



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th October 2016

Diary for Term 1	
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What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

In Owlet Class children have been learning the sounds g and o and have been looking at different stories and songs linked to these sounds. We have been reading *The Gruffalo*, singing songs and creating representations of groovy grandparents. We have also explored some new vocabulary through Oliver Jeffer's stories and have been working on our comprehension skills. In our maths sessions we have been exploring the concept of conservation of number.

Owl Class

Children in Owl Class had a fantastic trip to Windsor Castle, looking at the features of a castle. Unfortunately, we missed the Queen by a few hours, as she arrived later in the evening, after we had left! On Friday, Livi's mum came in to talk to us about baptism, and we would like to say a huge thank you to her for answering all our questions and bringing in so many interesting things for us to look at.

Panda Class

This week pupils in Panda Class have set up their advertising company and are now hard at work creating leaflets to advertise Adventure Dolphin. In maths, they have been working on fractions. In science, they have looked at nutrition and how the digestion of food helps us stay healthy and helps sustain our muscles. In geography, children have been bringing all of their research together to create group presentations about different places.

Rhino Class

As part of a printing module in art, the children have begun to design the artwork for new £10 notes with Ernest Shackleton as the distinguished figure. In maths we have been revising measurement and

converting units in length, volume and weight. In science we have been investigating traits passed down from parent to offspring.

School Development Plan

Following our joint planning session at the beginning of term, staff and governors have put together our School Development Plan for 2016-17 which sets out our priorities for improving the school. The plan is shaped by Ofsted criteria for judging school effectiveness: Leadership and management, Teaching, learning and assessment, Personal development, behaviour and welfare and Outcomes for pupils.

1. In the Leadership and management strand, we aim to
 - promote effective leadership throughout school community,
 - improve the learning environment including outdoor learning and independent learning
 - continue to develop our school curriculum
 - enhance the contribution made by RE to pupils' personal and cultural development and increase opportunities for pupils to lead collective worship
2. We plan to improve teaching, learning and assessment in
 - writing including spelling and handwriting
 - maths including at greater depth
 - science including marking and feedback
 - geography history and computing including to greater depthIn addition, we aim to
 - develop growth mindset and independent learning including to greater depth
 - examine feedback from pupils about their enjoyment of different subjects
3. Our action plan for improving Personal development, behaviour and welfare will focus on:
 - PSHE lessons and policy
 - mental health and well-being
 - SMSC policy, anti-bullying policy and Good Behaviour policy
 - embedding the school values in all aspects of the life of the school
4. The final section of the plan is about our aspirations for pupil outcomes; this can best be summed up in this sentence from our school vision. *We give every pupil the opportunity to develop their particular capabilities in our stimulating and caring environment where creative teaching and an inspiring curriculum lead to high-quality learning and outstanding achievement.*

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 17th October at the latest. Thank you.

Checkendon Fireworks – Appeal for Volunteers to set up the fireworks

Checkendon Fireworks is the single biggest fundraiser for our school and we have been very lucky to rely on help from a small group of volunteer Dads to set up the fireworks for the last few years. This will be their last year and we are very keen to continue with the event in the future. **Without your support the fireworks will not run next year!** If you would be interested in volunteering for this vital role please get in touch with the School Office *before this year's event* to find out what's involved.

Christmas Card Project

Please be advised that the deadline for ordering and submitting your artwork for the Christmas Card Project is now Wednesday 19th October.

Ignite Sports Clubs to be cancelled from November

You will have previously read that due to low numbers enrolled for some of our extra-curricular clubs, those run by Ignite are in danger of being cancelled. Since the numbers have not improved, it is with

regret that all clubs offered by Ignite will cease after half term unless they reach their minimum numbers. As you know, judo club no longer takes place and it would be a dreadful loss to the school and more importantly for the children to miss out on the opportunities that sporting clubs offer. Music lessons are also suffering from low numbers so our violin teacher, Elestr will be giving a demonstration to the children in assembly and offering a FREE trial to all children on Wednesday 19th October at lunchtime. If your child is interested, please do encourage them to come along for the free session. Full details of the wide range of extra-curricular activities available this term are below. Do take a look!

Tombola Prizes

We would be very grateful for your donations of tombola prizes for the Fireworks event on the 4th November – please see below for further details.

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.

Computing Workshop

On Friday 30th September, 4 pupils from Checkendon attended a Computing Workshop at Whitchurch Primary School with other local schools. During the event the pupils had the opportunity to participate in digital DJing, create robots and experiment with virtual reality. Following the success of the event and the positive feedback received from pupils and staff who attended we are looking into the possibility of running a computing afterschool club, if you are interested please let the office know so we can gauge interest.



