

RESPECT COURAGE INTEGRITY COMPASSION HOPE



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 13th September 2018

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. Winston Churchill

Diary for Term 1 2018/19

Thursday 6 th September – 11 th October	KS2 Swimming lessons
Friday 14 th September	School Quiz <i>see below</i>
Wednesday 19 th September	Owl Class visit to Windsor Castle <i>please return your reply slip</i>
Monday 24 th September	Panda Class visit to Youlbury Outdoor Education Centre
Wednesday 26 th September	Bags for School drop off <i>Bags have been sent out today. Please drop off your filled bags back at the school porch.</i>
Monday 8 th to 12 th October <i>Please talk to your child's class teacher if you would like to take part.</i>	Careers Week: parents, friends and relations are invited to visit school to talk about their jobs.
Tuesday 16 th to 19 th October	Year 6 residential visit, Kilvrough Outdoor Education Centre, Swansea
Thursday 18 th to 19 th October	Year 5 residential visit, Path Hill Outdoor Education Centre, Goring Heath
Friday 19 th October	Last day of Term 1, finish at 3.20pm
Monday 29 th October	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 30 th October	First day of Term 2

New School Rules To ensure high standards of behaviour are maintained consistently across with school community, we have adopted new school rules which consist of these three words: **READY RESPECTFUL SAFE**. The school values underpin these rules and all adults and children on site will be expected to follow the rules. The simplicity of referring to these three words has been proven to be a very effective strategy in a wide range of settings and should aid consistency in the implementation of behaviour management. As you know we are currently reviewing our Good Behaviour Policy; our school rules and school values will be incorporated into the revised Good Behaviour Policy to be published later this term. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute to the review.

Key Stage 2 SATs are even better ... Following the correction of marking errors in one of the papers; these are the outstanding SATs results for Checkendon School 2018!

English grammar, punctuation and spelling	100%
English reading	100%
Mathematics	91%

Whole School Worship Term 1 Value: Thankfulness (*please see attachment*)

Learning highlights Children in **Owlet Class** have settled into school really well. The children have been exploring the environment and becoming accustomed to new routines. As part their first learning project, '1

am, I can', they drew self-portraits and talked about their likes and dislikes. Children in **Owl Class** found out fascinating facts about our Queen in preparation for their trip to Windsor Castle next week. We worked in collaboration with Owlet Class, looking at the changes in our seasons; we were amazed at the shades and colours of leaves found in our playground and enjoyed learning autumn songs and listening to autumn stories. Children in **Panda Class** started looking at how to show relationships between people in portraits; carefully drew self-portraits and discussed a range of images, finding connections between them. We also started looking at different characters in our class book in English, and discussing what makes a person 'good' or 'bad'. Children in **Rhino Class** replicated democracy by learning about parliament and the purpose for elected leaders as part of the process to elect our school council. As part of our learning project: do we deserve second chances, the children enjoyed a visit by local PSCO Mark Bell, in which he spoke to the children about taking responsibility and local examples of crime.

School Council Elections Rhino, Panda and Owl classes held elections to vote for the new School Council which meets every fortnight and is made up of ten children: a boy and a girl from each year group from Year 2 up to Year 6. School Council plays an important part in the life of the school. The School Council members are elected in the same way as Members of Parliament are elected in Britain. The democratic election process includes: the completion of nomination forms; candidates making promises to their class; a secret ballot and finally the counting of votes and announcement of results. Look out for the names of the candidates who have been duly elected in the next Newsletter!

Learning Projects for Term 1 The Autumn term newsletters detailing what each class are focussing on during terms 1 and 2 were given out during yesterday's Autumn Curriculum Class Meetings. Copies have been attached to the newsletter email and uploaded to our website.

Lunchtime Clubs We are very grateful indeed to members of staff who have offered to supervise lunchtime clubs during the Autumn Term; thanks to their generosity we are able to offer more opportunities than ever before! **Monday Eco Committee Ms Osborne**; **Tuesday Home crafts Mrs Martin**; **Thursday Table Tennis Mrs Thomas**; **Girls' Book Club (Key Stage 2) Miss Thomas**. Members of staff will be talking to the children about these clubs tomorrow. In addition to these clubs, on Friday lunchtimes multi-sports activities open to children of all ages will be led by Mr Clothier as part of our Active Playtimes programme. Later in the year, the very popular **Chess Club** will run once again, this will be supervised by **Mrs Mottram**.

Volunteers in school We are very grateful to welcome back regular class helpers Bex Potter (Owl Class) and Suzanne Bradley (Owlet Class) and volunteer readers Mrs Griggs, Mrs Penney, Mrs Seymour Senior and Mrs Butler. We are also delighted to welcome another four boys from The Oratory School who will be joining us for volunteer placements this year; they will be in school every Thursday afternoon. Thank you all. If you would like to volunteer to help in school we'd love to hear from you – just talk to your child's class teacher.

Vacancy for Parent Governor We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor: can you help? 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 by 9am on Thursday 20th September and Tim Lowth, our Chair of Governors, will get in touch.

Guitar Lessons Would you like your child to learn the guitar? Russ Payne has availability; lessons are on Friday afternoons within school hours. An enrolment form has been attached to the newsletter.

Extra-Curricular Clubs Unfortunately due to low numbers, the football after school club has been cancelled. We will review numbers after half term so if you were thinking of signing your child up please let the school office know so we can gauge interest. *We aim to offer a club every day after school so if you have any ideas or contacts please let the school office know.*



CH.I.P.P

Checkendon school In Partnership with Parents

presents

Checkendon Primary School Quiz night

Checkendon Village Hall

Friday 14th September

7pm for 7.30pm start

Come along and pit your wits against our quiz master and support Checkendon Primary School.

Tickets £15 includes entrance, quiz and food. Free soft drinks for designated drivers.

Max 6 per team

Tickets available pre sale only from school office or email katepullan.chipp@gmail.com

Don't forget your £1 for 'heads and tails'.

All proceeds go to Checkendon Primary school

Term 1 2018-19 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 daviesepiano@gmail.com
	3.30-4.30	Drama (24/9/18 – 10/12/18)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Booking form attached to email
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 daviesepiano@gmail.com
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (18/9/18 – 17/10/18)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.20-4.20	Cooking (11/9/18 – 16/10/18)	Yrs 1-6	SmartRaspberry www.smartraspberry.com
Wednesday	08.00-08.40	Choir (12/9/18 – 19/12/18)	Yrs 2-6	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 daviesepiano@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 daviesepiano@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	Violin Restarting 12/9/18	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (13/9/18 – 20/12/18)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 daviesepiano@gmail.com
Friday	08.00-08.40	Tennis (14/9/18 – 19/10/18)	Yrs 1-4	Matt Whittle whittlematthew@hotmail.com
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 daviesepiano@gmail.com
	3.30-4.30	Football Cancelled due to low numbers	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	2:50-3.20	Guitar Restarting 21/9/18	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816 Booking form attached to email

Dates for your Diary

2018/19

Friday 19 th October	Last day of term1, 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

Job Opportunity

Woodcote Breakfast Club has a vacancy for an enthusiastic member of staff:

Hours: 7.00-9.00am Term time only. (Hours and days negotiable /an earlier finish could be arranged). Welcome to bring own Children along free of charge to any sessions worked.

Successful applicants will join us in providing high-quality, safe and stimulating before school care for the children attending Woodcote Breakfast Club.

All posts are covered by the Children Act 1989 and are subject to satisfactory DBS and reference checks, and are not open to anyone on the DBS 'Barred List'.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Charlotte at charlotte@woodcotebreakfastclub.co.uk or 01491-682792.

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