



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th November 2016

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At Checkendon Primary School this week...

School Values Ambassadors

Rhian has been helping with music and prayers this week, and wrote this prayer for our whole school worship on Wednesday which was led by Revd Claire Alcock.

Dear Lord, Thank you that we will always have a friend in Jesus especially if we are lonely. Remind us that you will always help us through hard times. Help us to be grateful for the friends we have. Amen

PE and School Sport

It has been a great start to the sporting year with record attendees at all of our cross country events so far. It has been great to see such enthusiastic runners putting in some really courageous performances. The children in Panda class have been working hard on PE training for next week's football tournament. Good luck!

Worship

On Monday, we reflected on the greater value of relationships over the value of material possessions: Friendship, the Greatest Treasure. We heard the story of a bear that nearly lost her friend for ever because she did not understand that friendship and companionship are more important than any things that we can

possess.

Updated subjects statements

Throughout this term, we are updating our Subject Statements to ensure that they reflect current practice. Updated statements for Art and Design, PSHCE, Citizenship and Science they can be found under the Learning tab on the website.

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class have been learning about the solar system and using mathematical language to describe position and distance. We found a rocket menu from Mocket and have been practising reading the nonsense words and writing alien our own menus.

Owl Class

Owl Class have been investigating the weather and how it affects people and places around the UK, in preparation for being videoed as weather presenters. We have been interviewing people who work locally to find out how extremes of weather might affect their jobs, and have been inventing ways of detecting the strength and direction of the wind.

Panda Class

Children in Panda Class have been investigating gravity, how it happens and how it affects us. Year 3 have been looking more in depth at events that have taken place in Ancient Egypt whilst Year 4 have become archaeologists by investigating artefacts from Egypt and researching what they were used for. In literacy, we have been learning about Egyptian gods and the stories surrounding them with a view to creating our own information text on them. In maths, Year 4 have been translating shapes and plotting coordinates while Year 3 have been looking at angles and repeated patterns.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

Don't forget tomorrow is Children in Need and we will be fundraising by giving the children the opportunity to throw water balloons at the teachers! So, if you would like to see your teacher soaked to the skin on a cold November day and help the school raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause, please bring in a suggested donation of £1 on Friday 18th November and put it in the 'Children in Need' pot in your classroom.

Checkendon School Association Book Fair

Next week will see a Book Fair taking place at Checkendon Primary School on Thursday 24th November at 3.20pm and Friday 25th November at 9.00am. Please look out for leaflets in book bags and join us for some Christmas shopping and to help raise funds for our school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Aspens Lunches

Following the leak this week at Langtree, we have been advised that Aspens are able to offer sausages and chips (not fish as per the web site), jacket potatoes or packed lunches tomorrow. Lunches will be available as normal next week.

The Book People

We have received a delivery of new books from The Book People, if you would like to take a look, they are outside the library, together with an order form.

Dodgeball Club

Please be advised that the Dodgeball Club will start tomorrow at 08.00am.

School Tea towels

Children have been enjoying drawing a self-portrait to be printed on a School tea towel. The tea towels can be pre-ordered on the sign up sheet outside the School Office, why not order a few as Christmas gifts?

Pottery Club

Please see more information attached about the forthcoming pottery club taking place next term, there are a few places left so please do let the Office know if you would like to book a place on this exciting club. The pottery club will be taking place next term on Monday after school. The 10 week course is £9 per session (including clay, glaze and firing), starting on the 9th January and will involve projects working with terracotta clay and glazing. The club is open to all pupils in Years 2 – 6, but spaces are limited so please contact the School Office if you would like to reserve a place for this fun activity. Further details are attached and please look out for details of other clubs on offer next term coming soon.

Shoebbox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, I'm sure your gifts will be received with much appreciation and will make a real difference to those less fortunate than us.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14th December

Please don't forget to order Christmas lunch for your child for Wednesday 14th December, any existing orders for roast pork will need to be changed as the system does not update automatically to the new menu choice.

Term 2 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (19.9.16-05.12.16)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club Run by Stoke Row School but offered to Checkendon Pupils	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	09.45-10.05 Sep – Dec 2016	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball (14.9.16-14.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	11.10 – 11.30 From January 2017	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	08.00 – 08.40	Dodgeball (18.11.16 – 9.12.16)	All	Paul Meakin 07976 651635

Friday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	Football (16.9.16-9.12.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	Library	Guitar	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

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Thursday 2 nd February 2017	Parents Forum, all welcome
Tuesday 7 th February 2017	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Monday 27 th February 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm: Ash Wednesday Service, all welcome
Thursday 27 th April 2017	Bluebell Walk
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May 2017	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 th May 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 25 th May 2017	Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June 2017	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 th July 2017	Reports Issued
Friday 14 th July 2017	Sports day
Monday 17 th July 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July 2017	Leavers Service

Church Services & Community Worship		
Christmas Service	Wednesday 14 th December 2016	6.30pm
Community Worship	Monday 9 th January 2017	3.00pm
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Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports		
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 8 th February 2017	3:30 - 5:50
Parents' Evening	Thursday 9 th February 2017	3:30 - 5:50
Reports issued	Thursday 6 th July 2017	

Whitchurch Christmas Market - Sunday 4th December, 11am to 3pm

The Whitchurch-on-Thames Christmas Market will again be held at Whitchurch Primary School from 11am - 3pm on Sunday 4th December. This year we are so excited to be adding an outdoor ice skating rink for children and adults to enjoy (please email whitchurchiceskating@gmail.com to book your slot, tickets from £6). We will have Santa returning in his grotto (tickets £3 including gift and opportunity to write, decorate and post your own letter to Santa), some wonderful local craft and gift stalls and many children's activities. There will be hot food and drink stalls outside around the ice rink including mulled wine, Camper Café selling teas and coffees, Home-made organic food provided by Farm to Table Produce, The Bowler meatballs and vegballs and curry from Lina Tandoori. We will have an indoor café seating area and be selling home-made mince pies and cakes. We will also be holding a raffle with some amazing prizes including dinner for two at the Crooked Billet, two premier enclosure badges for Newbury Races, a Sunday roast for four at The Elephant Hotel and lots, lots more (please email carolinejacollins@gmail.com to buy your raffle tickets). It's a great community event that is suitable for all ages, with something for everyone to enjoy. All proceeds are in aid of Whitchurch Primary School. We would like to thank all our sponsors: The Co-op Pangbourne, The Elephant Hotel, The Ferryboat, The Sun, Warmingham and Whitchurch Bridge Company for their kind support. Put the date in your diary and come along for lots of fun-filled festivities!

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