Year 5 Teaching arrangements 17th – 19th October

Prior to the Year 5 children attending their residential trip on the 20th – 21st October, please be aware that we have arranged the following teaching arrangements in Mrs LeCorgne's absence as she will be participating in the Year 6 Residential trip that week. On Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th October all Year 5 children from Checkendon and Stoke Row will be taught at Checkendon. On **Tuesday 18th October**, all Year 5 children will be taught at Stoke Row, so please would parents of these children **drop children off and collect from Stoke Row school at 8.50am and 3.20pm.**

Term 1 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	Dodgeball (12.9.16-12.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (19.9.16-28.11.16)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland

Tuesday	8.00-8.45	Judo (01.11.16 – 6.12.16)	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822 info@iinkai-judo.co.uk
	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club Run by Stoke Row School but offered to Checkendon Pupils	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	09.45-10.05 Sep – Dec 2016	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Tri Golf (13.9.16-13.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (20.9.16-18.10.16)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday		Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Violin Starts (14.9.16-	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball (14.9.16-14.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	8.00-8.40	Archery (15.9.16-15.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	11.10 – 11.30 From January 2017	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
Friday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	Football (16.9.16-9.12.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	Library	Guitar (22.9.16-	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Friday 14 th October	Snapshot Reports issued
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st October	Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit
Mon 17 th & Weds 19 th October	Year 5 pupils from Stoke Row at Checkendon
Tuesday 18 th October	Year 5 pupils to Stoke Row
Thurs 20 th – Friday 21 st October	Year 5 Path Hill Residential Visit
Wednesday 19 th October	Free Violin trials at lunchtime
Thursday 20 th October	No Swimming Lessons
Friday 21 st October	Non Uniform Day
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	Autumn Holiday
Monday 31 st October	Inset Day – no children in school
Tuesday 1 st November	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 1 st November	Christingle Choir sessions start
Friday 4 th November	School Association Fireworks

Monday 7 th November	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 22 nd November	Flu Vaccinations Year 1, 2 & 3
Monday 12 th December	2.00pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 13 th December	5.30pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 th December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in church all welcome
Thursday 15 th December	6.00 – 7.30pm Christmas Disco
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term 2, finish at 2pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	Inset Day – no children in school
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	First Day of Term 3
Monday 9 th January 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 2 nd February 2017	Parents Forum, all welcome
Tuesday 7 th February 2017	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Monday 27 th February 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm: Ash Wednesday Service, all welcome
Thursday 27 th April 2017	Bluebell Walk
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May 2017	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 th May 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 25 th May 2017	Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June 2017	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 th July 2017	Reports Issued
Friday 14 th July 2017	Sports day
Monday 17 th July 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July 2017	Leavers Service

Church Services & Community Worship		
Harvest Service	Wednesday 5 th October 2016	2.45pm
Community Worship	Monday 7 th November 2016	2.30pm
Christmas Service	Wednesday 14 th December 2016	6.30pm
Community Worship	Monday 9 th January 2017	2.30pm
Community Worship	Monday 27 th February 2017	2.30pm
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm
Community Worship	Monday 8 th May 2017	2.30pm
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 12 th June 2017	2.30pm

INSET Day
Monday 31 st October 2016
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017
Friday 7 th April 2017

Parents Forum	
Thursday 13 th October 2016	2.30pm
Thursday 2 nd February 2017	2.30pm
Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports		
Snapshot reports issued	Friday 14 th October 2016	
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 8 th February 2017	3:30 - 5:50
Parents' Evening	Thursday 9 th February 2017	3:30 - 5:50
Reports issued	Thursday 6 th July 2017	

Plums Bakery

Half Term Baking Fun!

Held locally at my home in Nettlebed

Age 8 and up

Maximum of 8 children per class

You'll take home everything you make

(Wednesday 26th 1-3.30pm

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th 9.30-12pm

£25 per child

Fully insured, 5* hygiene rating, DBS checked

Please contact Vicki (Livi's mummy in Owls)

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Checkendon Church warmly invites you to



An illustrated talk

The Savile Row Cutter - the first 150 years of Dege & Skinner

given by

Michael Skinner, Chairman of Dege & Skinner

Michael first joined Dege & Skinner, the family firm, in 1953, before his National Service. The firm is one of only two remaining Savile Row family owned businesses, still in the same ownership of the original families. The photograph is of Michael with his son celebrating Dege & Skinner's 150th anniversary.

in **Checkendon Village Hall,**
8.00pm Friday 11th November
Doors open at 7.45pm. Talk starts at 8.30pm
Ticket £8.00 - to include canapés
Tickets from: liz@lowth.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.