



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th July 2016

Diary for Term 6	
Friday 15 th July from 12:00	Sports Day
Monday 18 th July from 12:00	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 19 th July 2:45 in the school hall	Farewell to Dawn Cox, Louise Jessel, Marilyn Maddock – all welcome
Wednesday 20 th July 1.15pm in church	Leavers Service - all welcome, especially parents of Year 6
Wednesday 20 th July 2:00pm	Last day of term
Diary for Term 1	
Monday 5 th September	First day of term
Wednesday 14 th September 5:00 – 6:30 (each meeting lasts 30 minutes)	Meetings for parents 5:00 for parents of pupils in Owlet Class: Phonics 5:00 for parents of pupils in Y5: Welcome to Rhino Class 5:30 for parents of pupils in Y1: Welcome to Owl Class 6:00 for parents of pupils in Y3: Welcome to Panda Class

In school this year

Well, term is almost over; children and staff have worked extremely hard and all deserve a relaxing summer break. We have had another busy and very successful year! We were delighted with the results of our two inspections; in May, SIAMS judged us **good with outstanding leadership and management** and in June we were judged **good in all areas** by Ofsted. In addition, our school sports teams reached the South Oxfordshire District Swimming Finals and the Oxfordshire County Tennis Finals - and our end of year Key Stage 2 results were brilliant!

- We have hosted a large number of successful events throughout the year including Harvest, Christmas, Maundy and Pentecost Services, Fireworks Night, Bluebell Walk, Maypole Dancing, Children in Need, Sport Relief and Oxford Travelling Book Fair. We were treated to excellent performances of Jungle Book, Nativity Play, Class Choirs and Archibald's War at school, and Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey.
- Children have participated in a wide range of themed days and weeks including a day of drumming workshops, a two-day Prayer Spaces programme, Boxed Up Values Day, Writing Week, Safer Internet Day, World Book Day, Working Scientifically Week, three PSHE Days and three RE Days.
- During the course of the year, pupils have taken part in a wide range of inter school sports

competitions including cross country, swimming, athletics, Sportshall athletics, Quadkids athletics, football, Kwik cricket, netball, tag rugby, tennis and multi-skills.

- There have been many visits to support and inspire learning, including to Bournemouth, Highwood School, Goring Fire Station, Chedworth Roman Villa, Townlands Hospital, Christchurch Cathedral, The Story Museum in Oxford, Masterchef at Stoke Row School, Primary Schools Mathematics Challenge at Langtree School, Bucklebury Farm, Waitrose, Blenheim Palace, Slough Water Treatment Works, Ewelme Country Park, Adventure Dolphin in Pangbourne, and, of course, Woodlands.
- Staff have been learning too; during the year developing their skills in food safety and hygiene, safeguarding, Prevent Duty, FGM, manual handling, teaching spelling, writing and science, outdoor learning, SEN, assessment, first aid and managing medication, health and safety, and fire safety. Alison Martin successfully completed her specialist SENCo qualification (NASENCO). Teachers have worked with specialist sports coach Paul Meakin to develop expertise in teaching and learning in PE and have benefitted from coaching sessions with educational coach, Tim Suiter.
- We have had lots of interesting visitors in our school this year. These have included speakers from different faith backgrounds; from USA and, via Skype, from Australia; Science Dome; Disability Awareness workshop; drama workshop; art workshop, Goring Festival Flash Mob dance workshop; and American sports coaching. Parents, grandparents and governors have visited the school regularly to help out in all sorts of ways.
- Events for parents have included parents' evenings to discuss pupil progress, termly Parents' Forums and community worship, a coffee morning for new parents and an after-school Family Science Workshop. We are grateful to parents for feedback about aspects of school life including RE and collective worship, School Values, disability awareness, the Checkendon Curriculum and growth mindset.
- Thanks to the tireless efforts of the School Association and the support of parents, we are delighted to have been able to provide the children with leavers' Bibles, an exciting play tower for the field and wonderful new staging for the hall.
- Many thanks to all parents and governors who have volunteered their time to help us this year. We are very grateful to all those who give up their time to support staff and children at the school.

