



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th September 2017

Diary for Term 1	
Every Thursday: 14 th September – 19 th October	KS2 Swimming lessons
Friday 22 nd September	'I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside' Owl Class visit to Bournemouth
Tuesday 26 th and Wednesday 27 th September	Bags for School drop off
Wednesday 27 th September	2.45pm: Harvest Service in church (<i>all welcome</i>)
Friday 29 th September	Non-uniform day to raise money for a ShelterBox (<i>see below for more details</i>)
Friday 20 th October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 30 th October	INSET DAY: no children in school
Tuesday 31 st October	First Day of Term 2

At Checkendon Primary School this week...

Whole School Worship

Term 1 Value: Creativity (*please see attachment*)

Sporting Highlights

We are really pleased to announce that Checkendon School has been awarded a Silver School Games Mark this year. The school games mark is a government led award scheme which rewards schools for their commitment to the development of competition and participation in school and community sports. The scheme evaluates how many children are regularly active, the range of sports and opportunities open to pupils and community links. Achieving a Silver award demonstrates a real commitment to PE and sport in school ensuring our children have as many opportunities as possible. A huge thanks to all of our parent volunteers and supporters without whom many of these events would not be possible. We are extremely thankful to Mrs Walker for all her efforts throughout the year to ensure all our pupils have an opportunity to take part in school sports.

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet class have settled in and have been exploring the theme 'Magical Me, Healthy Me'. They have learned about hand washing when the puppet Adeela became sick when she didn't wash her hands. The class have talked about exercise and healthy eating and have been trying different fruits and are

looking forward to sampling some of the home grown vegetables.

Owl Class

Children in Owl Class have been out and about exploring the signs of early autumn in the Equestrian Centre grounds. Indoors, they have made some beautiful rainbow fish and had a visit from Mrs Seymour who answered their questions about leading the school.

Panda Class

Children in Panda Class have made an enthusiastic start to the school year with a vigorous first swimming lesson. They have also made a great start to their autumn watch learning project and have already learned to identify a variety of trees in our local vicinity.

Rhino Class

Children in Rhino class have had the most exciting start to the term. Year 6 had an amazing week at Kilvrough. They packed in the obstacle and cable courses, night-time den building, caving as well as night hike and dune jumping. They were extremely lucky and had fabulous weather and enjoyed beach art and rock pooling. Altogether a challenging but enjoyable week.



Year 5 had an exciting camp at Path Hill and learned many new survival skills. They lit fires and filtered their own water to make their own hot chocolate! They enjoyed night time games in the woodland but also learned how they can look after the environment. A great way to start the year!

Feedback from Path Hill..."I Just wanted to say it was a pleasure having the Checkendon/Stoke Row children here for the camp last week. All of the staff here said how much they enjoyed it and what lovely children they were." Well done year 5!



Curriculum Newsletters

The Autumn term newsletters detailing what each class are focussing on during terms 1 and 2 were sent out in book bags this week. Copies have been attached to the newsletter email and uploaded to our website.

Harvest Service 27th September

Our service will be themed on Psalm 96:11-12 and each class will focus on one line each, tying back to their themes for terms 1 and 2:

11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;

let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

This year we would like to donate our harvest collections to Readifood, Reading's Food Bank. Please bring your harvest donations on the day.

All food must be within its "use by date". Currently their greatest need is for tinned vegetables, tinned ready meals, tinned meat and fish, tinned meat pies and tinned potatoes. Please NO pasta or cereal – thank you (they get given a lot). Amongst other foods that they always need are Biscuits, tea bags (40 or 80 packs), coffee (instant), tinned fruit & puddings, pasta sauces, steamed puddings, long life milk, meat pies, tinned meat and tuna and rice.



Non-Uniform Day 29th September

After consultation with the children, they would like to fundraise for a ShelterBox in response to the devastation caused by hurricane Irma and the Mexican earthquake. They cost £590 and to start the fundraising we will be holding a non-uniform day on 29nd September and ask for donations. Thank you for your support.



Work Experience

We are delighted to welcome four boys from The Oratory School who will be joining us for work experience this year. They will be in school every Thursday afternoon and each class will have one boy.

Reading Volunteers

Could you spare 1 to 2 hours per week to listen to children read and encourage their reading skills? If so please contact the School Office by Wednesday 20th September. If you have already let a class teacher know you can volunteer, please can you also let the office know so that we can timetable when you are coming in and to arrange a DBS certificate if necessary.

Can you help?

