



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th October 2015

Diary for Term 1

Monday 19 th October	Outdoor Maths Day. <i>Whole school session between 11.00am – 12.00pm to which parents are invited (please see below).</i>
Wednesday 21 st October	Charlotte Snowden taking individual pupil photos
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What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class have been using different art materials to create pictures of their mums and dads. Very conveniently we have also been learning the new sounds ‘m’ and ‘d’. This has led to more drumming concerts in the classroom and we have been doing lots of role play: buying, selling, making and writing tickets for the concerts.

Owl Class

This week, Owl Class has been writing and editing seaside list poems using alliteration. In the afternoons, we have been working independently in teams to create a display of the story of Moses. This should be up soon! We have also tidied up the flower beds outside and have sown some aquilegia seeds that Mr Boyer collected from his garden. Hopefully we should have some lovely flowers for the bees next May.

Panda Class

This week we completed our guidebook to Checkendon! Please do pop in after school to take a look. The children gasped with delight when they saw it. We really enjoyed visiting Highwood School in Woodley to deliver it. We met some really friendly children and they are very keen to come and visit us in the spring. Also this week, we were delighted to discover that our amazing rag rug in Sue Ryder Hospice was featured in the ITV programme "Lewis" at the weekend. Keep your eye on our web page for new pictures of our trip and other work that will be appearing soon.

Rhino Class

This week in Rhino Class we have been studying the text of The Highwayman in detail. We have been

learning about the imagery and description as well as making storyboards of the plot. In maths, we have been learning about polygons and their properties. We have been creating landscapes by blending and shading with oil pastels.

Drumming Day

The children had a fantastic drumming and dance day last Friday, learning about some of the traditions from Guinea in West Africa. Justine and Barry from Drumming Workshops commented on how well the children worked together to create their rhythms and dances.

Outdoor Maths Day

On Monday 19th, we will be getting outside even more than usual, as we are holding an exciting outdoor maths day, giving us the opportunity to apply our maths skills away from the classroom. The activity, between 11.00am and 12.00pm will be a whole school session, working in house teams. **If you would like to join us for this session to work with your children, please arrive at the school office for 10:50am.** We will be spending as much of the day as possible outside (even if it is slightly drizzly) so please can you make sure that your child has a coat on Monday, as well as suitable footwear (such as wellies or old trainers) that you don't mind getting muddy.

School Photographs – Wednesday 21st October

Charlotte Snowden will be in school to take photographs of individual children next week - in the morning of 21st October. If you would like any younger siblings included in the photograph of your child, please bring them along at 8.40am.

No Swimming Lessons Next Week

A reminder that there will be no KS2 swimming lessons **next Thursday 22nd October**. This is due to the Oratory Prep School's half term holidays. Swimming lessons will continue as normal after our October break.

Parent Help with Reading in Panda Class

Panda Class are very fortunate to have two lovely mums who come to listen to readers every week. We get so much out of this and so we are looking for more volunteers in Term 2 between 2.30pm and 3.00pm on Mondays and Fridays, and between 2.30pm and 3.20pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please give your details and availability to Mrs Cox if you are interested. The school will organise a DBS for you if you do not already have one.

Fireworks Menu on 5th November

On Thursday 5th November Aspens will be offering a special themed menu. Please go to www.aspens-services.co.uk to order online or telephone 01866 821511 for advice.

Gymnastics After School Club - Starting in Spring Term on Thursdays

You will have received in book bags letters about a new after school Gymnastics Club run by ClubsComplete starting in the Spring Term. It will run for 6 weeks from Thursday 7th January to Thursday 11th February from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. The club will be provided by an experienced leader who will teach children the skills required to safely perform gymnastics. If you would like your child to attend, please ensure you have returned slips to the School by **Tuesday 3rd November**. Please note that the club can only run if there are sufficient numbers, if it does not go ahead your payment will be returned.

School Association News

Fireworks

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help man the stalls on Fireworks Night. We still need a few more helpers if possible. If you can manage to spare an hour on the night then please see Suzanne Bradley, Jo Crook or Wendy Butler.

We are collecting jam jars to line the school path with led lit candles - if you can help then please can you save up old jars and hand them to Wendy Butler - many thanks

We will also be requesting help with tombola prizes and cakes but will send out a reminder before half term.

Crafts for Christmas Fair

A Craft Fair in Checkendon village hall and the school hall will be held over the weekend of 21st/22nd November. Money raised will be donated to the charity The Willow Support Group based in Reading. If you would like to take a stall please contact Jill Yates - jillyates2002@yahoo.co.uk or speak to Mrs Seymour.

Thank You

Thank you to Stuart Turner for submitting a request to his company to donate to a charity, which he chose as the School Association (we are a registered charity). A donation of £350.00 will be received to the School Association as a result - thank you so much!

Thank you also to Becca McCalla, Little Adventure Shop, for raising and kindly donating £45.00 for the School Association.

School drama club providers Berzerk Productions are about to go on a magic carpet ride!

This year's Christmas production of **Disney's Aladdin** is perfect family entertainment to showcase the talent in our many classes. Perfect for ages 3 to 100, this visually stimulating and magical production is a must see this year.

December 17th – 20th at The Oakwood Centre, Woodley

Thursday & Friday 7.45pm, Saturday & Sunday 2.00pm and 5.00pm

Tickets: Adults £11.75, Children £9.75, Family (2 adults, 2 children) £39.75

We are proud of our reputation on these productions and have sold out for the last four years.

Come and see the magic for yourself – Box Office: tel: 07580 891904

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/berzerkproductions>

“Three wishes, to be exact. And ixnay on the wishing for more wishes. That's it. Three. Uno, dos, tres. No substitutions, exchanges or refunds... See you in Agrabah”

Aspens Services are requiring a Catering Assistant

25 hours per week 9.30am- 2.30pm

£6.70 per hour

Term time only plus inset days

Level 2 food hygiene required

DRB required but Aspens will arrange this.

email Amanda Parr at langtree.school@aspens-services.co.uk

or call 01491682783

Dates for your Diary

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Friday 23 rd October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th Oct	Autumn holiday
Monday 2 nd November	Inset Day – no children in school
Tuesday 3 rd November	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 4 th November	Y6: IMPS visit to Townlands Hospital
Friday 6 th November	Panda Class visit to Chedworth Roman Villa
Friday 6 th November	Fireworks Night – organised by School Association-
Monday 9 th November	3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited
Sat/Sun 21/22 November	Checkendon Village Crafts Fair
Monday 23 rd November	All years: Jungle Book Make a Play Day workshops: 2.45pm: Parents are invited to watch their production in the school hall
Wednesday 25 th November	Mobile library (last before Christmas)
Thursday 26 th November	3.00pm: Travelling Books book fair in school hall – parents welcome to view before end of school day
Friday 27 th November	3.20pm: Travelling Books book fair in Panda Class
Wednesday 9 th December	Wednesday Workshop for parents
Friday 11th December	School Disco organised by School Association - tbc
Monday 14 th December	2.00pm in school hall: Owl and Owlet Class Christmas Nativity
Tuesday 15 th December	6.30pm in school hall: Owl and Owlet Class Christmas Nativity
Wednesday 16 th December	Children’s Christmas dinner
Thursday 17th December	Parents Christmas Drinks – organised by School Association – venue tbc
Thursday 17 th December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in church
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Term 2 (finish at 2.00pm)