



## CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

#### Diary for Term 4

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Rhino and Owlet Class visit to Beale Park <i>Please return your reply slips</i>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Panda Class visit to The Living Rainforest <i>Letters in book bags today</i>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	No afternoon school crossing patrol on duty today
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Non-uniform Day. 'Animal Wear' for Sport Relief <i>See below for further details</i>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	6.30pm to 8pm School Easter Disco <i>Ticket order forms in book bags today</i>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Writing Week 2018 'Down Under' <i>Please let us know if you can come in and talk to pupils</i>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March <b>**Date Change**</b>	9am Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm Easter Communion Service - all welcome!
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Term 4, finish at 3.20pm

#### Diary for Term 5

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – no children in school
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	8.50am First day of Term 5

#### At school this week

##### Class Highlights

Children in **Owlet Class** have been learning about habitats. They have researched what the habitat of their chosen animal is like and used the research to plan how to make an animal home. The children have then completed their model habitat choosing their own resources. They have been encouraged to review and evaluate their models and think about what they would change next time. Children in **Owl Class** have been acting out 'There's an Ouch in my Pouch' and 'Wombat Goes Walkabout'. We have also been discovering the weird and wonderful wildlife of Australia. On Tuesday children in **Panda Class** visited Tolhurst Farm as part of British Science Week. We explored the working farm and planted our own Rainbow Chard seeds as part of an experiment we are conducting. Whilst turning the soil in preparation for planting, lots of worms were found! We have also brought pots back to school to watch and monitor the growth of the chard in the classroom.



Children in **Rhino Class** have launched their learning project on animals and their life cycles by cracking open and examining eggs. They have been looking at the lifecycles of amphibians and birds.

### **Sports Highlights**

This week a team from Owl Class took part in their first school football tournament. They played 5 matches, winning 3 and drawing 2 without conceding a goal! Everyone played with great enthusiasm and teamwork. The Olympic value was excellence which went to Jake for his all-round team performance. Well done Owls!

### **Sport Relief 2018 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

To celebrate Sport Relief 2018, School Council will be organising an 'Animal Olympics'. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite animal for the day – you could wear an animal onesie, paint your face or make an animal mask! Each class will then have the opportunity, during the day, to take part in an obstacle course around the field. Please make sure you have wellies and waterproof coats in school on this day so that the event can take place even if it rains. Just bring in your donation and place it in the Sport Relief tubs in classrooms. Let's see how much we can raise this year for this very worthwhile cause!

### **Sports Leaders**

We are now on our 5<sup>th</sup> week of training Checkendon's next Sports Leaders! We have a group of 8 enthusiastic, imaginative and engaging Year 6s. The selected trainees learn how to engage all year groups into sport activities, using the areas available at school and learning new skills, such as voice projection and organising and running their own sports lessons. Each child learns to strengthen their weaknesses and gain confidence in their stronger qualities. Harvey, Maisie, James, Polly, Jake, Finn W, Perdy and Finn B are looking forward to bringing fun and skilled sports sessions to the younger years very soon.

### **Health & Safety Audit**

We were pleased to welcome Jackie Hemmings, Schools' Health & Safety Officer for Oxfordshire County Council for her annual Health & Safety visit. She spent all morning at the school today auditing paperwork and conducting a safety tour. We are very pleased with the way the visit went and await a report in due course. Many thanks to staff and governors for all their hard work in preparation for this.

### **Arrangements for Emergency Closure of the School**

On rare occasions, for example during extreme weather conditions or when the school has no heating or water, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors may have to take the decision to close the school. It is school policy to keep the school open if at all possible, but there are occasions when it would not be possible to operate the school within the health and safety requirements.

