



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th January 2016

Diary for Term 3

Tomorrow	Owl Class visit to Science Museum, Oxford
Wednesday 13th January	Mobile Library
Wednesday 20th January	Viking visiting Rhino Class!
Thursday 21st January	School Council and School Values Ambassadors: Visit to Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class launched their "Once Upon A Time" topic with a trip into Oxford to the Story Museum. We all had the opportunity to explore their exhibition, "Time for Bed", and dressed up as story characters. It was very exciting when we climbed through the wardrobe and found ourselves in a snow filled world! Upon returning to school we were amazed at the backdrop for our new role play area, a frosty wonderland kindly painted by Suzanna Lovegrove. After reading a multitude of stories already this week we have decided to turn the rocket into a castle. We think the giant may live there sometimes, but maybe other people do too. In addition to the castle the role play area is also developing a story basket and storytelling chair area. Children can become story tellers when they put on the story cloak sit in the special chair and can choose a story to tell from one of the baskets or make up their own.

Owl Class

Owl Class children have started to think about going "Into the Unknown", writing statements about they know about space, and questions about what they would like to know. Today we visited the science dome with Stoke Row children to start to find out the answers to some of these questions. We have also started to think about algorithms, giving each other commands to travel from a planet to a refuelling rocket and on to a star, then debugging our algorithms when they didn't work.

Panda Class

Children in Panda Class have enjoyed exploring shapes and their classifications this week in maths. In literacy, we have looked at comparative and superlative adjectives. We have also been exploring rocks and minerals, and earthquakes and volcanoes to launch our topic "Our fragile Earth." In RE we completed our unit 'Should Christians worship Mary?' by finding out about differences between Anglican and Catholic responses to Mary. Our next Big Question is 'Is a Jewish child free to choose how to live?'

Rhino Class

Children in Rhino Class have started this term by talking about our favourite characters in literature. We have been learning about how authors create and develop their characters. We have started learning about the Vikings and their invasion of Britain in our history topic. In RE we tackled challenging ideas in our exploration of Jesus and incarnation. We discussed differences between the traditional Christmas story and what is written in the Bible, compared Christian views of Jesus with Hindu avatars and considered the growing commercialisation of Christmas.

Curriculum Newsletters

Please look out for curriculum newsletters which will be in book bags on Monday.

Themes for Terms 3 and 4

Our exciting new themes for the next two terms:

	Term 3	Term 4
Rhino Class	Vikings	USA
Panda Class	Our fragile Earth	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Owl Class	Into the Unknown	Down Under
Owlet Class	Once Upon a Time	Animals

Programme of Visits during Worship

We have a programme of visits and visitors from different faiths on Thursday mornings during January and February. Our first speaker, on 14th January, is Heather Harper from Greyfriars Church in Reading.

Welcome Evening

A Welcome Evening will be held in school on 20th January. Invitations have been sent to parents of pupils in Y1, Reception and in-year admissions as well as those who responded to our plea for governors. If you would like an invitation, please contact the school office.

Extra-Curricular Activities for the Spring Term

We have a packed programme of activities planned:

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	Dodgeball (11.1.16 – 8.2.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (11.1.16 - 21.3.16)	Yrs 3-6	Berzerk Matt 07976 652742
	Playground 3.30-4.30	KS1 Football (11.1.16 – 8.2.16)	Yrs 1 & 2	Paul Meakin Sports paulmeakinsports@orangehome.co.uk 07976 651635

Tuesday	12.00-12.45	Judo (12.1.16 – 22.3.16)	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Guitar (beginners welcome)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816
	During school	School Council	Reps from Y2-6	Gill Peeling
	3.30-4.30	Dance/Aerobics (12.1.16 – 9.2.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (12.1.16 – 9.2.16)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club	Yrs 3-6	Chris Lee Susan Darnbrough
		Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball (13.1.16 – 10.2.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	8.00-8.40	Archery (14.1.16 – 11.2.16)	Yrs 1-6	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics (7.1.16 – 11.2.16)	All	ClubsComplete (enquiries via School Office)
Friday	Lunchtime Rhino Classroom 3.20-4.30 (Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Art (8.1.16 – 18.3.16)	Yrs 4-6	Susannah Lovegrove zanski@icloud.com Tel: 07970 768082
		Football (15.1.16 – 18.3.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332

School Tea Towels

Sales of tea towels have been brilliant and the School Association have only a few left! If you would like to buy one, please contact Louise Maze on: 07748 641568 or email: adrian459@btinternet.com.

Folk Fiddle Fun

Elestr Lee will start up next Wednesday for existing and new pupils. Elestr has asked us to remind pupils who have been borrowing violins to please bring them back, as well as their new instruments. Thank you.

South Oxfordshire Music Centre

SOMC is a friendly, fun morning of music-making for beginners to grade 5+ run by fully qualified Music Teachers from Oxfordshire County Music Service.

We run small ensembles, choirs and orchestras of varying standards, playing a wide range of musical genres from Bach to the Beatles and Folk music to Film themes!

Groups run on term-time Saturdays, from 9.30am – 12pm at Wallingford School.

We welcome beginners; YES - even children who only started learning in the Autumn term! YES – these groups are FREE for children in their first year of learning with OCMS

Contact Oxfordshire County Music Service for more information on 01865 816990, email Lorna Waters at lorna.waters@oxfordshire.gov.uk or come along for a free trial; our first session back is Saturday 9th January, but we welcome newcomers throughout the term.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicservice

Cricket Camps February Half Term

Run by Dan Housego - The Oratory School Cricket Professional (L3 specialist coach)

15th – 19th February 2016

Half day 10.00am – 12.30pm or 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Full day 10.00am – 4.00pm

£25.00 half day £40.00 full day £160.00 full week

Camps will take place in the sports hall at The Oratory School (RG8 0PJ)

To book or for further information please contact Dan on 07916 804605 or danhousego@hotmail.com or take a look at www.DanHousegoCricketCoaching.com

Dates for your Diary

Friday 8 th January	Owl Class visit to Science Museum
Wednesday 13 th January	Mobile Library
Wednesday 20 th January	Viking visiting Rhino Class
Wednesday 20 th January	7.00pm New parents Welcome Evening in school hall
Thursday 21 st January	School Council and Ambassadors: Visit to Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford
Tuesday 9 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 10 th February	Mobile Library
Friday 12 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 22 nd February	First day of Term 4
Monday 22 nd February	3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited
Wednesday 24 th February	Wild Science visiting Owlet Class
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 16 th March	Mobile Library
Friday 18 th March	Sports Relief/PE Day
Thursday 24 th March	2.00pm: Communion Service in church – parents invited
Thursday 24 th March	Last day of Term 4