



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16th March 2017

Diary for Term 4	
Monday 20 th March	<i>Happiness Day</i>
Thursday 23 rd March	Reception & Year 6 Weighing & Measuring Programme
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 6 Puberty Education
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day – please see further details below.
Thursday 30 th March	15.20: Easter Egg Hunt – please see below for further details. <i>Note: Term 4 Parents' Forum cancelled as it clashes with this event – next Parents' Forum 25th May</i>
Monday 3 rd April	15.30: Information Meeting – Kilvrough Residential: parents of pupils in Year 5
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At Checkendon Primary School this week...

School Values Ambassadors

Monty has been helping with worship this week, setting up the hall and leading prayers as well as reading *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* from the School Values Ambassadors' Book of Stories.

PE and School Sport

The first of our events for KS1 takes place next week with a chance for children who attend running club to take part in a cross country meet. The event will take place at Langtree and the children will be split into their age groups and genders to run one lap of the field. This month we also have another netball tournament and a swimming gala to look forward to.

Worship in school this week

Term 4 Value: Truthfulness

Week 4: Standing for the Truth

Text: The story of Saint Lucy

Music for reflection: Cavatina by John Williams

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class have been very excited to see the photographs from the Into Film awards in London

which Aurelia and her family and Mrs Martin attended. They have been asking questions about what Aurelia did and saw and have also begun to get interested in making their own film so watch this space!

Owl Class

Children in Owl Class have been investigating the art of Arcimboldo and making faces using fruit and vegetables (have a look on the website). Miss Duckworth has been teaching us how to print our own art inspired by his paintings.

Panda Class

In literacy lessons, children in Panda Class enjoyed taking on the role of new pupils at Hogwarts School to write descriptions of the building and then working in groups to create prospectuses for Hogwarts. They had a fascinating visit from 'Governess McClure' to enrich their learning about Victorian children.

Rhino Class

On Tuesday children in Rhino Class had an inspirational trip to the Science Centre in Winchester. They were able to take part in over 100 practical activities that really brought science to life. All of the exhibits were interesting, supported their learning and were great fun!



Happiness Day

We are looking forward to supporting *Happiness Day* on Monday 20th March. Whole school worship will focus on this International Day of Happiness (promoted by the U.N. since 2012) using resources from Action For Happiness (Patron Dalai Lama) which helps people take action for a happier and more caring world (<http://www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys-to-happier-living>). Sophia Cleverly of *Relax Kids* will be in during the afternoon leading a number of activities with each class to promote happiness and start the week on a positive and enjoyable note. As part of these workshops, the children will be writing about happy

moments to make paper chains; these will be joined together to create a *miles of smiles* paperchain to decorate the entrance hall. Do pop in later in the week to have a look!

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March

To celebrate Red Nose Day 2017 the School Council will be holding a joke competition. Children wishing to enter will firstly present their joke to their own class. The School Council Members and teacher in each class will decide on the class winner of the funniest joke. The four class winners will then go forward to the Grand Finale where they will present their joke to the whole school. School Council will decide on the overall winner based on the audience response to each of the jokes. The prize for the winner is 'Horrid Henry's Jumbo Joke Book'! We are suggesting a donation of £1 for children wishing to enter the competition.

Health & Safety Audit

We were pleased to welcome Jackie Ashkettle, Health & Safety Officer for Oxfordshire County Council for her annual Health & Safety visit. She spent all morning at the school 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.



School Association – Easter Egg Hunt

The School Association are arranging a fun packed Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 30th March, from 3.20pm to 5.30pm. The event will involve lots of fun games, activities, face painting, a hot dog and drink and of course a search for chocolate eggs! We hope the children will all join in and support the School Association as they continue to raise funds towards the second phase of the play tower. Tickets are available in advance from

the school office and Pete and Wendy. Please ensure you purchase yours before Friday 24th March. Younger siblings are very welcome but will require parental supervision. If you wish to give your child a small amount of pocket money for the games or face painting (suggested maximum of £2) please put this in a named, sealed envelope and hand it into the office for safekeeping.