It is time to say goodbye to Year 6 pupils Toby, Lily, Connor, Shannon, Mary, Gigi, Hector, Patrick, Millie, Ella, Alexandra, Sam, Jamie and Josh; and to staff members Dawn Cox, Louise Jessel, Marilyn Maddock and Elise Way. We thank them for all they have contributed to the life of the school and wish them happiness and success in the future.

Sports Day Friday 15th July 12.00pm

Please provide a packed lunch or book a packed lunch option for your child for Friday 15th July. 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.

We have been asked to advise parents that the toilets will be available for use tomorrow, but there are no facilities for the disposal of nappies. We are very much looking forward to enjoying a wonderful afternoon of sports events tomorrow and hope you are able to join us. See you then!

Checkendon School Association and Village Get Together

Checkendon School Association is holding an end of term get-together, bring your own drink and enjoy a pizza from local firm Pizza Sole Luna on Friday 15th July from 4.30 - 7.30PM.

Soft drinks and crisps available to buy on the night with

all profits going to the School Association.
 Please join us at the Checkendon Sports Pavilion (Cricket Club), friends and family welcome.
 Fundraising for the second play tower has begun and it would be great if we could raise some money for it whilst enjoying an evening with friends and neighbours.
<http://www.pizzasoleluna.com/>

SATS Results

We are very pleased indeed with the Key Stage 2 results this year; 2016 has been especially challenging for pupils in Year 6 and their teachers 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.

This year's results are summarised in the tables below:

Test results: percentage of pupils attaining expected standard		
<i>Test results this year only report whether or not pupils attained the expected level</i>		
	National figures 2016	Checkendon 2016
English: reading	66	93
English: grammar, punctuation and spelling	72	79
Maths	70	86

Teacher assessment results: percentage of pupils attaining expected standard		
<i>Teacher assessment results this year report whether or not pupils attained the expected level and whether or not pupils are working at greater depth</i>		
	Checkendon 2016 Working at expected standard	Checkendon 2016 Working at greater depth within expected standard
English: reading	93	36
English: writing	71	14
Maths	79	29
Science	86	14

Floor targets: attainment: percentage of pupils attaining expected standard		
	National figures 2016	Checkendon 2016
Pupils attaining the expected standard in maths, reading and writing	53	71

Archibald's War

A big thank you for your support for our production of Archibald's War this week, we hope you enjoyed watching it as much as the children did performing! Thanks to all the children for their fantastic

performances, to parents who provided costumes and props, to Suzannah Lovegrove for creating the wonderful backdrop and to Claire Hyman, Julie Lamping, Sara Walker and Katy Brereton for all their hard work to make it such a success.

Year 6 Lunches

A big thank you to the pupils in Year 6 who very kindly cooked delicious lunches for the staff last week. On Tuesday Patrick, Joshua, Connor, Gigi and Lilly made burgers followed by Eton mess for Mrs Martin, Mrs Brereton, Mrs McClure, Mrs Walker and Mrs Tarbox. On Thursday Hector, Sam, Mary, Ella and Millie prepared chicken New Yorkers and flapjack with strawberries dipped in chocolate for Mrs Cox, Mrs Doherty, Mrs Lamping, Mrs Maddock and Mrs Hyman. On Friday Jamie, Toby, Shannon and Alexandra cooked chicken curry followed by cookies and crispy cakes for Mr Boyer, Mrs Peeling, Mrs Jessel, Mrs Todd, Ms Fisher and Mrs Griffin. Thank you for such delicious meals!

Cycling Proficiency

A big thank you to Nicky West, Claire Hyman and Louise Jessel for teaching Year 6 pupils the Cycling Proficiency Course. We are very grateful that they gave up so much of their own time to give our pupils this excellent opportunity and we are pleased that so many of the children passed. Next year, we will be looking to the School Association to provide a new set of volunteers to take on this important role. Do talk to Nicky, Claire or Louise if you would like to know more.

Chairs

Thank you to Barry West who kindly disposed of some old chairs for us, to make way for the new staging. Your help is much appreciated.