This term, Panda Class pupils are reading *The Nine Lives of Montezuma*, by Michael Morpurgo and they could do with a few more copies of the book so that they have one between two. If you have a copy at home that you wouldn't mind lending us for a few weeks, we would be very grateful. Please see Mrs Secker or Mrs Seymour if you can help.

School Values Ambassadors Farewell Project



Before our 2016/17 Year 6 School Values Ambassadors dispersed to their new schools they asked for your help for their Farewell Project! They chose to support Sal's Shoes, a charity that collects outgrown shoes and delivers them to children who are in need.

In its first year, Sal's Shoes collected 4,805 pairs of shoes and distributed them in 8 countries, including the UK. The charity collects outgrown children's shoes and passes

them on to their new owners. Shoes are sorted by type and not size and all sorts of different shoes are collected: flip flops, sandals, school shoes, slippers, trainers, winter boots and football boots.

- There are 300 million barefoot children worldwide
- 58 million children worldwide are not in school
- 29 million of these are because they do not have the means
- In many countries you cannot go to school without a pair of shoes

What you can do if you would like to help:

- Collect shoes that can still be worn, solid soles with no holes, laces if the shoes need them
- Give your shoes a quick clean before you pass them on – no mud!
- Pair your shoes with a couple of rubber bands
- Tape a £1 onto one of the soles in each pair to help us to get your shoes to their new owner
- Put them in the collection box in the foyer
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Thank you!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are pleased to continue offering some of your favourite activities such as football, drama and horse riding and some new ones including archery and Relax Kids. Please see the full details of all the clubs including when they start at the bottom of the newsletter.

Football club starts back tomorrow so please get your form in asap if your child is interested. Dodgeball is due to start next Wednesday and the booking form is attached to the newsletter email.

Violin Lessons

Would your child like to learn the violin? Lots came for a try out in July, and it was great to see boys as well as girls having a go! Elestr Lee teaches small groups of 2 to 3 max, or if you prefer can offer individual lessons. She has a few violins which pupils can borrow (free for the first term, then £10 a term subsequently). These are available on a first-come, first-served basis; violins are also available for hire at very reasonable prices from music shops. Lessons for existing pupils start back on 20th September (when she will be allocating violins to new pupils) and the following week for new groups. Please get in touch, by email at elestr.lee@btinternet.com or phone: 0118 9478685.

School Association 2017-18

Thank you to those that were able to attend this week's meeting and to those that couldn't make it but input in to the meeting beforehand. At the moment no one has stepped forward to chair the association but we do have some new volunteers to help out the fireworks event.

To help with the organising of the fireworks, we are holding a further meeting next Thursday 21st September at 14:45 in the library. Please come along if you are able to help with the event either on the night or with the preparation. Please also come along if you have helped out before so that the new

volunteers can 'learn the ropes'. If you are unable to attend the meeting but can help please let the office know so they can forward on your details. *Many hands make light work!*

Teaching Assistant Vacancy at Langtree School

Please find attached to the newsletter email, details of a teaching assistant vacancy at Langtree School.

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 30th 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 (19/9/17 – 17/10/17)	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
	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
	11.20-11.40	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	3.30-4.30	Archery Club (21/9/17 – 19/10/17)	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 15/9/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31 st October	First day of term 2
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
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
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 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
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

Upcoming Open Days

The Oratory School Saturday 16th September 9.30 – 12.00

Moulsford Prep School Friday 22nd September 10:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 15:00 plus Saturday 23rd September 09:00 – 12:00

Abingdon School Saturday 30th September 09.30 – 12.00

4th Oxfordshire Family Readathon

StoryFest

16 Sept 2017, 12-5pm

Milton Manor, OX14 4EN





Story Areas/Tents.
 Mad Hatters Interactive Tea Party, Stickman.
 NeverNeverLand, Indian Encampment & Mermaids
 Lagoon. Pony Rides & Tractor Rides, Face Painting,
 Gruffalo Walk, Fireman Sam's Engine, Llama,
 Llamca. RM Education Interactive Zone.
 Secret Garden. Tea & Cakes in Georgian Tea Room.
 Bar. Tours of the Manor House.



Authors Presentations, Book signings.
Character Hunt:
 Find famous story characters
 incl. Winnie the Witch, Big Bad Wolf, Rapunzel, Peter
 Pan, Frankenstein, Little Red Riding Hood, Pirates,
 Gandalf, War Horse, Hugless Douglas & more!
 Book Tombola & Book Swap: bring 1 book, take home 2.

Come dressed as your favourite character ❖ Donation on the gate: £1 each ❖  facebook.com/KidsReadathon

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