The Book People

The Book People have a range of lovely books just outside the library, please do take a look.

New Parent Governor Vacancy

From May 2017 there will be a Parent Governor vacancy as Pete Schmidt steps down after completing his term. Pete is on the Resources Committee, with specific responsibility for monitoring the maintenance and upkeep of the school premises. If you may be interested being a school governor please speak to Pete Schmidt, Jackie Griffin, Gillian Seymour or Sarah Doherty.

School Administrator Vacancy

It is with regret that due to a change in family circumstances Sarah Doherty has resigned from the position as School Administrator. Sarah has thoroughly enjoyed the past year working at Checkendon and will certainly miss the staff, pupils, parents and Governors and thanks everyone for making the role so enjoyable. Please pass on the advertisement below to anyone you think may be interested.

RESPECT COURAGE INTEGRITY COMPASSION HOPE



Checkendon CE Primary School

Finance Officer/Administrator

Grade 6. Full time (8.15am – 4.00pm Monday - Friday, term-time only) plus 1 INSET Day. Required to start 24th April 2017

We are looking for a warm and friendly person with a welcoming manner, good computer skills and excellent organisational abilities to help run our school office, and to play a key role in school life. Checkendon is a happy school with lovely children, a great staff team and well-appointed facilities.

Closing date for applications: Monday 20th March 12pm

Interviews: Thursday 23rd March

If you are interested in this position, there are more details on our website: www.checkendon.oxon.sch.uk under the 'our school' tab. Visits are recommended and warmly welcomed. To book a school visit, please telephone the school office on **01491 680693** during school hours.

Please email the school office office.3801@checkendon.oxon.sch.uk for an application form.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check will be required.

www.checkendon.oxon.sch.uk

School Association Contact Details

The School Association Chairs, Wendy and Pete have set up an email address, please contact them at the following address for anything related to the School Association checkendonsa@gmail.com.

Fund raising for our School Association without doing anything!

Why not collect free funds for our school whilst shopping online? Simply register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/checkendonprimaryschoolassociation

Then every time you shop at some of your favourite stores like Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, M&S you will earn vital funds for the play tower and other school projects. Thank you for your support.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme is returning and Checkendon School are taking part to earn new cooking and sports equipment. We would like to ask parents to collect the vouchers and post them in the collection box outside the School Office.

Woodcote Holiday Club

Leaflets for various holiday clubs taking place in Woodcote over the Easter holidays are available in the school lobby.

Term 4 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (16.1.17-27.3.17)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
	3.30-4.30	Pottery (9.1.17-20.3.17)	Yrs 2-6	Sarah Rushbrook 07771 768491
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club	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 (28.2.17-28.3.17)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Archery Club		Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (11.1.17-	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (5.1.17-6.4.17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	11.10-11.30	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	Lunchtime	Chill Skills Club (23.2.17-6.4.17)	Yr5&6	Sophia Cleverly, Relax Kids 07811268990
	3.30-4.30	Magical Maths Club (12.1.17-2.3.17)	All	Tom Ward 01162029944
Friday	08.00 – 08.40	Dodgeball (3.3.17-31.3.17)	All	Paul Meakin 07976 651635
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Chess Club (20.1.17-31.3.17)	Y3-6	Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	Football (20.1.17-31.3.17)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

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Thursday 27 th April	Bluebell Walk
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 th May	3.00pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 18 th May	School Census – Please order a school meal
Thursday 25 th May	2.30pm: Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	First Day of Term 6
Friday 9 th June	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June	3.00pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 th July	Reports Issued
Friday 14 th July	Sports Day
Monday 17 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July	1.15pm: Leavers Service
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm

Church Services & Community Worship		
Community Worship	Monday 8 th May 2017	3.00pm
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 12 th June 2017	3.00pm

INSET Day
Friday 7 th April 2017

Parents Forum	
Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports	
Reports issued	Thursday 6 th July 2017

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