School Council News

In our final School Council meeting of the year, representatives went onto the field to eat cake and discuss the highlights of the year. These included:

- Discussing whether pupils should hold office on School Council for a term rather than a year
- Children in Need fundraising event: Guess the weight of Pudsey Bear
- Introduction of girls only football days
- Visit to Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford with the School Values Ambassadors
- Developing a Litter Action Plan
- Sport Relief fundraising event: Soak the Staff
- Review of the Pupil Code of Conduct
- Discussion on disability awareness for the School Governors
- Introduction of 'Meet and Greet' for visitors
- Discussion on wearing helmets for scooters
- Introduction of lolly sticks in worship

They then discussed what they have most enjoyed about being on School Council this year. The most popular event was the Sport Relief fundraiser. They also enjoyed discussing ideas at the meeting and getting things done.

Ideas for improving future School Council meetings included:

- Holding meetings on a weekly basis
- Having longer meetings
- Holding the meeting on a different day so that we do not always miss singing
- Holding meetings outside if the weather is fine
- The retiring School Council members meeting the new School Council members in the autumn term to explain their role

Mrs Peeling would like to thank all the School Council members for 2015/16 for all their hard work, commitment and brilliant ideas!

Collection

As you know, at the end of this term we will be saying fond farewells to a number of valued members of staff. If you would like to contribute to gifts for Dawn Cox, Louise Jessel, Marilyn Maddock or Elise Way, please put donations in labelled envelopes and post these in the box on the wall by the office door (*please do not hand them directly to staff*).

Thank you

ConquerMaths, Swimming, Year 5 & 6 Residentials, Year 6 Leavers Trip, Report Reply Forms

Please return your reply forms and payment **by Friday 15th July**, if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Charlotte and Emily's Pet Frames and Cake Sale

Monday 18th July 3.20pm – all proceeds to go towards raising funds for the new playground equipment. Please see the advert attached.

Pro-Direct Football this Friday

Please note that the afterschool football club this week is a double session and will take place from 3.20 – 5.30pm.

School Meals

Please make sure that you update your child's school year on the Aspens web site over the summer holidays. This is particularly important for those children moving from KS1 to KS2 as school meals will now be chargeable. Thank you.

Family Details

We would be grateful if you would advise us if your family circumstances or contact details change. We are committed to strengthening relationships with parents and would appreciate it if you could advise us of any changes to help us achieve this.

Have a look at our exciting themes for Term 1 2016-17 and suggestions of how you can help

Theme	Parents could support children's learning by:
Owlet Class: Marvellous Me	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• talking to children about what they can do now that they couldn't when they were babies and what they would like to learn this year• finding out about who is in their family• talking to children about family stories
Owl Class: The Queen Is In Her Castle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• visiting castles (although not Windsor castle as this will be a whole class visit in Term 1!)
Panda Class: Cliffhanger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• talking to children about how to read maps• reading books by Jacqueline Wilson (although not <i>Cliffhanger</i> as this will be a whole class text in Term 1!)
Rhino Class: The Midnight Fox	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• finding out about wild animals of Britain• exploring hills and mountains

**We wish you a very happy and restful summer holidays.
See you on the 5th September 2016!**

Extra-Curricular Activities Term 6

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	Dodgeball (06.6.16-11.7.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (18.4.16-11.7.16)	3-6	Berzerk Matt 07976 652742
Tuesday	12.00-12.45	Judo (19.4.16 – 28.6.16)	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Guitar	All	Ian Marriss Tel: 07926 383737
	During school	School Council	2-6	Gill Peeling
	3.30-4.30	French Club (19.4.16-12.7.16)	2-6	Tutorbox Tel: 0118 9841684 Irene Casey
	3.30-4.30	Quidditch (07.6.16-12.7.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club	3-6	Chris Lee Elise Way
		Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Badminton (08.6.16-13.7.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	8.00-8.40	Archery (09.6.16-14.7.16)	1-6	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	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 (22.4.16-15.7.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332

Dates for your Diary

Friday 15 th July	Sports Day
Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th July	Whole school learning project: The Olympics
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day reserve
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Wednesday 20 th July	1.15pm Leavers Assembly
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Monday 5th September	First day of Term 1
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Checkendon C of E Primary School accepts no responsibility for the organisation of external events.

