



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Diary for Term 1	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Panda Class Visit to Adventure Dolphin
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	2.45pm: Harvest Service in church: all welcome
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photographs
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 5 Path Hill Residential Visit
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>INSET DAY:</b> no children in school
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	First Day of Term 2

## What have we been learning in school this week?

### Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class have been working on sound recognition. They enjoyed looking at themselves in the mirror and drawing self-portraits in school uniform. They have also been learning about counting up to 20 and writing the numbers; and exploring their sense of touch through the story Lucy's Picture.

### Owl Class

In Owl Class, children have been looking at 2D shapes and different materials found around the school. They have talked about why certain materials are used for the objects they found. In their Big Writing they have been thinking about what would happen if the trees came alive in the woods.

### Panda Class

Pupils in Y3 and Y4 have been exploring the characters in the book *Cliffhanger* by Jacqueline Wilson. In maths, they have been developing addition and subtraction skills; and learning how to use Ordnance Survey maps. They are looking forward to comparing human and animal skeletons later in the week!

### Rhino Class

In literacy, children have been looking at inference in their current text *The Midnight Fox* by Betsy Byars and exploring the use of idioms in the spoken word and in writing. In science they have been looking at the classification of leaves; and in maths they have been gaining an understanding of decimals and decimal fractions.

## School Council

Congratulations also to all the newly elected members of the School Council: Leo, Amie, Finley, Freya, Sam, Liam, Beth, Maisie, Finn, Audrey and Max. The School Council is coordinated by Mrs Peeling and meets fortnightly to discuss issues raised in Class Councils. School Council elections are an important way for children in the school to experience the democratic process. Through these and the weekly class council meetings, all children learn about democracy, one of the key British values identified by the government. To find out more about what the school does to promote British values, please look at our 'Promoting British Values' statement under the learning tab on our website.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note there have been a few changes to the start and end date for a few clubs, so please check the revised timetable below. Unfortunately we will be unable to offer Musical Theatre this term however we are considering other options as an alternative.

## Checkendon School Association

Would you like to make friends, have fun and provide some much needed resources for your child's school? Now is your chance! Suzanne and Jo have now stepped down from chairing the School Association. We are looking for new chair people and a secretary to take over. It has been really good fun and there have been many laughs along the way. All the hard work has been so worth it when we see the children enjoying the new play tower, playground painting, school staging....

Sadly if no-one comes forward fireworks (our biggest annual fundraiser) will not go ahead this year. Please could you contact Suzanne or Jo if you are interested. THANK YOU!

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## A request for help...

We would be very grateful if someone would take a few items to the skip for us including a broken table. If you are able to help please contact the School Office.

## Langtree Kitchen Vacancy

There is a vacancy at Langtree kitchen for 25 hours per week, minimum wage. The chosen candidate must be able to drive as they will be delivering to Stoke Row School and serving at Checkendon Primary School. Start October 2016. For more information please contact Amanda Parr, Catering Manager on 01491 682783.

## Term 1 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	<b>Dodgeball</b> (12.9.16-12.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Drama Factory</b> (19.9.16-28.11.16)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
	Playground 3.30-4.30	<b>Sporting activity TBC</b>	TBC	Paul Meakin <a href="mailto:paulmeakinsports@orangehome.co.uk">paulmeakinsports@orangehome.co.uk</a> Tel: 07976 651635
	8.00-8.45	<b>Judo</b> (27.9.16 – 6.12.16)	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822 <a href="mailto:info@iinkai-judo.co.uk">info@iinkai-judo.co.uk</a>

<b>Tuesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Running Club Run by Stoke Row School but offered to Checkendon Pupils</b>	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	09.45-10.05 Sep – Dec 2016	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		<b>Guitar TBC (19.9.16-</b>	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816
	3.30-4.30	<b>French Club (20.9.16-13.12.16)</b>	Y2-6	Tutorbox Tel: 0118 9841684
	3.30-4.30	<b>Tri Golf (13.9.16-13.12.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club (20.9.16-18.10.16)</b>	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		<b>Violin Starts (14.9.16-</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	<b>Netball (14.9.16-14.12.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00-8.40	<b>Archery (15.9.16-15.12.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	11.10 – 11.30 From January 2017	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
<b>Friday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	<b>Football (16.9.16-9.12.16)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

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Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

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Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Panda Class Trip to Adventure Dolphin

2.45pm: Harvest Service in church, all welcome

School Portraits

Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit

Year 5 Path Hill Residential Visit

Last Day of Term 1

Autumn Holiday

Inset Day – no children in school

First Day of Term 2

6.30pm: Christmas Service in church all welcome

Last Day of Term 2, finish at 2pm

# GATEHAMPTON ROMAN VILLA OPEN DAY

18 SEPTEMBER 2016

13.30-15.30

Started in 1993, and now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> season, the excavation of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> century villa in Gatehampton near Goring, is South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group's longest running fieldwork project. This villa stood within a large rectangular enclosure, facing south, towards the River Thames. Three or more large central rooms are linked on the south or front elevation by a corridor or range of small rooms. Among the finds to date: decorated plaster, nails and sandal studs, samian ware fragments, tesserae for mosaics, roof tiles and tiles used to create the hypocaust (underfloor heating) and roman coins.

**On Sunday 18th September there will be an Open Day which will feature tours of the open trenches, and include displays with information and finds from the current and past excavation seasons. A specific area has been reserved for children and adults to have a go at digging and may be find a Roman era artefact! Tools will be provided.**  
**All parents and children are welcome to join the SOAG Open Day!**

Directions: Reach Goring train station and continue straight on Gatehampton Road (narrow road). At the first fork turn right and after 200 metres turn right into a field car park (Gatehampton Farm). The excavation will be on your right.

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