In the very unlikely event of an emergency closure during the school day, the school will contact parents via the email contact details kept in school. All children will be kept safely until collected. **Please ensure, therefore, that the school has your up-to-date daytime contact details.**

In the event of an emergency closure before the start of the school day the school will notify Oxfordshire County Council and the local radio stations and will send a group email to all parents who receive the weekly newsletter. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email and the school website
- Look on the county public website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures);
- Listen to the announcements of the local radio stations:

- BBC Radio Oxford – VHF/FM 95.2
- Heart FM (Oxfordshire) – VHF/FM 102.6
- JACK FM – VHF/FM 106.8

Our hot school meals are prepared in the kitchen at Langtree School and delivered to Checkendon in time for lunch. Langtree School may be closed on days when Checkendon School is open. We ask therefore that, if there is snow on the ground but Checkendon School is open, parents assume that hot dinners will **not** be delivered, cancel their lunch online and send their child with a packed lunch.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are pleased to offer 3 new clubs starting after Easter:

Monday: **Pottery** Club with 10 places available for years 2 - 6

Tuesday: **Fun** Club (multi activities and sport) for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Thursday: **Fencing** Club for Year 3 to 6

Children enjoyed a taster session for the Fun and Fencing Clubs yesterday. Details on how to book these clubs have been attached to the email. To ensure these clubs go ahead please book by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### Running Club

There will be no running club on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March as the coach is away. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March will be the last session before the Easter holidays.

### School Association

#### School Easter Disco

Please see the flyers in book bags today to order your tickets. Past pupils and older brothers and sisters are very welcome to come along too.

More helpers are needed on the night. Please contact Kate Ashley if you are able to help out.



## CHECKENDON SCHOOL EASTER DISCO

ON :FRIDAY 23RD MARCH 2018

FROM : 6:30PM TILL 8:00PM

TICKET PRICE : £6.50

(DISCO + DRINK + GLOW STICK)

PRIZE FOR THE BEST OUTFIT & BEST DANCING !

REFRESHMENTS FOR THIRSTY PARENTS

ADVANCE TICKET ORDER VIA BOOK BAG

OR PURCHASE IN PLAYGROUND



## Term 4 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
<b>Monday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Tag Rugby (26/2/18 – 26/3/18)</b>	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
<b>Tuesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Stoke Row Running Club (finishes on 20/3/18)</b>	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club (20/2/18 to 20/3/18)</b>	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Violin (restarting on 17/1/18)</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	<b>Gymnastics (21/2/18 to 28/3/18)</b>	All	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
<b>Thursday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Music Club (11/1/18 – 29/3/18)</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	10:10	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
<b>Friday</b>	08.00-08.45 (Hall)	<b>Relax Kids (restarting 12/1/18 with free taster session)</b>	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidsouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime 12:30	<b>Chess (19/1/18 – 23/3/18)</b>	Y3-6	Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	<b>Football (12/1/18 – 23/3/18)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	<b>Guitar (restarting on 19/1/17)</b>	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

## Dates for your Diary

### 2017/18

Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	1pm Bluebell Walk
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	School Census
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm Pentecost Service and Country Dancing
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports issued
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm Rhino Class Production
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30pm Rhino Class Production
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	1.15pm Leavers' Service
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> July – Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Summer Holiday

### 2018/19

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset day – no children in school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term 1
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of term 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Holiday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term 3
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half Term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term 4
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	First day of term 5
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

Supported by Checkendon Preschool CIO

# CHECKENDON **Run**

10k and 5k  
Children's races 2k, 1k & 100m

**SUNDAY JUNE 17**



★ More Stalls  
More Cakes  
More People  
**MORE FUN**

[www.checkendon-run.org.uk](http://www.checkendon-run.org.uk)

**Seen the agility at crufts? Fancy being the next champion?**

**Why not book onto one of our junior agility lessons in the**

**Easter holidays these 2 hour courses are for juniors aged 6-16 years old and dogs over 6 months of age Each lesson you will learn the foundations of agility and then put it all together in a course at the end with prizes for every child at the end !**

**Tuesday 3rd April 2-4pm**

**Monday 9th April 10-12pm**

**Tuesday 10th April 2-4pm**

**Each class will cost £20 per person**

**We are a fully insured, kennel club listed Club and all our trainers are CRB checked based in Checkendon**

**For more info please email [gemgraydogtraining@gmail.com](mailto:gemgraydogtraining@gmail.com)**

**Or call 07935610072**



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