                 | from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening          |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017                  | from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening          |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February                         | Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm   |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb         | Spring Holiday                         |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February                        | Inset day – no children in school      |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February                       | First day of term 4                    |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                        | 3pm Community Worship                  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March                         | Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm   |
| Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Holiday                         |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April                           | Inset day – no children in school      |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April                          | First day of term 5                    |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                           | 3pm Community Worship                  |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May                             | Year 6 SATs week                       |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May                             | Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm   |
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun      | Summer Holiday                         |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June                             | Inset day – no children in school      |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June                            | First day of term 6                    |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June                            | 3pm Community Worship                  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Annual Reports issued                  |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*